

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

Regular Meeting of Council

Minutes

Monday, November 25, 2024, 6:00 p.m

Council Chamber

3720 County Road 34

Alexandria, On. K0C 1A0

PRESENT: Mayor: Jamie MacDonald
Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams
Councillor: Jacques Massie
Councillor: Jeff Manley
Councillor: Michael Madden
Councillor: Brian Caddell
Councillor: Gary Martin

ALSO PRESENT: CAO/Clerk: Sarah Huskinson
Deputy Clerk: Jena Doonan
Treasurer & Director of Finance: Zoe Bougie
Director of Community services: Stephanie MacRae
Director of Public Works: Tim Wright

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
3. **ACCEPT THE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)**

Resolution No. 1

Moved by: Carma Williams
Seconded by: Jacques Massie

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry accepts the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council on Monday November 25, 2024, as amended.

Carried

4. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Resolution No. 2

Moved by: Jacques Massie
Seconded by: Jeff Manley

THAT the minutes of the following meeting(s) be adopted as circulated.

- Regular Meeting of Council Minutes- Monday November 12, 2024.

5. DELEGATION(S)

Maxville Manor Redevelopment – Director of the Maxville Board of Directors Alison McDonald, Maxville Manor Building Committee member Bernard McDonnell.

Director of the Board of Directors Alison McDonald and Maxville Manor Building Committee member Bernie provided Council an update on the Maxville Manors Redevelopment plans and requested Council's assistance in the redevelopment process.

6. STAFF REPORTS

a. Administrative Department

1. AD 2024-09: EOWC Support Resolution

Resolution No. 3

MOVED BY: Michael Madden

SECONDED BY: Jeff Manley

WHEREAS Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities face insurmountable challenges to fund both new growth related infrastructure and ongoing maintenance of their capital assets including local roads and bridges, clean water, wastewater, waste facilities, and municipally owned buildings including recreational facilities and libraries; and

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has calculated that Municipal Governments across Canada are responsible for approximately 60 percent of public infrastructure that supports our economy and quality of life, but only receive 10 cents of every tax dollar; and

WHEREAS the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) region's capital infrastructure deficit has increased by 58 percent since 2011 and is now at \$6 billion, and growing; and

WHEREAS in 2018, the Ontario Government mandated all Ontario municipalities to develop and fully fund capital asset management plans by July 2025; and

WHEREAS the EOWC has released a regional Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper showing key infrastructure data, opportunities and challenges in small rural municipalities across Eastern Ontario; and

WHEREAS Eastern Ontario is a growing economy that can grow more with sustainable, innovative infrastructure partnership and investment from the Federal and Ontario Governments; and

WHEREAS the infrastructure deficit for small rural municipalities cannot be adequately addressed through property tax revenue, restricted municipal borrowing capacity, and municipalities limited ability to generate revenue; and

WHEREAS small rural taxpayers cannot afford dramatic increases to pay for the current and future infrastructure.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT municipality joins the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in calling on the Federal and Ontario Governments to immediately and sustainably partner with Municipal Governments by investing in both the new and

ongoing maintenance and repairs of municipal infrastructure in Eastern Ontario's small rural municipalities; and

THAT the Federal and Ontario Governments immediately review data and work together to implement solutions based on the EOWC's Municipal Infrastructure Policy Paper in partnership with small rural municipalities; and

FINALLY THAT this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities of Canada; The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure; The Honourable Paul Calandra, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; The Honourable Lisa Thompson, Ontario Minister of Rural Affairs; The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance; The Honourable Prabmeet Sakaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation; The Honourable Victor Fedeli, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; Local MP; Local MPP; Federation of Canadian Municipalities; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation; Rural Ontario Municipal Association; Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

Carried

b. Treasury Department

1. TR 2024-18: Third Quarter Variance Report

Resolution No. 4

MOVED BY: Jeff Manley

SECONDED BY: Michael Madden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives staff report TR 2024-18, Third Quarter Variance Report for information purposes only.

