

September 2024 Council Highlights

Below you will find highlights of the Township of Greater Madawaska Council activity for September 2024. Full agendas and minutes can be found at <https://greatermadawaska.civicweb.net/Portal/>
Meeting recordings can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqKFVYNGbkv0SJJSN5IFNdQ>

Council held two meetings in September and Council members were present for the Public Open Houses held mid-month regarding the consideration of a Local Official Plan for the Township.

The Provincial Government announced that applications were being accepted for the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) Program. The SALC programs provide diverse activities for older adults across the province. Council provided their support to submit an application for this grant opportunity.

Calabogie Motorsports Park wishes to apply for federal and provincial funding for the Calabogie Music Festival scheduled for June 2025. Council gave their approval to provide a letter of support for their application.

The County of Renfrew is initiating the implementation of automated speed enforcement on County roads where regulation allows, ie. Community Safety and School Zones. With Council's approval staff submitted the following locations to be considered by the County for implementation: Griffith Mile, Intersection of Mill Street and Hwy 511, and the Eagles Nest Parking Area.

Schooley Mitchell is a company that offers a risk-free audit service for the purpose of providing cost saving recommendations based on the review of several expense categories. Council gave their approval to enter into an agreement with the company to conduct a free analysis of select expenses.

The 2025 Budget process has commenced. Budget topics, including pressures, opportunities, capital budget, asset management, etc, were discussed. The 2025 Draft Budget will be presented at a special Council meeting in November.

The success of the 2023 Taste of the Valley event held in the Township inspired staff, with Council's approval, to submit an Expression of Interest to the event organizers, seeking approval to host the event again in 2025.

Earlier in the year, Council supported and directed staff to proceed with implementing the rebranding recommendation made by Cinnamon Toast Inc presented through the results of the Marketing Implementation Plan. This led to the presentation of the draft new Township logo. Council provided constructive feedback on the logo to be shared with the design team.

Improvement of Health Services within the Township is a topic of discussion supported by Council. Direction was given to the CAO to explore options and to report back to Council with findings and recommendations.

Other Items from September 2024, Assumption of a portion of Brydges Road and Poplar Way, Appointment of a Livestock Valuer, Auditing Services Agreement Extension, Committee Member Appointment.

For full details on any of these items, please review the Agenda packages and Minutes found on the Portal.