
November 2024 Council Highlights

Below you will find highlights of the Township of Greater Madawaska Council activity for November.

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The **2025 Budget Deliberation** process began with Council receiving the Draft Budget Presentation and the Library Budget Presentation during a special meeting of Council held November 13, 2024.

The Township's **New Logo and Branding** guidelines were approved by Council and will be launched in the new year.

Council approved the **2025 budget of the Renfrew and Area OPP Detachment Board**, however Council did not consent to an equal billing model split between the seven Municipalities served by the Board.

There are a few areas of the Township of Admaston/Bromley that have benefitted from First Response Fire Services provided by our Township Fire Department since 2004. The Township receives financial compensation for providing services and the decision was made to continue with the **Fire Services Agreement with Admaston/Bromley**.

A **Zoning By-law Amendment** was approved by Council to permit a reduction of minimum lot frontage requirement for a property located in the geographic Township of Bagot.

Council received the **Local Official Plan: Background Report**, summarizing comments received from residents, staff, and members of Council and providing insight into Township demographics and development. Options on how to proceed were presented and will be discussed further in the new year.

The **Short-Term Accommodations licensing date** was extended to April 1, 2025 to provide sufficient time for the submission and review of applications following the launch of the online application portal in January.

Staff was directed to investigate the feasibility and potential benefits of using **Bioresin on Municipal Roads**.

Council carried motions in support of the following:

- A call to the Federal Government to increase the funds provided to municipalities under the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF).
- A request for the Provincial and Federal Governments to redistribute a portion of the Land Transfer Tax and GST collected on property sales, to Municipalities.
- A request for the Provincial Government to update the Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act to reflect the inflation rates since 1996.
- A request for the Provincial Government take action to implement the rural road safety program that the Good Roads Association has committed to lead.

Other Items from November 2024, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference Delegation Topics.

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