

MEDIA RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, September 20th, 2024

Highlights from the September 17th, 2024, meetings of Montague Township Council and Committee of the Whole

- Reeve Jennings opened the meeting by congratulating the Montague Fire Association on another successful Pit BBQ which was held on Saturday, September 7th at Rosedale Hall. She requested that Chief Greer pass along her congratulations to firefighters as well as their families. She also noted that Mighty Machines is coming up on Saturday September 28th from 11am-2pm at the Airport and reminded residents to follow the Township's social media pages for upcoming events.
- Following the Land Acknowledgement and moment of silence, Council approved the agenda as amended to amend the Public Works Manager hiring committee report and to add report 3c regarding the winter stone dust tender. The minutes of the Regular meetings of Council and Committee of the Whole dated September 3, 2024, were approved as presented.
- A report was presented by the Clerk-Administrator/Treasurer regarding the Public Works Manager hiring committee. Council chose to remove the mandatory CET certification from the job description, in favour of changing it to be an asset. This also allowed internal applicants from February 2024 who did not have their CET to complete a testing process to determine suitability for the position. Reeve Jennings and Deputy Reeve Carroll were appointed to the hiring committee, should the internal applicants not do well on the testing, and the job is re-posted externally.
- Two more reports from the Clerk-Administrator/Treasurer were presented regarding the supply and delivery of bulk coarse highway salt, as well as winter stone dust. Council approved the contract extension with Cargill for highway salt for the 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 seasons at the price of \$106.38/tonne and the contract extension with Thomas Cavanagh for winter stone dust for the 2024/2025 season at the price of \$19.46/MT.

By-Laws

- **4088-2024:** User Fees & Charges

Committee of the Whole

- Two reports were received from the Junior Planner regarding Proposed Development at 100 Industrial Road and the Ontario Land Tribunal. The first report provided an update to Council and the timeline of the property described, which was approved as information. The second report recommended that Council direct Staff to register the Township as an E-File Service Provider with the Ontario Land Tribunal, which was approved by Council.

- Committee received a report from the Clerk-Administrator/Treasurer, which outlined a request to change the reserve use from Modernization to Administration for \$128,368 for RFP-AD-2023-02, to allow for Modernization reserves to be available for use on a potential future water monitoring building, so that the Township does not need access to residents' houses to complete mandatory water testing. This also ensures that the Township can complete this project if required without any cost to the water system users. A more detailed report on this project will be brought forward for Council's consideration at a later date.
- The draft Roads Needs Study was presented to Committee, who will provide comment to the Clerk-Administrator/Treasurer prior to September 27. Written comments from the public will be received until October 4, based on the draft report presented in the report and at the Open House on September 25 at Rosedale Hall. Committee also directed Staff to provide all comments and concerns received to the Consultant for discussion and review prior to the final draft to Council in October/November.

The next Meeting of Council & COW is Tuesday, October 1, 2024, at 6:00pm

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