



MEDIA RELEASE

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Highlights from the January 16th, 2023, meetings of Montague Township Council and Committee of the Whole

- Council began at 6:22pm, following the Committee of Adjustment's meeting regarding a minor variance for Parks and Donaldson-Parks at 2549 Rosedale Road North. After the land acknowledgment and moment of silence, Reeve Jennings thanked the Public Works staff and their families for all of their hard work during the recent weather events.
- Council approved the minutes of the December 19th meetings of Council and Committee of the Whole.
- Item 8a was pulled from information to action, to allow Reeve Jennings to invite other members of Council to join her in the Coldest Night of the Year walk being hosted by the Canadian Federation of University Women Perth & District on February 24th, 2024, from 5:00-7:00pm at the Perth Legion. To donate or register to walk, visit <https://cnoy.org/location/lanarkcounty>
- Council passed the 2024 final budget as presented, exclusive of water and sewer rates, as the Township is waiting on information from the Town of Smiths Falls before rates can be finalized. As noted in the report, the tax increase for 2024 is 3.59%. A \$300,000.00 assessment will result in an increase of \$81.75.
- Council also received reports from the Clerk-Administrator regarding PSAB Reporting, Municipal Donation Allocations, and an Amendment to the Fire Department by-law from 2020.
 - The PSAB Reporting and Amendment to the Fire Department by-law reports were received for information.
 - Rural FASD will receive Rosedale Hall in-kind for their Road Race event, as long as it is available on the requested date. Rideau Search and Rescue will receive a \$250.00 donation from the Township, and the Township's Summer Camp will receive \$1,000.00.

By-Laws

- Council approved and passed By-Law 4040-2024, a by-law to amend by-law 3795-2020, establish and regulate a Fire Department.
- Council also approved and passed By-Law 4041-2024, a by-law to assume portions of various roadways into the Township's Road System.
- Council approved and passed By-Law 4042-2024, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a development agreement with Austin Robert Lurtz Wiseman.

Committee of the Whole

The following reports of Municipal Officers were presented to Council:

- Committee received the Matheson Drive Land Exchange report from the Public Works Manager and directed Staff to bring forth a by-law to authorize the closure and sale of Part of the East Half of Lot 23, Concession 4, Montague County of Lanark, designated as Part 3 on Plan 27R-11450; subject to list interest in RS25787 [being part of PIN #05264-0113 (LT)] to the February 6th, 2024, meeting of Council, as per the draft by-law presented. The purpose of this by-law is to complete a land exchange to facilitate a re-alignment of the roadway.
- Committee received reports from the Clerk-Administrator from 2023 regarding Rosedale Hall rentals, an Overview of the Council Meetings that were held, as well as Remuneration and Expenses.
- Committee saw an amended Fees and Charges by-law that was updated for the 2024 year and directed Staff to bring the draft by-law back to Council to be passed at a future meeting.
- Reeve Jennings was appointed as the Montague representative for the Rideau Corridor Landscape Strategy Steering Committee, with Deputy Reeve Carroll as alternate.

The next Meeting of Council & COW is Tuesday, February 6th, 2024, at 6:00pm

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