



Council News & Notes

From Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting
February 9th 9 am

Regular
Council Meeting

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Mayors' Message

On January 17th I attended three County Council Meetings: Planning Committee, Finance & Personnel Committee and Hastings Local Housing Corporation Committee. I was elected as Chair of the Planning Committee.

On January 18th we continued our budget deliberations focusing on operational expenditures and user fees.

From January 22-24 I attended the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference (ROMA). I was accompanied by Deputy Mayor DeMarsh, Councillor Valiquette and CAO Raybone. We all found the sessions very informative and are impressed with some of the creative ideas fellow rural municipalities are implementing. Foremost on everyone's minds was how both operating costs and costs associated with new capital projects has sky-rocketed with increased borrowing costs only adding to the anxiety.

Unfortunately our delegation with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing at ROMA was denied. We had hoped to challenge their decision not to provide tornado funding assistance under the Disaster Relief Assistance for Ontarians program. They indicated we did not meet the required "threshold". We are seeking clarification on what threshold means.

CBC was in town today interviewing residents impacted by the storm. They also called upon me to bring them up to speed on what has been and hasn't been happening.

Lastly, Council approved a Resolution for me to run as the Division 6 ROMA Rep. Alas, although not successful in my bid, it was a wonderful experience. I want to thank my colleagues across Hastings County, as well as representatives from Prince Edward County, the Municipalities of Belleville, Quinte West and Greater Napanee, for their support.

Tyler Peters - Greenview Environmental Management

Tyler Peters, P.Eng. and Project Director for Greenview Environmental Management, attended the Meeting electronically to present to Council the Asset Management Planning 2021 Update (AMP Version 2.0). Mr. Peters reviewed the scope of the project and updates along with project highlights and challenges. Next steps for the project will include final reporting for the current (2021) phase, scope and plan for next phases, and proposed levels of service for all asset categories.

Hydraulic Capacity Reserve

Council received an update on the Hydraulic Capacity Reserve for Village water and the report can be found at [this link](#).

Entrances Onto Roads By-law

Proposed amendments for an updated policy in regards to entrances onto roads was presented and accepted by Council. A By-law to adopt the amended policy will be considered by Council at their Regular Meeting on February 9 2023.

Tipping Fees for Garbage

Council approved the 2023 prices of \$235.75 per 40-yard bin per dump and \$120.75 for tipping fees for garbage effective March 1, 2023 as requested by Raymond R. Reid Transportation Limited. Council also approved that Waste Site Bulk Item User Fees reflect the increases from Raymond R. Reid Transportation Limited for cost recovery.
