

# Council Summary

## October 2022

Below you will find highlights of the October 2022 Township of Greater Madawaska Council meeting. Please note that this summary does not constitute the official record of the meetings.

Full agendas, minutes, and reports can be found at <https://greatermadawaska.civicweb.net/Portal/>

Meeting recordings can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqKFVYNGbkv0SJJ5N5IFNdQ>

October meeting date was as follows:

October 17, 2022 5:30pm – Regular Council Meeting

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### Public Works Department

- Speed Limit By-law
  - The Township Speed Limit By-law was updated to reflect the changes required since the construction on Ferguson Lake Road was completed. The speed limit has been changed from 70 km to 60 km from Kennelly Mountain Road to the bridge and from the bridge to Highway 508 is changed from 60 km to 50 km.

### Protection Services Department

- Fire Report as of September 30, 2022
  - The report includes the number and types of calls that were received by the Fire Department from January 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022, compared to the previous three years.
- Community Engagement Initiative
  - Information was received from Inspector Dawn Ferguson of the OPP Renfrew Detachment regarding a Community Engagement Initiative, which would include assigning sergeants to municipalities to act as a liaison between the police and the municipality.
- Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan
  - The province has mandated that municipalities develop a Community Safety and Well Being Plan. Council approved in principle, joining together with neighbouring municipalities for a Joint Community Safety and Well Being Plan.

### Planning Department

- Building Permit Report
    - The Building Permit Report showed 114 permits issued at a value of \$27,514,453 for the period of January 1 to September 30, 2022 compared to 144 permits issued at a value of \$24,960,215 during the same period of 2021.
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- Acquisition and Disposal of Lands
  - Arrangements have been made to acquire the property in Griffith that includes an informal boat launch.
- Assumption of Lands as Public Highways
  - Wilson Farm Road and Brydges/Halliday Creek

### **Finance and Administration Department**

- September Finance Update
  - Overall, the financial results are sitting at expected levels for this point in the fiscal year. There are no significant changes from the update provided in August
- Christmas Hours
  - The Township Office will be closed Saturday, December 24, 2022 until reopening on Tuesday, January 3, 2023
  - Public Works will operate as needed dependent on weather conditions.
  - Transfer Stations will be closed Sunday December 25, 2022 and closed Sunday January 1, 2023
- Strategic Communication Plan
  - The Strategic Communication Plan was approved by Council.

### **Mayor's Remarks**

- Mayor Hunt spoke on several topics, clarifying some misinformation and incorrect facts that were heard during the Candidate Meetings prior to the election. The meeting can be viewed on the Township YouTube Channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r8MKZMECmTk&t=367s>

### **2022 Municipal Election Results**

- Full election results can be found on the Website  
<https://www.greatermadawaska.com/en/township-office/elections.aspx#2022-OFFICIAL-ELECTION-RESULTS>
  - Successful Candidates are as follows:
    - Rob Weir, Mayor
    - Jeff Levesque, Councillor Ward 1
    - Rob Tripp, Councillor Ward 1
    - Taylor Popkie, Councillor Ward 2
    - Lois Thomson, Councillor Ward 3