

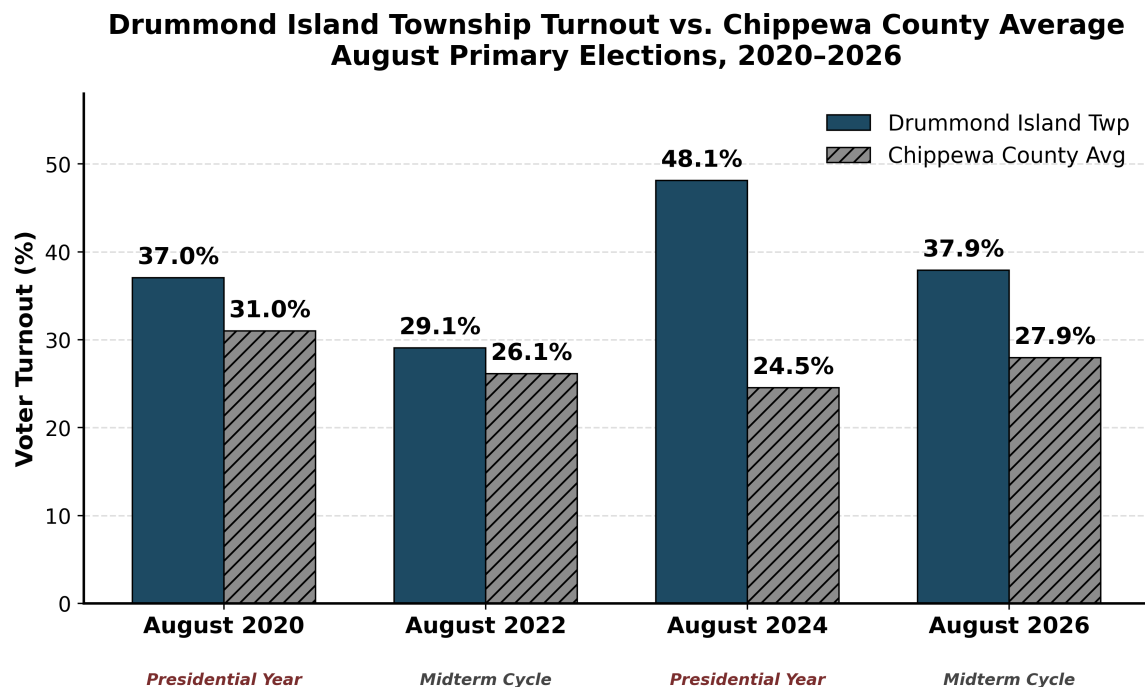
Moving Forward Together

August 2026 Township Update

Dear Islanders,

Every August, Islanders head to the polls for the state primary, and every cycle, Drummond Island shows up at a higher rate than the rest of Chippewa County. Looking back at the last four August primaries tells a clear story about civic engagement on our island.

