



Council in Brief

March 12, 2024

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Presentations

Inspector Dave Tovell, Detachment Commander of the Lennox and Addington Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) East Region provided an update to Council regarding staffing, calls for service, community and campaign initiatives, investigative excellence, and operational pressures at the OPP Detachment. The Odessa OPP detachment is open to the public.

Items for Consideration

- [2024-2027 Strategic Plan](#) – The Strategic Plan was approved and will be presented at Community Town Halls in April and May at five locations in Loyalist Township. [Strategic Plan Update 2023-2027](#)
- Council established its Committees and approved a new Committee Framework and Citizen Appointment Policy - The new committees include the W.J. Henderson Recreation Centre Renewal Fundraising Committee, Community Grant Committee and re-established Heritage Committee. A call for applications is open. Application forms will be available on the Township website and at the Municipal office. [Options for Committees of Council](#).
- [Extension of Capacity Allocation Lakeside Gardens Phase 3- Brookland Fine Homes Ltd. Amherstview](#) Council granted an extension of capacity allocation to the subject property for the development of Lakeside Gardens Phase 3 condominium development.
- The Township's Official Plan Comprehensive Review was approved in 2022 and the *Planning Act* requires the Zoning By-law to be amended within three years of revising the Official Plan to ensure conformity with the Official Plan. Council's authorization allows staff to commence a [comprehensive review of the by-law](#).
- [Proposed Changes to the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment \(MCEA\)](#) Currently municipal infrastructure projects are subject to the MCEA process. The MCEA is an approved EA process for municipal roads, water, wastewater, and transit projects.

- Council passed two motions (1) Requesting the Province to amend Blue Box Regulation for 'Ineligible' Sources and (2) Regarding solutions to resolve significant financial and budgetary pressures relating to infrastructure development, maintenance and repairs.

Items approved through the Consent Agenda

- [Drinking Water Systems 2023 - Annual Summary Report](#)
- [February 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes](#)

Committee of the Whole

Odessa Public School Traffic Concerns on North and Durham Streets

Staff and Constable Woodburn provided an overview of the report, traffic assessments and the traffic count. Council directed staff to bring forward an updated policy and by-law for community safety zones and updated Parking By-law. Staff will report back on the results of the road safety audit and traffic study.

Framework for a New Community Grant Policy

Staff will consult the community through a survey and Community Engagement Framework. Comments received by the Committee of the Whole and from the public will be incorporated into a draft Renewable Energy Community Grant Policy. This policy will be presented at the April 23, 2024 Council meeting. The policy is to include a minimum of 25% of renewable energy funds to go to the affected communities now and in the future.

Asset Retirement Obligations Policy A new accounting regulation has now come into force for the 2023 financial year. In order to comply with this new regulation the municipality must adopt this policy.

Committee of the Whole Next Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings

Tuesday, March 26, 2024	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 9, 2024	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 23, 2024	6:00 p.m.

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