

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda

Monday October 28, 2024 at 6 p.m.

Council Chambers

3720 County Road 34

Alexandria, Ontario K0C 1A0

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

ALSO PRESENT: CAO/Clerk: Sarah Huskinson
Deputy Clerk: Jena Doonan
Director of Finance/Treasurer: Zoe Bougie

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. DECLARATION 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 October 28 as amended, 2024.

Carried

- 4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Resolution No. 2

Moved by: Brian Caddell

Seconded by: Jeff Manley

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

- Regular Meeting of Council Minutes – Tuesday October 15, 2024.

Carried

5. DELEGATIONS

The Glengarry Artists Collectif – President Bobi Leutschaft Poitras and Vice President Yvonne Callaway.

President Bobi Leutschaft Poitras and Vice President Yvonne Callaway presented a painting to Council on behalf of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee.

6. STAFF REPORTS

a. Treasury Department

Resolution No. 3

Moved by: Jeff Manley

Seconded by: Michael Madden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives report DR-2024-04 Court of Revision Appointment – Caledonia Creek Municipal Drain; and

THAT By-Law 48-2024 be read a first, second and third time and enacted in open Council this 28th day of October 2024.

Carried

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. CONSENT AGENDA

9. NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions No. 4

Moved by: Jamie MacDonald

Seconded by: Carma Williams

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections;

AND WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process;

AND WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026;

AND WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill;

AND WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce;

AND WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges;

AND WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration;

AND WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections.

AND FURTHER THAT that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Education; the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery; Minister of Finance; the Premier of Ontario; the Local Member of Provincial Parliament; AMCTO; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and all Ontario Municipalities.”

Carried

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Next Regular Meeting of Council

Tuesday November 12 2024, at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers,
3720 County Road 34, Alexandria, Ontario.

Note: Meeting are subject to change and cancellation

11. QUESTION PERIOD

a. (Limit of one question per person and subsequent questions will be at the discretion of the Mayor/Chair)

12. CLOSED SESSION

13. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution No. 5

Moved by: Jeff Manley

Seconded by: Brian Caddell

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry adopts by-law 50-2024, being a by-law to adopt, confirm, and ratify the matters dealt with by Resolution; and

THAT by-law 50-2024 be read a first, second and third time and enacted in Open Council this 28th day of October 2024.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 6

Moved by: Jacques Massie

Seconded by: Jeff Manley

THERE being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Carried



CAO/Clerk/Deputy Clerk



Mayor/Deputy Mayor