Drummond Island Voters Keep Showing Up



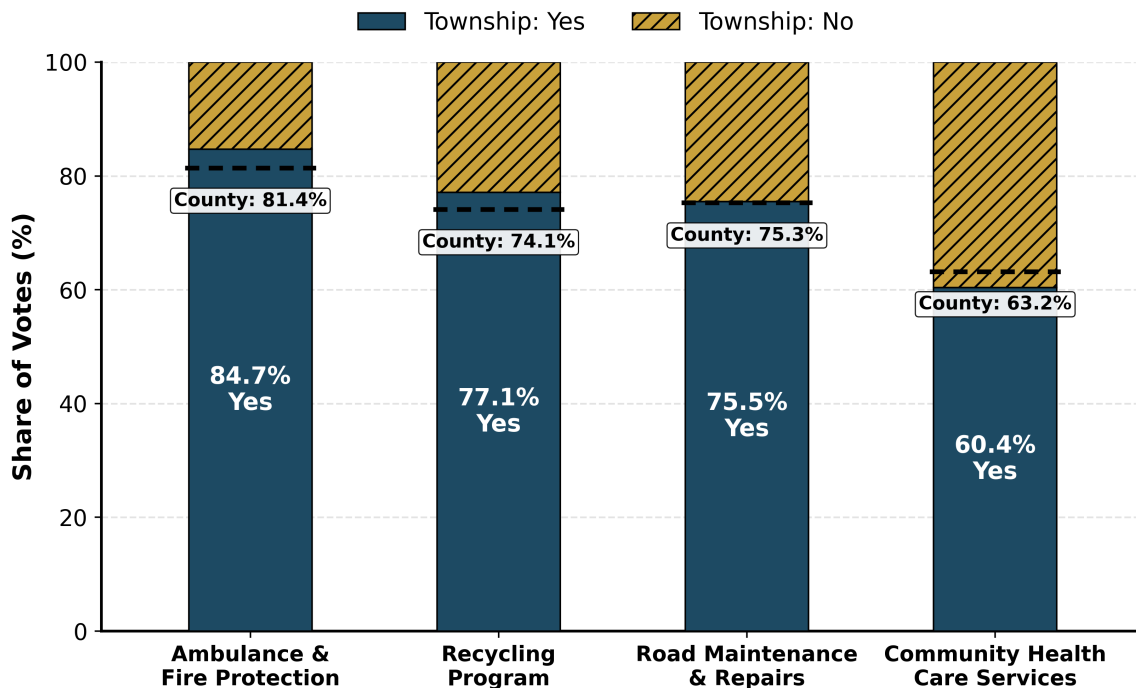
It helps to know the type of election year involved. 2020 and 2024 were both presidential election years, which nationally tend to drive higher turnout everywhere. 2022 and 2026, by contrast, were midterm-cycle primaries with no presidential race on the ballot. Viewed that way, this year's number stands out even more: Drummond Island's 37.9% turnout in 2026, a midterm cycle, nearly matched our 37.0% turnout from 2020, a presidential year, and came in well ahead of our 2022 midterm turnout of 29.1%. That is a strong showing for an off-year primary, and it reinforces that Islanders are engaged and voting regardless of what else is on the national ballot.

Across all four cycles, one thing hasn't changed: Drummond Island consistently outpaces the county in voter participation. That's something our community should be proud of.

How We Voted on This Year's County Millages

Drummond Island Township: 2026 County Millage Results

Dashed line = countywide Yes %



Four county-wide millage renewals appeared on this August's ballot, and Drummond Island voters supported all four:

- Ambulance & Fire Protection Renewal: 84.7% Yes (compared to 81.4% countywide)
- Recycling Program Renewal: 77.1% Yes (compared to 74.1% countywide)
- Road Maintenance & Repairs Renewal: 75.5% Yes (compared to 75.3% countywide)
- Community-Based Health Care Services: 60.4% Yes (compared to 63.2% countywide)

Notably, Islanders supported the Ambulance & Fire Protection and Recycling millages at a higher rate than the county as a whole, a reflection of how directly these services matter to a rural, geographically isolated community like ours.

The Ambulance & Fire Protection millage is worth a closer look. While it is collected countywide, a portion comes back directly to Drummond Island and goes into our emergency services fund, which is currently helping cover the cost of NEMSA ambulance coverage for the island. When Islanders vote yes on this millage, they are directly supporting the 24/7 EMT coverage our community now relies on.

Looking Ahead: The November General Election

Mark your calendars. The next big date on the election calendar is Tuesday, November 3rd, the General Election. Mail-in (absentee) ballots will be available beginning September 24th, so if you plan to vote by mail, you can start that process as soon as that date arrives. If you are not yet registered to vote, October 19th is the deadline to register online or by mail. After that date, you can still register in person at the Township Office with proof of residency, all the way through Election Day.

Given how strongly Drummond Island shows up for our elections, we expect another great turnout this fall. Make your plan to vote, and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote this August. Strong turnout and clear support for these services help ensure Drummond Island's voice is heard at the county level.

Together, we keep moving forward.

With appreciation,

Krystal Truax

Township Supervisor

Drummond Island Township