



MEDIA RELEASE

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Highlights from the February 6th, 2023, meetings of Montague Township Council and Committee of the Whole

- Reeve Jennings opened the meeting with a reminder of the upcoming Family Day weekend, as well as the St Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance at Rosedale Hall from 2-6pm, being put on by the Township and the Montague and District Senior Forget Me Not Club. Tickets are \$15.00 per person.
- Council approved the agenda as amended to include the Lanark County Media Releases to the agenda, as well as to move Information items 8e, f, g, i, and j to Action items. The minutes of the Council and Committee of the Whole meetings of January 16th were both approved as presented, as were the minutes of the Recreation Committee's meeting of November 23, 2023, the Police Services Board meetings of November 2, 2023, and February 1, 2024, and the Merrickville Library minutes of November 28, 2023, and January 10, 2024.
- Council appointed Reeve Jennings to the Public Works Manager hiring committee.
- Item 8e was pulled from information to action, to allow Deputy Reeve Carroll to request support for the City of Greater Sudbury with regard to their resolution asking for an amendment to the OHS Act to clarify the definition of "employer". Council chose to support the City of Greater Sudbury, and a resolution was carried unanimously.
- Item 8f, g, i, and j were all briefly discussed by Deputy Reeve Carroll and members of Council; however, no resolutions were necessary for these items.

By-Laws

- Council approved and passed By-Law 4044-2024, a by-law to stop up, close and convey part of Matheson Drive to complete a land exchange with Kathryn Sharon Porter.
- Council also approved and passed By-Law 4045-2024, a by-law to establish user fees and charges for the Township, and By-Law 4046-2024, a by-law to provide for the collection of household garbage and recycling materials in the Township.
- Council approved and passed By-Laws 4047-2024, 4048-2024 and 4049-2024, being by-laws to authorize the execution of development agreements with Steven Lewis, 2303303 Ontario Inc., and Eleanor Hatty Giff, respectively.

Committee of the Whole

The following reports of Municipal Officers were presented to Council:

- Quarterly Reports for all departments were received as information.
- The 2023 Development Charge Reserve Funds statement was received as information.
- The Zoning By-Law update was received as information, noting that a discussion draft will be brought to Council for consideration at the February 20, 2024, meeting of Council, and that an Open House and Public Meeting will be held April 9, 2024, at the Township Office and Rosedale Hall, respectively, to answer questions and provide the draft document to the public. Residents will receive a copy of the notice of meeting with their March tax bill mailouts, as there is no community newspaper circulating within the Township.
- The 2024 Draft Water/Wastewater Budget was received by Committee, who directed Staff to bring back the Final budget to the regularly scheduled meeting on February 20, 2024, for approval.

The next Meeting of Council & COW is Tuesday, February 20th, 2024, at 6:00pm

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