



MEDIA RELEASE

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**Highlights from the June 4th, 2024, meetings of
Montague Township Council and Committee of the Whole**

- Reeve Jennings opened the meeting with some announcements, noting that Montague Fire defended their title as the fastest Pull the Pumper time at the event put on by the Smiths Falls Firefighters Association. This was the second year in a row that Montague Fire won 1st place. She also noted that there is still time to get your tickets for the Trivia and Dance fundraiser for the Smiths Falls Library, held at Rosedale Hall June 15th. The MRCC's Summer Party will be held July 13th, Township Summer Camp registration is now open, and a day trip to Calypso Waterpark is also accepting registration forms for July 9th.
- Following the Land Acknowledgement and moment of silence, Council approved the agenda as amended to move items 8a, c, and d from Information to Action for Deputy Reeve Carroll to discuss. The minutes of the regular meeting of Council and Committee of the Whole dated May 21, 2024, as well as the Merrickville Library board minutes of April 23, 2024, were approved as presented.
- The Township received a delegation from Lori Huber of KPMG in relation to the results of the 2023 Financial Audit.
- There was a report from the Junior Planner regarding the Parkland Dedication policy, after the public Open House on May 27th, which had one (1) attendee. A by-law was later passed in the meeting (4074-2024).
- A report was also received in regard to 440 Sturgess Road and a zoning by-law amendment for the subject property. Council directed Staff to contact the owner of the property to advise that a Zoning By-law amendment will be required to legitimize the use of shipping containers as a "Self-Storage Facility" that was approved in 2010 by a Site Plan as opposed to a Zoning Amendment.
- The Clerk-Administrator / Treasurer brought forth a report with regard to building permit fees for the Township, which had not been updated in 18 years. There was note that the Draft Fees were posted publicly, and an open house was held with one (1) attendee. Council approved the draft by-law, and it was later passed in the meeting (4073-2024).

Action Items

- The OPP requested the use of Rosedale Hall “in-kind” for their Detachment Commander and Operations Manager training for the East Region on June 18th, 2024. Council opted to approve their request.
- Councillor Johnson was appointed as alternate to the Lanark County Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access (IDEA) Working Group. Staff will be posting publicly to see if there is any interest in a resident member for the group.

By-Laws Passed by Council

- **4073-2024:** Building Fees
- **4074-2024:** Parkland Policy
- **4075-2024:** Appoint Jordan Hammill as Alternate Septic Inspector
- **4076-2024:** Antique Fire Truck Agreement with Montague Fire Association

Committee of the Whole

- Committee approved the updated policy for the Asset Retirement Obligation PSAB 3280, as presented by the Clerk-Administrator / Treasurer. It is a new accounting standard covering asset retirement obligations that must be applied by public sector entities, including all Canadian municipalities. Some of the obligations include retiring buildings with asbestos or underground fuel storage tanks. The implementation of the standard will require municipalities to recognize obligations which were previously out of scope of accounting standards. CM3 completed inspections and prepared Hazardous Substance reports for all Township buildings, as required by the auditors. The 2023 financial statements include the Asset Retirement Obligation liabilities.
- Committee accepted and approved the 2023 Financial statements as presented by KPMG at the meeting of Council on June 4th. Once the minutes of this meeting are approved at the regular meeting of Council on June 18th, the documents will be posted to the Township’s website.
- The final report received by Committee was in regard to waiving the Chip Wagon fee for the MRCC’s 2024 Summer Party. The current fees and charges by-law requires that food trucks pay a fee of \$150 to operate in the Township, however since that cost would essentially be billed back to Council (as the MRCC is a committee of Council) once paid by the vendor, it was determined that waiving the fee but still requiring the fire inspection, insurance and health unit inspection be provided was the best option.

The next Meeting of Council & COW is Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 6:00pm

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