



Municipality of  
**Dutton Dunwich**

**May 1, 2024**

[Our Municipal Services](#)

## **Dutton Dunwich Economic Development**

*“Strengthening our Municipality through Creation, Partnership and Community”*

**GETTING  
IT DONE**  
**IN DUTTON-DUNWICH**

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**Dutton Dunwich Adopts Development Charges**



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## Development Charges Explained

**The Council and Staff of the Municipality of Dutton Dunwich** through a study performed by Watson and Associates Economist adopted Development Charges. This in-depth study has been completed and is available on the municipal website. The link is provided below.

**What are development charges?** When new homes and businesses are built it is referred to as growth. Growth brings with it the need for new infrastructure as well as expansion of programs and services as a result of the new population. Development charges are a fee charged when the building permit is issued to recover growth cost.

**What is the purpose of Development Charges?** Development charges are based on the principal that growth should be paid for by itself. Not by existing tax payers through property taxes, water, or waste water bills. Development charges do not pay for operating cost or infrastructure renewals.

**How are Development Charges Calculated?** All municipalities must follow the **Development Charges Act** which outlines the rule everyone must follow for setting a **Development Charges Rate**. The main focus is recovering the appropriate amount of money from those who create our community growth. Simply the study includes what types of projects or services will be required to support projected growth. Services such as Fire Protective Services, Recreation, Waste Water, Water Services, Public works, may be included in the study. Once the cost of infrastructure to accommodate growth is calculated the value is added up and divided by the residential and commercial growth creating a development charge.

Click the [green](#) link below for the read the details of the Development Study for Dutton Dunwich

[Development Charges Background Study - Municipality of Dutton Dunwich](#)

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## Backus Page Celebrates 30th Anniversary

### A Tourism Success!

Bringing over 75,000 tourist to Dutton Dunwich



It was a momentous day in June, 1994, when a group of passionate history enthusiasts incorporated their independent, non-profit organization at the **Backus-Page House Museum**, a restored Georgian style house built in 1850 by Robert Morris for Andrew and Mary Jane (Hamilton) Backus, second generations settlers in the Talbot Settlement. They had a common vision: to **preserve and promote the history, culture, and area surrounding the museum within the Talbot Settlement** for the greater community and future generations while understanding the past. These dedicated community members officially formed the Tyrconnell Heritage Society.

**Dutton Dunwich is the "Heart of the Talbot Settlement" The story of Col Talbot, the early settlers and the community live on.**

Museum Staff and the Board of Directors have also expanded their facilities, exhibits, and services. They have built the Agricultural Centre, a 3000 square foot modern building that houses farming exhibits including a threshing machine. They have restored the historic barn and outbuildings and created heritage gardens and walking trails including the **Spicer Trails** and **Wetlands Storey Trail** in partnership with Ontario Parks. They have acquired new artifacts and collections and updated their displays and technology on a continuous basis. They have also increased their online presence and outreach, using social media, newsletters, blogs, and the podcast, Life in the Talbot Settlement which can be found on Spotify.

The society soon began to organize various events and activities to engage the public and raise funds for restoring the Backus-Page House into a museum. They hosted tea parties, craft shows, concerts, lectures, workshops, and more. They also developed educational programs for schools and home learners, offering guided tours, field trips, and hands-on activities. In the last 10 years they created online exhibits and audio guides to showcase the rural and farming history of western Elgin County. The Board of Directors and museum staff partnered with other local organizations, businesses, and local government to support the community and collaborate on projects.

Today Backus Page has 5 employees, 3 full time and 2 part time. Average guests per year is +2,400 from all over the world visiting the museum and hundreds per year walking the nature trails. A 30 year model that has stood the test of time and Dutton Dunwich should be proud of the accomplishments of the Tyrconnell Heritage Society.

Executive Director Angela Bobier is to be commended for her work in advancing the mandate of the founding members.

