

MEDIA RELEASE

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Highlights from the November 21st, 2023, meetings of Montague Township Council and Committee of the Whole

- Deputy Reeve Carroll pulled item 8e from information to action and indicated that this topic would be brought up at the County Council meeting on Wednesday, November 22nd. There was some discussion during the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (UCLG) meeting regarding the level of traffic on the Andrewsville Bridge, and that if there was not a lot of vehicular traffic, then it should be closed for pedestrian use only. However, the same cannot be said for a low-traffic roadway, which left some residents who are in favour of keeping the bridge open to vehicular traffic, unhappy. UCLG chose to defer the decision until a later date for more information, which may, in turn, cause further issues down the line.

By-Laws

- Council approved and passed By-Law 4026-2023, a by-law to stop up, close and convey a portion of land (Block 45, Plan 80) to Ronald and Andrea Hunt

Committee of the Whole

The following reports of Municipal Officers were presented to Council:

- Committee directed the Clerk Administrator to complete a letter of support for Lanark County's application to FCM for the Better Homes Lanark Program.
- Committee approved the draft Asset Retirement Policy, per the obligations set out in PSAB 3280 (which includes bringing forth a by-law to the meeting of December 5th), and the draft agreement with the Upper Canada District School Board for the use of the soccer field (a by-law will also be brought forth to the December 5th meeting for this).
- Committee approved the draft 2024 budget as presented, with the exception of removing the Rehabilitation of Van Exan from Capital projects until the Roads Need Study is completed. The draft budget includes a 3.55% tax increase of which 2.71% is Capital and 0.84% is Operating. Committee also approved providing a notice of intent to pass the 2024 budget at the January 16th, 2024, public meeting. Committee directed staff to proceed with getting early quotes/tenders for budget-approved Capital projects for 2024 to ensure the best price is received. Final approval on pricing will come back to Council, per usual. The approved budget included a 2% COLA (cost of living allowance) effective January 1, 2024.

The next Meeting of Council & COW is Tuesday, December 5th, 2023, at 6:00pm

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