



MEDIA RELEASE

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Highlights from the November 7th, 2023, meetings of Montague Township Council and Committee of the Whole

- Council received a report on re-instating the Montague Citizen of the Year Award, and chose Option 2, which was to bring the award back for the 2024 year.
- Council also directed the Clerk-Administrator to apply for a generator at the Municipal Complex through the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant, currently offered through Emergency Management Ontario. The Clerk-Administrator will proceed with receiving quotes for a new generator for the Municipal Complex and have a report come back to approve the use of Reserves to order the generator in February 2024, if in the event the grant application is not successful, to ensure there is no time that the Municipal Complex is without backup power as the current generator has been tagged by TSSA and will require substantial costs to repair.
- Deputy Reeve Carroll pulled items 8b, e, g, h, q, and v from information to action, and requested that Council support the Municipality of North Perth as well as the Town of Greater Napanee with regard to catch and release justice. He noted that we need to push back to keep repeat offenders in jail, as the time and money being wasted on policing to “re-catch” these offenders is negatively affecting communities.

By-Laws

- Council approved and passed By-Law 4019-2023, a recreation services agreement with the Town of Smiths Falls
- Council approved and passed By-Law 4020-2023, a category 3 services agreement with Rideau Valley Conservation Authority
- Council approved and passed By-Law 4021-2023, which rescinded the Covid-19 Vaccination Policy, and established a policy for the procurement of goods and services for the Township.
- Council approved and passed By-Law 4022-2023, appointing Clerk-Administrator/Acting Treasurer, Allison Vereyken as Clerk-Administrator/Treasurer.
- Council approved and passed By-Law 4023-2023 and 4024-2023, which designated Montague as a Site Plan Control Area, and authorized a Development Agreement with Brian and Catherine Pratt

Committee of the Whole

The following reports of Municipal Officers were presented to Council:

- Committee accepted the 3rd Quarter Building Report and 3rd Quarter MLEO/Animal Control Report as information.
- Committee directed Staff to bring forth a by-law authorizing the closure and sale of Block 45 on Plan 80 (informally known as the Hunt Road Closing), to the November 21st meeting of Council.
- Committee chose to move forward with Option 3 from the Waste Management – Specifically Weekly Bag Allocations report, which directed Staff to continue to monitor tonnages and bring forward an annual report but continue to maintain status quo of two (2) bags per week, not allow further extension of the orange tags beyond January 1, 2025, and increase the cost of silver tags to \$6 per tag beginning 2024. Staff will continue communication in tax bill inserts on recycling/waste initiatives (in conjunction with Circular Materials Ontario), initiatives with Montague Public School, compost/waste initiatives with Lanark County, etc., and continue to look at options to partner with neighbouring Municipalities on services where available.

The next Meeting of Council & COW is Tuesday, November 21st, 2023, at 6:00pm

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