

FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



February 4 Standing Committees Meeting

- Brief discussion of theatre matters with Stirling Festival Theatre Chairperson, Jessica Rogers.
- Monthly reports were received from the Environmental Manager, Public Works Manager, Fire Chief, BISB, BISB, Pierce Animal Control and the CAO-Treasurer.
- The 2024 DWQMS Surveillance Audit for the Stirling-Rawdon drinking water system was received.
- Report from the Deputy Clerk regarding an application to close a municipal road allowance (Cooney), with recommendation to Council that the property be declared surplus and the policy be waived and that the subject portion of road allowance be transferred to the applicant who will cover all costs related to the transfer.
- 2024 animal control operations report received from the Humane Society of Hastings Prince Edward.
- BIA report provided by Councillor Smith.
- Draft noise by-law received with recommendation for enactment at the next Council meeting.
- Report from the Clerk regarding the 2026 Municipal Election received with recommendation to Council that the alternative voting method of internet and telephone be authorized for the 2026 Municipal Election; that the Clerk be authorized to select vendors for the provision of those services in keeping with the Procurement policy; and that an appropriate by-law be enacted at the February 18 Council meeting.
- Letter from Library Board member Kim Finkle advising of her resignation from the Board was received with recommendation to Council that the position be advertised.
- Correspondence from Community Care for Central Hastings Foundation regarding online auction was received.
- Correspondence from Stirling Festival Theatre regarding the installation of a new marquee was received with recommendation to Council that the building permits and electrical drawings be reviewed with Township staff.
- Community Fund application request received from Marmora Agricultural Society with recommendation that a donation in the amount of \$500 be made and matter forwarded to budget; and that the Agricultural Society be advised of the Township's Community Fund application process.

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- Draft Fees and Charges by-law received with recommendation to Council that the by-law be presented at the next Council meeting.
- Quotations for Library alarm system were received with recommendation to Council that the quote from Alarm Systems be approved; and that staff seek clarification regarding the elevator; and that the item be forwarded by budget.
- Information from Canada Post regarding Township staffing the post office in Springbrook was received with recommendation to Council that Canada Post be advised the Township will not be staffing the Springbrook post office.
- Closed session held regarding a matter of litigation or potential litigation with recommendation to Council that staff proceed as per direction provided in closed session.

February 18 Council Meeting

- Report from the CAO-Treasurer regarding uncollectable property tax was received and that the balance owing as of December 31, 2024 be written off as uncollectable.
- Correspondence from Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus requesting support for Canadian and Ontario government negotiations with the US government on trade tariffs received with motion of support.
- Stirling-Rawdon Business Improvement Area Board of Management appointments were made.
- The following by-laws were enacted:
 - 07-25 – Zoning By-law Amendment – Part of Park Lot 7 R Plan 38
 - 08-25 – Zoning By-law Amendment – (Tuftsville Road)
 - 09-25 – Fees and Charges
 - 10-25 – Alternative Voting Methods
 - 11-25 – Noise
 - 12-25 – Community Emergency Preparedness Grant Agreement
 - 13-25 – Fire Protection Grant Agreement
 - 14-25 – Amendment to Agreement for the Enforcement of By-laws
 - 15-25 – Appointment of a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer
 - 16-25 – Establish and Assume Municipal Highways (Timothy Drive and Barley Trail)

February 27 Special Council Meeting

- By-law 18-25 – Youth Innovation Component of the Enabling Accessibility Fund Agreement enacted.