



MEDIA RELEASE

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Highlights from the December 19th, 2023, meetings of Montague Township Council and Committee of the Whole

- Council heard a delegation from Rob More, of Rural FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder), more specifically, additional information regarding the Rural FASD network. Council requested the group be a delegation after receiving a donation request in the amount of \$5,000.00.
- Council approved the minutes of the December 5th meetings of Council and Committee of the Whole and the minutes of the November 21st Public Meeting.
- Items 8a and b were pulled from information to action, and 9a returned to Council from the meeting of December 5th, 2023.
 - The Council Assigned Tasks list was reviewed briefly.
 - Council chose to acclaim February 22nd, 2024, as World Thinking Day, and will continue to acclaim this date annually for each year remaining in the 2022-2026 term of Council.
 - The resolution from South Bruce Peninsula (9a) with regard to amending the Highway Traffic Act returned to Council from the meeting of December 5th, 2023, and Council chose to NOT support their resolution.

By-Laws

- Council approved and passed By-Law 4031-2023, a by-law to appoint members of the community to boards, committees, and other statutory positions, as well as 4032-2023, which appointed Councillor Abbass, Deputy Reeve Carroll and Reeve Jennings to the Committee of Adjustment.
- Council also approved and passed By-Law 4033-2023, a by-law to amend the zoning By-Law to change a portion of lands legally described as Part of Lot 20, Concession 3, Township of Montague, County of Lanark (known as the “rear portion of the lands to be severed” in Consent Application B21-206) from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Rural Residential (RR) Zone.
- By-Laws 4034-2023, 4035-2023, 4036-2023, and 4037-2023 were all approved and passed, outlining remuneration and expenses for members of Council and local boards, the Township’s expense policy, the borrowing By-Law, and the calculation and collection procedures for 2024’s interim tax billing.
- The Beckwith Boundary Road Agreement was also passed by By-Law 4038-2023.

Committee of the Whole

The following reports of Municipal Officers were presented to Council:

- Committee received the Road Widening report from Junior Planner Kirsten Cote and directed Staff to proceed with the registration of the By-Law, once approved by Council, at the estimated cost of \$3,750.00. The purpose of this By-Law is to assume 33 road widening transfers from severances dating back to 2015. The Municipal Act, 2001, states in Section 31(2) that road widenings conveyed to the Township are to be assumed into the Township's road system by By-Law.
- Committee also received a report from Public Works Manager Steve Rothwell, regarding the implementation of a Road Allowance Policy due to an increase in issues stemming from unopened road allowances within the Township. Staff was directed to place a draft policy on an upcoming Council agenda for discussion.

The next Meeting of Council & COW is Tuesday, January 16th, 2023, at 6:00pm

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