

## **North Glengarry Passes New Strategic Plan**

**North Glengarry Ontario** – On March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, North Glengarry Council met off site to engage in the strategic planning exercise for the new term of Council. Every four years, Council sets their priorities for the term, in the form of a Strategic Plan. The former Council approved the Strategic Plan in 2019, with three goals and objectives: infrastructure, assets, and services. Most of the plan was achieved, and those not achieved were due to external factors such as funding, other levels of government, or the pandemic.

The basis for the discussions between Council and Staff were the previous strategic plan and the public consultation data from that plan. The group went through a SWOT (strength, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis and reflected on the past 4 years. Council and Staff both had the opportunity to voice their priorities and vison for the Township for the next term of Council. The vision being "To cultivate intentional and sustainable development in a collaborative, strategic and efficient manner to enhance the quality of life and increase opportunity for all who we serve".

The main priority identified for the Township was development. From this, three strategic pillars were identified as GROW, FOSTER and CHAMPION, which will be built on a foundation of human resources, information technology, financial stability and corporate values. These pillars will be achieved through the identified development, sustainability, and advocacy strategies. Under each of these strategic areas there are detailed action plans, which will encompass public consultation.

From the Strategic Initiatives that were identified the following Action Plans were put forward; Transportation and Infrastructure Action Plan, Economic Development Action Plan, Communication Action Plan, Parks and Recreation Action Plan, Provincial Lobbying Action Plan and a Regional Collaboration Action Plan. These action plans will assist to active the overall goals of Council and the three strategic pillars.

"On behalf of Council, I am proud to unveil the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan for the Township of North Glengarry", said Mayor Jamie MacDonald. "This plan includes a clear vision for the Township with detailed action plans and the overarching goal of growing, fostering and championing our region.

To see the full plan, please visit Corporate Strategy - Township of North Glengarry