



Council in Brief

September 24, 2024

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Items for Consideration

Council approved the following items:

In early 2024, Council approved a Strategic Plan that will guide initiatives from 2024 through the end of 2027. Staff provided a [Fall Update on the Strategic Plan](#), detailing the progress of various initiatives. Council directed staff to focus on Priority 3: Balanced Growth, which will include developing a plan for more affordable and attainable housing.

The Kingston Humane Society (KHS) has been contracted by the Township to provide pound services, as required by the Dog Control and Licensing By-law. Council authorized the [Pound Services Agreement](#), which will be in effect from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2029. KHS has raised concerns about the increasing number of stray cats and kittens in the Township and recommended that the Township explore strategies to improve the welfare of these animals. In response, Council has directed staff to consider establishing a municipal spay/neuter program for cats. Additionally, Council directed staff to increase public awareness about services provided by KHS through various communication platforms, including social media posts and local media ads.

A [low-volume Bulk Water Station](#) will be established at the existing site on Country Road 6 and Taylor-Kidd Boulevard. This location was chosen for its convenience, allowing vehicles to easily fill their containers, and because it has the necessary infrastructure for installation. Customers will be able to fill containers up to 1,000 liters at this site for a reasonable fee. Staff anticipate significant interest in the station, as many residents of Loyalist Township have requested this service. The station is expected to be fully operational this fall and will only accept electronic payment methods, similar to the current bulk water station. Payments can be made using debit or credit cards through a simple tap system.

The [Amherst Island Recreation Association Service Agreement](#) will support recreational programming on Amherst Island. This is a three-year agreement that will automatically be renewed for an additional year. The 2024 operating budget includes \$5,000 in funding for this service agreement, and it is recommended that future annual operating budgets also allocate funding for it.

Retaining A Producer Responsibility Organization for Loyalist Township produced Blue Box Material. In accordance with regulations, Loyalist Township is designated as a producer of Blue Box Materials. As an obligated producer, the Township is required to report to the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority regarding the Blue Box materials supplied to consumers in Ontario. After evaluation of several Producer Responsibility Organizations, it was determined that Ryse Solutions offered the best option to meet the Township's needs and regulatory compliance. Council directed staff to negotiate further agreements with a PRO for a preferred rate of collection, management and reporting of 2023, 2024 and 2025 producer management targets.

Council approved the transition of the Blue Box program to full producer responsibility, including the decision to opt-in for depot collection services on Amherst Island, based on the revised available options. Authorization was granted to enter into a Depot Operations Agreement with Circular Materials Ontario for the collection of Blue Box Materials at the Amherst Island Landfill.

Items approved through the Consent Agenda

Statement of Development Charges Reserve Fund Balance as at December 31, 2023

Building Activity Report - August 2024

Review of 2024 Summer Season Museum Operations

Minutes of the September 24, 2024 meeting of Council and Committee of the Whole

Minutes of the September 10, 2024 W.J. Henderson Recreation Renewal Fundraising Committee Meeting

Correspondence from the Cataraqui Conservation Authority related to the full-service tree planting program and Council directed staff to communicate this program through various communication platforms where appropriate.

Appointments

Stephen Mailloux appointed as Acting Deputy Chief Building Official for enforcing the *Building Code Act* within Loyalist Township.

By-Laws

By-laws approved at this meeting can be located at the following link: [2024 By-laws](#)

Next Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings

October 8	6 p.m.	Regular Council
October 22	2-4 pm	Special COTW - 2025 Capital Budget Review Regular Council to follow at 6 p.m.
November 18	2-7 pm	Special COTW - 2025 Budget - Operations & Capital
November 21	2-7 pm	Special COTW - 2025 Budget - Operations & Capital
November 25	4-8 pm	Special COTW - 2025 Budget - Operations & Capital (If required)

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