

# APRIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



## **April 2 Council Meeting**

- Resolution of support requesting the Province amend the Blue Box Regulation for ineligible sources.
- Resolution of support requesting the Federal government re-evaluate their lack of funding for municipalities with a population of less than 50,000 in rural Ontario and to make available funding for infrastructure programs to help build much-needed new homes.
- Resolution of support calling on the Province of Ontario to treat all municipalities fairly and to provide equivalent representative operational budget funding amounts to all Ontario municipalities.
- Resolution of support calling on the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking, with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

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- Resolution of support calling on the Province of Ontario to upload from local municipalities the responsibility of and costs associated with the continued construction, operation, and maintenance of major municipally-owned highways throughout the Province of Ontario to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation; or alternatively, if uploading is not the preferred option of the Province and/or local municipality, to appropriately increase the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund to municipalities so as to fairly and equitably allocate resources to Ontario municipalities.
- The following by-laws were enacted:
  - 93-23 – Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas (3rd reading)
  - 17-24 – Development Agreement – Dumon and Rose MacDonald – B63/23 and B64/23

## **April 2 Environmental Committee Meeting**

- Environmental Manager's Report for March 2024 was received.
- Annual Water Report for the Stirling Drinking Water System was received.
- The 2023 Wastewater Performance Report was received.
- The 2023-24 Inspection Report for the Stirling Drinking Water System was received.

## **April 2 Transportation Committee Meeting**

- Public Works Manager's Report for March 2024 was received.
- Discussion regarding speed mitigation measures for Frankford Road and Campbellford Road entrances. Recommendation that staff bring back options and costs to a future meeting.

## April 15 Council Meeting

- Presentation from Hastings County regarding the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan was received.
- Resolution of support calling on both the ROMA and OGRA boards to re-establish a combined annual conference preferably in the months of April or May.
- Resolution of support calling on the Provincial government to create a Municipal Accessibility Fund and to commit to working with municipalities to implement the Donovan Review recommendations.
- Resolution of support calling on the Province of Ontario pause advancement on the proposed Highway 413, and to redirect the approximate \$8 billion cost to support municipal infrastructure costs and housing construction initiatives, with at least 50% of those funds allocated for small urban and rural Ontario municipalities with populations of less than 50,000.
- Resolution of support calling on the Provincial government to take caution against acting on the recommendations as stated in the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario's Value-for Money Audit: Public Health Ontario regarding the possible closure of regional PHO laboratories.
- Resolution of support requesting an amenity sharing memorandum of understanding be entered into with school boards for evening/weekend gymnasium use.
- Resolution of support requesting that the Provincial government amend Subsection 27(16) of the Ontario Heritage Act regarding removal of listed (non-designated) properties from municipal heritage registers to extend the deadline for removal from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2030.
- Resolution of support requesting a review of the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Financial Assistance Rates
- The following by-laws were enacted:
  - 19-24 – Zoning By-law Amendment 24-04 179 Sweet Road
  - 20-24 – Zoning By-law Amendment 24-05 179 Sweet Road
  - 10-24 - Zoning By-law Amendment 24-03 726 Sarles Road

## **April 18 Special Finance and Personnel Committee Meeting**

- Further 2024 budget discussion was had with some revisions made in the areas of General Government Services, Protection to Persons and Property, Transportation Services, Environmental Services, Health Services/Recreation and Cultural, and Planning Services.
- Recommendation that a wheeled excavator be leased for 3 years from Bob Mark New Holland.
- Recommendation that the draft budget be approved as presented and a by-law for enactment be forwarded to the May 6, 2024 Council meeting.