The Corporation of the Township of Dubreuilville

Council Term Accomplishments & Progress | 2022–2026

Throughout the 2022–2026 term, Council and the municipal team have worked together to advance community priorities, secure project funding, improve services, and strengthen partnerships. Here is a look at the accomplishments and ongoing initiatives during this term.

Initiative	
Broadband Infrastructure and Service Expansion	Through Dubreuilville Broadband, a corporation under the Township, completed the initial construction of the core broadband system in **2022**, with service rollout to residents beginning in **fall 2022**. Building on this foundation, expanded fibre infrastructure to provide a **2 Gbps connection to Alamos Gold Inc.'s dormitory facilities**, supporting local business connectivity and economic development.
Childcare access	Council is examining childcare challenges in Dubreuilville, where parents currently lack access to this essential service. Reliable childcare supports families, enables parents to work, and helps sustain the community. Recruiting and retaining childcare staff is particularly challenging in a region where employers compete with mining-sector wages. A parent survey has been completed to document local needs and concerns. Council is now exploring approaches used by other small northern communities to identify strategies that could help improve childcare access in Dubreuilville.
Children's playground and splash pad	Secured **$500,000 in NOHFC funding** for new playground equipment and a splash pad at the existing park. Approval came on the third funding attempt, reflecting continued efforts to move this community priority forward. Council selected Blue Imp to carry out the project. Next steps include confirming the final schedule, total project budget, and construction milestones.
Circular Materials	Supported preparations for Dubreuilville's transition to the expanded recycling program managed by **Circular Materials**, with curbside collection scheduled to begin on **November 25, 2026**. The program will allow residents to recycle a wider range of materials, including paper, plastic packaging, glass containers, and metal packaging, helping divert more waste from the municipal landfill.
Commercial Investment and Business Development	Explored commercial investment opportunities with prospective investors to expand local services and support economic growth.
Community Helipad Improvements	Improved the community helipad by repainting the surface, clearing surrounding trees and brush, and levelling and seeding the surrounding area.
Community Improvement Plan for Economic Growth	Continued the **Community Improvement Plan for Economic Growth (CIPEG)** to support local investment and property improvements. **Since its launch in 2022, and as of October 23, 2026**, the program has recorded **132 projects**, **118 completed projects**, with **$219,671 in grant funding used** and a reported **total project value of more than $1.42 million**. Support has included façade improvements, accessibility upgrades, landscaping, permit fee rebates, tax increment incentives, and demolition-related costs. The program remains ongoing.

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Emergency Backup Power	Continued planning and exploring funding opportunities for a new generator to strengthen emergency backup power at the municipal complex. The proposed project would support essential services and help the facility serve as a warming centre during power outages. Work remains ongoing to address project costs and identify suitable funding.
English language education	In collaboration with **Alamos Gold Inc.'s Island Gold District,** the Township explored opportunities with local school boards to offer English-language education or immersion options in local schools and advocated for provincial support and action. Despite these efforts, the proposal could not move forward.
Firefighter Training and Certification	In response to Ontario's new mandatory firefighter certification requirements, Council approved funding for volunteer firefighters to attend the **2026–2027 Goulais Volunteer Bootcamp**. This investment will help firefighters obtain the required qualifications, strengthen the local fire department's capacity, and enhance community safety.
Food waste diversion	Council approved a 50-unit **FoodCycler** pilot program, delivered in 2023 in partnership with Alamos Gold Inc., to help residents reduce household food waste and divert waste from the landfill. The Township continues to explore funding opportunities to expand the program and build on the pilot's progress.
Francophone Immigration and Workforce Development	Through representation on the regional advisory committee for the **Francophone Community Immigration Pilot Project (FCIPP)**, the Township is working with regional partners to attract and retain French-speaking newcomers. These efforts aim to help employers address workforce shortages, support community growth, and strengthen the region's Francophone character.
Francophone Settlement Services in the Algoma District Funding Application	Sought funding from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) for a project to support the welcome, integration, and inclusion of French-speaking newcomers across the Algoma District, including Dubreuilville. The proposed project included in-person and hybrid settlement services, such as needs assessments and referrals, information and orientation, language assessment and training, support services, and community connections. Although the funding application was unsuccessful, it reflected efforts to help newcomers settle and build their lives in northern communities.
Housing and land supply	Council pursued private property opportunities and Crown land acquisition to support future housing and development in Dubreuilville. Advancing housing in a small community presents challenges, including limited land availability, infrastructure needs, construction costs, and attracting developers. These efforts remain ongoing, as land acquisition is a lengthy process involving multiple steps, discussions, and approvals.

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Land Acquisition for Future Housing and Development	The Township acquired several vacant lots within the community to create opportunities for future development. These acquisitions support ongoing efforts to expand housing options and encourage community growth.
Multi-use Trail	Continued maintenance and improvements to the multi-use trail, including widening and levelling sections, adding improved surface material, removing large boulders, clearing brush, trimming trees, and repairing bridges.
Municipal website and community information	Council approved the development of a redesigned municipal website to improve access to Township information, services, and notices. The website reached the staff and Council soft-launch review stage in 2026 and is already accessible to the public. An official public launch is planned for the new year.
New peaceful space	In partnership with and with support from **Chadwic Home**, added a new picnic and sitting area near the Gaston Bridge, at the end of Ste-Cécile Street and at the entrance to the multi-use trail. This peaceful space offers residents and visitors a place to rest, reflect, and enjoy nature—a welcoming retreat right in our own backyard.
Partnership with Alamos Gold – Island Gold District	Collaborated with **Alamos Gold Inc.'s Island Gold District** on various services and community initiatives, strengthening partnerships to address local needs and support the community.
Partnerships and Advocacy	Strengthened relationships with government representatives to advocate for Dubreuilville's needs and priorities. Collaborated with regional mayors on shared challenges and opportunities.
Project Funding and Community Investment	Used available project funding to advance municipal improvements and community priorities, supporting investments in infrastructure, accessibility, recreation, and local services.
Recreation Centre's Lift	Secured **$48,500 in OTF funding** to replace the recreation centre's accessibility lift, which is no longer operational. Installation is planned in the coming months. The new lift will restore access between floors, helping more people participate in community activities, events, and services.
Regional Tourism Partnerships	Maintained Township representation on the board of the **Algoma Kinniwabi Travel Association**, working with regional partners to promote tourism, increase Dubreuilville's visibility, and support opportunities for local tourism businesses.
Sale of the Paramedic Building	Completed the sale of the municipally owned paramedic building.
St-Joseph Street Improvements for Future Housing	Completed paving and ditching along a section of St-Joseph Street to support future residential development.

Initiative	
Strategic planning	Updated the previous Strategic Plan through a collaborative review involving municipal employees, Council members, and community members. The resulting **2025–2029 Strategic Plan** guides the Township's priorities, including housing, family retention, and recreation.
Tourism Development and Community Events	Supported **Dubreuilville Sans Pitié / No Mercy,** the **Dubreuilville Out of Breath** hockey tournament and **Dubreuilville Magpie Walleye Derby**, helping attract participants and visitors, support local businesses, and encourage community involvement. Allocated funding in the municipal budget to support the **Dubreuilville Recreation Committee** in organizing activities and events for the community.
Water Treatment Plant UV Disinfection System Upgrade	Upgraded the ultraviolet (UV) disinfection system at the water treatment plant to support reliable water treatment and the continued delivery of safe drinking water to the community.

These accomplishments and ongoing efforts reflect the contributions of Council, municipal staff, government and community partners, and volunteers.

Thank you to everyone contributing to Dubreuilville's future!