To learn more about Backus Page House Museum click [Backus Page House Museum](#)



## **Dutton Farmers Market**

Starts Sunday May 26th at 10am  
Sons of Scotland Park

[Visit our Farmers Market Website](#)

## **Municipal Budget and Property Tax Details**

**Be Informed**

Read all about the municipal property tax budget click the [red](#) link below

[Budget and Finance - Municipality of Dutton Dunwich](#)

Spotlight on Business

Yolocannabis

Main Street Business



**“We are selling customer service”** said Akhil Bhasin, the friendly owner of **Yolocan in Dutton**. His Dutton business is growing and has noticed regular cliental growing each month. When asked why he chose Dutton to open his first store he stated that Dutton has a lot of potential as a growing community with new families moving here. Also, he wants to help people, so they don't have to leave the community to access these products. “The rent is affordable, and we want to give back to the community so we can charge less for our products” he stated.

Located at 168 Currie Road in downtown Dutton, the building has a doorbell to gain access to the store. ID is required to enter the premises.

As a thyroid cancer survivor, Akhil is self-educated on the various uses for marijuana such as CBG for pain and CBN for sleep. All stores are regulated by AGCO (Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario and the Cannabis Act a legal framework for controlling production, distribution, sale and possession in Canada adding Yolocan meets all requirements of the act.

He also said if people have questions, he is always available to talk and will do group sessions for education if asked.

**Yolocan** is named for his philosophy - you only live once

The store can be contacted at 519 762-6262. You can also access them through their website – [Home Yolo Cannabis](#) and Facebook and Instagram at Yolocannibis.

#### **Store Hours**

Monday to Saturday from 9 am to 9 pm

Sundays from 10 am to 8 pm.

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# Community Calendar

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## Dutton & District Lions Club

Monthly Bingo

**1st Wednesday**

**7 pm**

Dutton Dunwich Community Centre

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Webinar

## Destination Bike:

# Welcoming Cyclists in Elgin, Middlesex & Oxford

May 9, 2024 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Register: <https://destinationbikeelginmiddlesexoxford.eventbrite.ca>

Learn how to welcome cyclists & get certified as bicycle friendly | Local cycling updates | Tap into Ontario's growing cycle tourism market



## Tourism, Culture & Community

### Attend Backus Page Events

Celebrate 30 years

# CANADIAN WARTIME HOMEFRONT

MAY 25TH + 26TH  
10AM-4PM



**Discover Life On Our Canadian  
Homefront During  
World War 1 & World War 2**

**Interactive Stations  
Educational Booths  
&  
Book Signings**

**KIDS: FREE ADULTS: \$15 SENIORS: \$10**

**29424 LAKEVIEW LINE, WALLACETOWN**

**BACKUS-PAGE**  
HOUSE MUSEUM



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# 1940'S WARTIME DINNER & DANCE

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1940'S ATTIRE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED



Tickets:  
\$100  
Before March 1st  
Tickets:  
\$125  
After March 1st

**TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE**

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USO ENTERTAINMENT PERFORMED BY:

## **SISTERS OF CHOICE**

LINDY HOP DANCE INSTRUCTION

BIG BAND MUSIC

— • PRESENTED BY BACKUS-PAGE HOUSE MUSEUM • —

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**SOUTH DUNWICH COMMUNITY HALL**  
LOCATED IN WALLACETOWN

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**SAT . MAY 25TH . 2024**

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[WWW.BACKUSPAGEHOUSE.CA](http://WWW.BACKUSPAGEHOUSE.CA)

519-762-3072

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# Dutton Cruise In

Door prizes

50/50  
food &  
icecream

Come enjoy  
the fun

Always a  
great time



Currie Rd Dutton On

Last Wednesday of every  
month. May 29th, June 26th,  
July 31st, August 28th,  
September 25th. Rd closes  
5-8 PM

Registry \$10

All proceeds go  
to Dutton ballparks

Paul Daniel 226-237-3757  
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