

Council Summary

April 2023

Below you will find highlights of the Township of Greater Madawaska Council meetings from April 2023. Please note that this summary does not constitute the official record of the meetings.

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Meeting recordings can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqKFVYNGbkvOSJJSN5IFNdQ>

April meeting dates were as follows:

April 18, 2023, 1:00pm – Special Council Meeting

April 20, 2023, 3:00pm – Regular Council Meeting

Delegations/Presentations

- Food Cycle Science Corporation – Jacob Hanlon
 - Mr. Hanlon presented details regarding the “FoodCycler” Municipal Program. The full slide show presentation can be found on the agenda.
<https://greatermadawaska.civicweb.net/document/76846/FoodCycler%20Municipal%20Solutions%20-%20Slide%20Deck.pdf?handle=50A7D70D7C8045FC9AC35688DC315F01>

- Southside Way – David Rochon
 - Mr. Rochon spoke to Council, sharing his views on the maintenance and condition of Southside Way.

- 2022 Financial Statements - Welch LLP Chartered Financial Accountants – Umar Saeed
 - Mr. Saeed presented the 2022 Audit report and financial statements, which were approved by Council. The draft financial statements can be found on the agenda.
<https://greatermadawaska.civicweb.net/document/77504/2022%20Financial%20statements%20-%20Township%20of%20Greater%20Ma.pdf?handle=B57E254B73F64E6CB16C2CC0F9B241E9>

Public Works Department

- Transportation Committee
 - A recommendation was brought to Council to instruct the CAO to develop Terms of Reference for a Transportation Committee. Through discussion, Council voted to defer the topic to a later date.
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- Winter Maintenance on Byers Road and Upper Spruce Hedge Road
 - The Public Works Supervisor informed Council that an additional 350m of Byers Road and an additional 350m of Upper Spruce Hedge road will now be winter maintained. This change is due to the construction of primary residences on seasonally maintained portions of these two roads.

Planning Department

- Five Development Agreements were presented to Council; all five were approved.
 - By-Law 21-2023 Development Agreement, Hubert Huyer
 - By-Law 22-2023 Development Agreement, 165141 Canada Inc
 - By-Law 23-2023 Development Agreement, Wayne Piche & Glen Beck
 - By-Law 25-2023 Development Agreement, Douglas Brydges
 - By-Law 21-2023 Development Agreement, Dwight Badham & Joanne Greer
- Housing Needs Assessment
 - A recommendation was brought to Council to approve the Housing Needs Assessment proposal as presented by TWC Consulting Inc. Through discussion, Council voted to defer the topic to a later date.

Finance and Administration Department

- Procedural By-Law
 - By-law 24-2023, being a by-law for governing the proceedings of Council Meetings was updated with a few minor revisions and was passed by Council.
- Committee Terms of Reference and Municipal Committee Policy 1-03
 - A recommendation was brought to Council to approve the revised Municipal Committee Policy 1-03 and to make decision regarding the Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee, the Recreation Advisory Committee, and an Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee. Through discussion, Council voted to defer the topic to a later date.
- Volunteer Recognition
 - The Volunteer Recognition Policy 1-17, states that the Volunteer Awards will be presented at Canada Day Events within the Township. However, Council approved the recommendation to hold a Volunteer Recognition Ceremony separate from Canada Day Events. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.
- Taste of the Valley 2023
 - The Taste of the Valley Event series is organized by the County of Renfrew's Economic Development Division. They award a limited number of municipalities the rights to host an event within the series. Council supports the endeavour of the Township to host a

Taste of the Valley Event and endorses the Expression of Interest document that was created by staff and partners. The document was submitted to the organizers for review and staff await a decision.

- Strategic Plan 2023
 - A recommendation was brought to Council regarding the Strategic Plan project. Through discussion, Council voted to defer the topic to the May 18 Council meeting.

- Finance Update Q1 2023
 - The Treasurer presented the Q1 financial update. Overall, the financial results are at expected levels for this point in the fiscal year. The following are a few highlights noted from the update:
 - Environmental Services revenues are significantly higher due to tipping fees collected as part of the Hydro Dam project.
 - Planning & Development revenues are trending lower, in comparison to 2022, due to a decrease in building permits issued.
 - Protective Services expenses are slightly higher than the prior year, which is a result of efforts required due to a more significant fire incident.
 - Planning & Development expenses are lower due to the contracting of planning services.

Committees

- Canada Day Committee
 - Councillor Tripp gave an update on the Committee's progress with planning this year's event. Planning is moving ahead well with all three township wards involved. Councillor Tripp communicated that Volunteer recruitment is underway.

Other

- Library Board
 - Council accepted the resignation of Evelyn Miller from the Greater Madawaska Public Library and Learning Centre Board.

Closed

- Closed Session was held pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 regarding the following:
 - Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.
 - CAO