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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE, June 8th, 2026

Highlights from the June 2nd, 2026, meetings of
Montague Township Council and Committee of the Whole

Council

The Reeve provided a reminder of the following items to open the meeting:

- For those interested in running for a seat on Township Council, nominations are open until August 21st at 2:00pm.
- If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the Montague 22-Acre Park recently, the pickleball courts are open and the story-boards (designed by students from Montague Public School) have been placed along the trail.
- Summer weather means an increase in construction activities. Be mindful of workers, vehicles and equipment in construction zones.

Following the Land Acknowledgement and Moment of Silence, Council approved the agenda, as amended (to add the Minutes from the May 19th Committee of the Whole Meeting, and correspondence from the County of Lanark), and the minutes of the following meetings, as presented:

- May 19th, 2026 - Regular Meeting of Council – Revised
- May 19th, 2026 - Committee of the Whole Meeting
- May 22nd, 2026 - Special Meeting of Council
- April 27th, 2026 - Montague Recreation Culture Committee (MRCC) Meeting
- May 5th, 2026 - Merrickville Public Library Board
- May 26th, 2026 - Smiths Falls Public Library Board

The Clerk/Planning Manager presented the following report:

- **Business Retention and Expansion Project - Community Leader Interviewer Team:** At the May 19th Council Meeting, Tim Woods from the County of Lanark presented an initiative focused on identifying expansion and retention barriers for local businesses. At the direction of Council, Staff prepared a report for the June 2nd Meeting providing options for consideration regarding the required Interview Teams. On June 1st, correspondence was received from the County of Lanark regarding this program, requiring further information to be gathered before presenting options to Council. A revised report will be presented by Staff on June 16th.

The Municipal Manager/Treasurer/Deputy Clerk presented the following reports:

- **MRCC Financials to May 27th, 2026:** With the change to an earlier meeting time, a report was presented to Council advising that a light lunch is being provided to members. Council confirmed that the Treasurer has the authority to approve financials for the Committee and further advised that Staff are only required to attend MRCC meetings when needed, and at the direction of the Municipal Manager.

- **Roll Number 0901-000-025-07603 - Request for Payment Plan for Outstanding Taxes:** Following receipt of a request for a payment plan, Council reviewed information submitted by the ratepayer and the Treasurer and advised that a payment plan would not be approved.

The following By-law was passed by Council:

- **4219-2026** - Authorize the Execution of a Site Plan Agreement with 11997459 Canada Inc. (1222 Matheson Drive)

Committee of the Whole

The Committee of the Whole Agenda was approved as presented, and the Clerk/Planning Manager presented the following report:

- **Proposed Severance of Dutton Property on Bennett Road – Follow-Up Report:** Council requested additional information regarding timelines and costing for both road widening and construction of a turnaround following Staff's report at the May 19th meeting. In this report, Staff advised that road widening is obtained where needed to address insufficient road widths and/or non-ideal road alignments when severances are approved. There is no guarantee that roads will be widened as a result, but acquiring these lands allows for this possibility when appropriate and financially feasible. The Bennett Road turnaround will be constructed once the severance is complete and lands are conveyed to the Township, at an estimated cost between $5,000 and $10,000. The work will be completed by Public Works Staff using materials already on hand.

The next Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole are scheduled for Tuesday, June 16th, 2026

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