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## Council Report

STAFF: Joy Lindsay, Chief Building Official

DATE: May 5, 2026

SUBJECT: Community Onsite Septic Inspection Program – 2026 Inspection Start

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### Recommendation

For your information purposes.

### Background

The Community Onsite Septic Inspection Program started inspecting onsite sewage system in the Township during the summer of 2024. The program aims to inspect all onsite sewage systems in the Township by the summer of 2029. To date, 907 onsite sewage systems have been documented.

### Comment

This summer's inspections will start on June 9, 2026. Most inspections will occur west of Highway 21 (Bluewater Hwy) south of Shoreline Road, moving inland to the settlement areas of Saltford, Benmiller, Carlow and Nile.

Staff propose to invite the public for a Septic Social on June 4, 2026 at 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Benmiller Community Hall. The afternoon will be a casual open house format to give the public an opportunity to learn more about preparing for the program and what happens during an inspection. Video will also be recorded at the event so it can be shared online afterward.

Residents that are eligible for inspections this season will receive notification in May and are asked to confirm their inspection dates within 10 days of receipt.

Should anyone have any questions they are encouraged to contact staff.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by:

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