



May 22, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

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Addition to the Agenda Questions received from Council seeking additional information and the corresponding responses provided by staff regarding the May 22, 2024 Council agenda items.

6.11 Township of Stirling-Rawson Resolution regarding Sustainable Infrastructure Funding for Small Rural Municipalities; have we supported a similar motion in the past?

Council received similar resolutions on April 10, 2024 as follows:

1. 6.12 Loyalist Township regarding significant and budgetary pressures relating to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs – Received for information
2. 6.14 Township of Amaranth regarding Operational Budget Funding – Supported

The Township of Stirling-Rawson supported the attached resolution from Hasting County, which contains new information for Council's consideration for support with respect to sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities.

9.3.1 Report ADM-2024-026 - Proposed Shooting Range By-law Development Process

-will staff be looking at permitting? **Yes, staff have included the potential permit process investigation and development for July/August of this year.**

-Bylaw officer may be required to take a course to be certified in order that noise results be recognized at trial (was a requirement many years ago) **Noted; staff will investigate the requirements during the by-law development process.**

9.3.2 Report ADM-2024-027 - Second Draft Heritage Permit By-law

-pages 128 to 131 why does page 128 does not indicate that a special meeting may be required for Heritage Committee and Council (the other 3 pages indicate that special meetings may be required) **Staff have amended the report through the Agenda Addendum issued on May 21, 2024 to include reference to the potential requirement for a Special Heritage Advisory Committee meeting on pages 128 and 131 of the agenda addendum.**

-am I interpreting the marked up bylaw correctly that the flow chart on page 129 is being proposed? **The Draft By-law attached to the report correspondences to the flow chart on page**



131, based on Council's comments respect to options to have the Municipal Clerk deem the application complete. Staff is seeking direction with respect to if/how Council would like to delegate it's authority with respect to requesting additional information and deeming applications complete for Heritage Permits.

9.3.4 **2:00 P.M.** Report ADM-2024-029 - 2023 Source Water Protection Annual Report Pursuant to Clean Water Act ≠

-p.163 shouldn't the second word be 2023 instead of 2022 **Yes, that is a typo and should read 2023**

-p.165 re "In 2023, agreements were reached with the City of Guelph and Region of Waterloo related to cost recovery for County and Townships related costs to protect the City and Region's municipal water supply."; what is the cost savings to Puslinch on an annual basis? **\$19,912 total for 2024. Every five years, the septic system inspection costs are also covered. These were last covered in 2022 and 2023 and were \$25,500 total split between the two years.**

9.5.1 Report PW-2024-004 - Consideration for Hard Surfacing Gravel Roads ≠

-p.178 re "Depending on market conditions at the time of tendering, and preference of the Township, surface treatment could also be considered."; what is the surface treatment cited and it's longevity and cost? **At this time, Public works is only recommending HL4 hot asphalt for the surface treatment of the next road considered for improvement. Regardless of market conditions, etc., this is the proven material for cost effectiveness, longevity and durability.**

-although section of 10S from Concession 2 to the highway 401 is not being considered is there any benefit to doing this section now with one of the methods being studied on Concession 25? **It is staff's opinion that the test surface treatment on Sideroad 25 S did not result in enough of a benefit in order to recommend applying a surface treatment to an entire section of gravel road. Trials are planned for this summer for subbase applications, and staff will report back on the outcome in 2025.**

10.1 County of Wellington Planning Committee Recommendation regarding Bill 185 - Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act and the proposed Provincial Planning Statement 2024≠

-did staff submit any comments to Province regarding Bill 185 or PPS?

Staff did not submit comments with respect to Bill 185 or the PPS.



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RE: Hastings County Motion regarding sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities

Please be advised that Hastings County Council, at its meeting held on March 28, 2024, passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both upfront investments and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including roads and bridges and water wastewater and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries;

WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop capital asset management plans with the stipulation that they be considered in the development of the annual budget;

WHEREAS small rural municipalities (of 10,000 people or less) are facing monumental infrastructure deficits that cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue alone;

WHEREAS the only application approved through the recently awarded Housing Accelerator Fund to a small rural municipality was to Marathon Ontario, who received an allocation of \$1.9 million dollars while over \$1.369 billion going to Ontario's large urban centres, resulting in a 0.2% investment in rural Ontario;

WHEREAS the Ontario Government has committed \$9.1 billion to Toronto alone to assist with operating deficits and the repatriation of the Don Valley and Gardner Expressway;

WHEREAS small rural Ontario cannot keep pace with the capital investments required over the next 20 years unless both the Provincial and Federal Governments come forward with new sustainable infrastructure funding;

WHEREAS it is apparent that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have neglected to recognize the needs of small rural Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Hastings County call on the Ontario and Federal Government to implement sustainable infrastructure funding for small rural municipalities;

AND THAT small rural municipalities are not overlooked and disregarded on future applications for funding;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments begin by acknowledging that there is an insurmountable debt facing small rural municipalities;

AND THAT both the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately commission a Working Group that includes a member of the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus, to develop a plan on how to deal with the impending debt dilemma;

AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; Michel Tremblay Acting President and CEO, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman, Hastings-Lennox Addington; MPP Ric Bresee Hastings-Lennox Addington, AMO, ROMA, FCM, Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and all Municipalities in Ontario.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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