

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Highlights from the October 1st, 2024, meetings of Montague Township Council and Committee of the Whole**

- Technical difficulties meant that this meeting could not be livestreamed, however both meetings were recorded and posted to the Township's YouTube page afterwards.
- Reeve Jennings opened the meeting with a reminder of the Hypnotist Show on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at Rosedale Hall. Doors open at 7:00pm for this event. She also thanked everyone who helped make the Mighty Machines event such a success.
- Following the Land Acknowledgement and moment of silence, Council approved the agenda as amended to move items 8a, b, c and d from Information to Action for Deputy Reeve Carroll to speak on. The minutes of the Regular meetings of Council and Committee of the Whole dated September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, were approved as presented.
- The Junior Planner brought forward a report on the Zoning By-Law Amendment for Doyon, McMillan and Laferriere. Council passed a by-law later in the meeting to permit the rezoning of lands legally described as Part of Lot 19, Concession 1, Township of Montague, County of Lanark, being Part 1 on Plan 27R-12308. The original zoning was Rural (RU), and the lands will now be zoned Rural-Special Exception 15 (RU-15).
- A report was also received from the Clerk-Administrator/Treasurer regarding the works to be completed on McGuire Road. Due to the workload on Public Works staff with the new complex, staff requested pricing from contractors to complete the work in the 2024-year, with Tackaberry Construction coming in at \$40,867.00, and Campbell's Trucking being the lowest bid at \$23,425.00. Council approved that the clearing and grubbing of existing roadside vegetation, removal of rock wall along roadway, excavation of roadsides to existing elevation of the shoulder, and entrances to be placed on Mr. McGuire's property be completed by Campbell's Trucking. Remaining work will be put to tender in 2025, which was included in the 2025 Draft Budget for Council.

### **By-Laws**

- **4090-2024:** Zoning By-Law Amendment (ZB24-002 - Doyon, McMillan & Laferriere)

### **Committee of the Whole**

- Committee approved the Council Calendar for 2025 as presented during the meeting, with the exception of a change of date regarding the Ontario Eastern Municipal Conference, which is happening September 17-19, in Ottawa. The

change has been made and a revised calendar will be distributed to Council at a later date.

- Councillor Crabtree graciously accepted the role of Committee of the Whole Chair for the December 2024-November 2025 term. The Township's procedural by-law allows for the rotation of the COW Chair alphabetically by last name (with the exception of the Reeve) on a monthly basis, however Council had previously approved the transition from monthly to an annual basis to reduce confusion. Councillor Abbass declined his opportunity to Chair for the 2022-2023 term, and Deputy Reeve Carroll, being the next on the list, was appointed. Councillor Crabtree's term as Chair will commence at the regular meeting of December 3, 2024.
- Committee approved the use of \$5,000.00 from reserves to purchase a replacement stove for Rosedale Hall, as the current stove has outlived its anticipated life expectancy. The replacement stove will be electric, as opposed to gas or propane, due to liability with respect to event rentals. The stove to be purchased is a commercial option that should last 10+ years, similar to the current stove.
- Committee received a report from the Deputy Fire Chief with regard to the transition of Township burn permits to BurnPermits.com. The report was approved as information, and Staff was directed to include the \$15,000.00 cost in the 2025 budget discussions, to be funded from the Modernization reserve for the initial year, and from taxation for any additional year that points are required. The transition is expected to streamline the permitting process for staff, residents and members of the fire service here in Montague. The anticipated timeline for completion would be December 2026.
- An update on the Fire/Public Works Municipal Complex was received by Committee as information. This update included what has been completed so far, as well as photos of staff on the last day with the building, the demolition itself, and the trenching that was completed for the electrical works. Staff expect that the new storage building that was ordered should arrive in late October or early November. Staff will continue to work on the pad for the new structure.
- The Clerk Administrator/Treasurer also brought forth some good news – the Township was successful in a grant application to Roots Community Fund for the Fire Department to install a dry hydrant on Burchill Road. \$12,000.00 was received to help fund this project, with the remaining coming from development charges.

**The next Meeting of Council & COW is Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 6:00pm**

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