



MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, December 6th, 2023

Highlights from the December 5th, 2023, meetings of Montague Township Council and Committee of the Whole

- Reeve Jennings opened the meeting with a reminder to purchase tickets for the Bus Trip to Upper Canada Village's Alight at Night event, happening Saturday, December 16th from 4-9pm. She also reminded children that sent their letters to Santa Claus to be nice, as he is always watching!
- Items 8a, b, c, e, f, h, i, j, l, m, and o were pulled from information to action.
 - Council directed Staff to draft letters to both residents regarding their complaints, and Reeve Jennings congratulated Drummond/North Elmsley Reeve Steve Fournier on being appointed the Lanark County Warden for 2024.
 - Council supported the Municipality of Tweed in their resolution regarding the Funding of Grant programs, as well as the Town of Bracebridge, Township of McKellar, and Township of Puslinch on their resolutions regarding Amending the Legislation Act.
 - Council defeated a resolution to support Prince Edward County and the Town of Halton Hills in establishing a Guaranteed Livable Income, stating that they would support an increase in minimum wage, but not a guaranteed livable income. The resolution from South Bruce Peninsula with regard to amending the Highway Traffic Act will return to Council at its next regular meeting on December 19th, 2023.
- Council heard reports from Junior Planner Kirsten Cote regarding a zoning amendment, as well as Clerk-Administrator/Treasurer Allison Vereyken on the Lanark County Detachment Police Service Board, the generator quote for the Municipal Complex, the Lanark County Traffic Advisory Group, the Appointment of Alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinators (CEMCs), and the Class D estimate for the new Municipal Complex. All recommendations put forward by Staff in these reports were approved and carried by Council. Councillor Kenny was appointed as the Council Member for the County's Traffic Advisory Group, with Deputy Reeve Carroll as alternate.

By-Laws

- Council approved and passed By-Law 4028-2023, a by-law to appoint Allison Vereyken, Kirsten Cote, and Ian Streight as alternate CEMCs for the Township.
- Council also approved and passed By-Law 4029-2023, a by-law to authorize an agreement with the Upper Canada District School Board for use of the soccer field at Montague Public School.

In-Camera

Council entered an in-camera discussion regarding Human Resources, more specifically, Clerk-Administrator/Treasurer at 7:51pm. The meeting was in-camera as “A meeting or part of a meeting may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered is, (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;”. In the rise and report following the discussion at 8:17pm, Council had chosen to move forward with Option 2.

Committee of the Whole

The following reports of Municipal Officers were presented to Council:

- Committee appointed Reeve Jennings, Deputy Reeve Carroll, and Councillor Abbass as the Committee of Adjustment members for the 2024 term.
- Committee received the Sturges Road Culvert Replacement report for information and directed Staff to use the 2023 surplus Public Works Reserves if there is not enough surplus for Public Works to fund the emergency repair.
- Committee directed Staff to bring forward an updated Sale of Land Policy to a future meeting, and declared lands known as Lot 152, Plan 2707 as surplus to the needs of the Municipality. Following the implementation of the new Sale of Land Policy, Staff is directed to contact Ivan Ace Pepper to confirm his interest in acquiring the subject lands, then commence the sale of land process once the deposit is received by the adjacent landowner.
- Committee approved the Beckwith/Montague Boundary Road Agreement as presented, appointed the Public Works Manager as the Contract Administrator for the agreement, and directed the Reeve and Clerk-Administrator to sign all associated documents pertaining to the agreement as attached. Staff noted that this agreement has not yet been passed by Beckwith Township and will be presented at their Public Works Committee meeting this month.
- Committee approved a draft By-Law to be brought to the December 19th, 2023, Council meeting that would appoint members to local boards and committees and will repeal the current By-Law 3943-2022.
- Committee recommended that donations be given to the Montague and District Seniors Forget-Me-Not Club in the amount of \$5,000.00, Big Brothers Big Sisters in the amount of \$2,000.00, and the Rideau Environmental Action League in the amount of \$500.00. Committee requested that Rural FASD return as a delegation before funding is provided, and that Staff follow up with Rideau Search and Rescue about which Municipalities were approached for funding.

The next Meeting of Council & COW is Tuesday, December 19th, 2023, at 6:00pm

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