Carried

c. Public Works Department

1. PW 2024-33: EV Ontario Charger Grant

Resolution No. 5

MOVED BY: Gary Martin

SECONDED BY: Jacques Massie

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives staff report PW-2024-33, EV Charge Ontario Grant Application; and

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry authorizes the Director of Public Works to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Township of North Glengarry with the Ministry of Transportation for funding to construct an EV charging station in Alexandria.

Carried

d. Community Services Department

1. CS 2024-35: South Nation Conservation Municipal Tree Planting Partnership

Resolution No. 6

MOVED BY: Jeff Manley

SECONDED BY: Michael Madden

THAT the council of the Township of North Glengarry receives staff report CS 2024-35: South Nation Conservation Municipal Tree Planting Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Township of North Glengarry has an interest in increasing urban tree canopy within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, South Nation River Conservation Authority is applying for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative for "Improving Tree Canopies in Eastern Ontario - A Municipal Tree Planting Partnership", and

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry also recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the Growing Canada's Community Canopies initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within our municipality, inclusive of a maximum contribution of \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit; and

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry approves partnering with South Nation River Conservation Authority on the funding submission to Growing Canada's Canopies and, if approved, will contribute \$5,000 towards this initiative.

Carried

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 7

Moved by: Brian Caddell

Seconded by: Michael Madden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives the item(s) from the consent agenda for informational purposes only.

Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. Urging the Government to Promptly Resume the Assessment Cycle

Resolution No. 8

Moved By: Carma Williams

Seconded By: Jamie MacDonald

WHEREAS the assessment cycle is an essential process for maintaining the fairness and predictability of property taxes in our province and;

WHEREAS the pause in the reassessment cycle has created uncertainty and instability in property taxation, impacting both residential and commercial property owners and;

WHEREAS the government has delayed an assessment update again in 2024, resulting in Ontario's municipalities continuing to calculate property taxes using 2016 property values and;

WHEREAS both current and outdated assessments are inaccurate, increase volatility, and are not transparent and;

WHEREAS frequent and accurate reassessments are necessary to stabilize property taxes and provide predictability for property owners, residents, and businesses alike and;

WHEREAS the staff at the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation would benefit from further skills enhancement and training in assessments, recognizing the importance of ensuring accurate evaluations for 100% of our municipality and;

WHEREAS the Government has announced a review of the property assessment and taxation system with a focus on fairness, equity, and economic competitiveness, and therefore further deferring new property assessment and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry hereby calls upon the Premier to promptly resume the assessment cycle to ensure the stability and predictability of property taxes while the Government conducts its review of the property assessment and taxation system, or respond with an alternative method for every municipality in Ontario to achieve fair taxation and;

FURTHERMORE, THAT all Municipalities in Ontario and their constituents are encouraged to apply pressure to the Premier, daily, weekly, and monthly, to resolve the situation before it causes undue stress to everyone in the Municipality and;

FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier Doug Ford, the Association of Municipality in Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation, and all municipalities in Ontario for their consideration, to make proper changes quickly and efficiently as possible.

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10. NOTICE OF MOTION

11. QUESTION PERIOD

12. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS

Resolution No. 9

Moved by: Jeff Manley

Seconded by: Carma Williams

Proceed "In Closed Session"

As this matter deals with litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board they may be discussed in closed session under sections 239 (2)(e) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*);

Carried

Resolution No. 11

Moved by: Michael Madden

Seconded by: Gary Martin

THAT we return to the regular Meeting of Council at 8:09 p.m

Carried

13. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Resolution No. 12

Moved by:

Seconded by:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry adopts by-law 54-2024 being a by-law to adopt, confirm and ratify matters dealt with by Resolution; and

THAT By-law 54-2024 be read a first, second, third time and enacted in Open Council this 25th day of November 2024.

Carried

14. ADJOURN

Resolution No. 13

Moved by: Jacques Massie

Seconded by: Jeff Manley

THERE being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Carried

CAO/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Mayor/Deputy Mayor