



Council News & Notes

From Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting
September 26

6 pm

Regular
Council Meeting

Council Meeting
October 10

9 am

Regular
Council Meeting

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Mayors' Message

On August 9th I attended the Hastings County Community & Human Services Committee. On August 11th we had a meeting with Quinte Conservation to revisit their decision on the Kiwanis Pavilion ramp redesign and the municipal beach sand proposal. Following our very fruitful discussions, both projects will be submitted for reconsideration.

On August 15th I chaired the County Planning & Development Committee which was immediately followed by a Special County Council meeting.

On August 16th I attended the opening of Tweed & Company's "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat" at their Bancroft Playhouse, a performance that I revisited on August 26th. The production was incredible selling out every performance. We are grateful to Tweed & Company's Tim Porter and his Team for keeping the arts alive and well across the County.

On August 17th we had a Special Closed Council meeting.

From August 20-23, I attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference. I had the opportunity to meet with many Mayors and attend some very enlightening sessions. I am grateful that the County covered all my costs associated with this conference. Unfortunately I missed the Hastings County Plowing Match which was held at the same time as the AMO conference. However Deputy Mayor DeMarsh, recognizing that this Municipality's reputation would be on the line if we didn't have a representative for the Mayor's Plowing Challenge, stepped right in. Alas, this year's champion was MP Shelby Kramp-Neuman and rumour has it that Jamie's tractor plowing days are over.

As Chair of the County's Small Business Facilitation program, I attended the opening of "Wild Life Rentals" in Marmora & Lake on the 28th, and "Right up My Alley" in Tweed on the 31st, where I was joined by Deputy Mayor DeMarsh.

On August 29th both Deputy Mayor DeMarsh and I attended the official opening of the new addition to our hospice. We are grateful for all that the Heart of Hastings Hospice does for our community in the final stages of our lives and for the supports they provide to those left grieving.

On August 30th I hosted the County's Small Business Facilitation Board meeting at my home. I attended the Hastings County Council meeting on the 31st and a Belleville General Hospital Foundation meeting later that afternoon. The next day I had a meeting with Stacey Daub, President and CEO of Quinte Health Care. That same day we held a Special Council meeting and then we raised a flag in support of First Nations Truth & Reconciliation. The flag will be flown for the month of September.

On September 2nd I welcomed visitors at the official opening of the Tweed Stampede. Congratulations Casey Trudeau on yet another hugely successful event. There were thousands in attendance with young and old alike enjoying the many different activities taking place over the weekend. I am grateful that this signature event thrives in our municipality. Later that evening I enjoyed "Early Morning Rain – A Gordon Lightfoot Tribute", hosted by Tweed & Company at St. Andrew's Church.

From September 6-8, I was joined by Deputy Mayor DeMarsh, Councillor Valiquette and Rachele Hardesty for the Ontario East Municipal Conference in Ottawa. One of the best conferences around. On September 11th, I attended the Joint Fire Services Board meeting. Later that afternoon I participated in a special County Council Planning meeting.

I am looking for Council's approval to move our October 24th Council meeting to the 26th due to a conflict.

In closing I would like to thank all those volunteers who are busily decorating our village in preparation for our Tweed Harvest Festival which runs from September 21-24.

Also, I hope everyone realizes that this is a Team effort and my fellow Councillors are just as engaged as I am with their own meetings and attending community events.

Queensborough Community Centre

Elaine Kapusta, former Chair of the Queensborough Recreation Committee, and Katherine Sedgewick, current Chair, along with several members of the Committee, attended the Meeting to express their heartfelt appreciation to Council and municipal staff for the support shown to the Committee during the recent renovation/restoration project of the Queensborough Community Centre. Several pictures of the renovated Community Centre were provided showing the finished project. The Committee invited Council and staff to attend the Grand Re-Opening of the Community Centre to be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023.

Tender for Critical Risk Assessment

Council authorized the tendering of the Critical Risk Assessment for the Municipality as required by the Province.

Marlbank Recreation Committee - Canteen

Council supported the initiative of the Marlbank Recreation Committee to construct a new Marlbank Canteen in 2024. The project was deferred to 2024 Capital Budget deliberations. Council agreed to review the advance engineering costs for the project at the next Regular Council Meeting. Final approval of the project is conditional upon successful grant applications.

Tweed Hungerford Agricultural Society Request for Cost Sharing of Grandstand Repair at Tweed Fairgrounds

Council agreed to share the cost of repairs to the grandstand at the Tweed Fairgrounds with the Tweed-Hungerford Agricultural Society at 50% of the estimate provided, payment upon completion.

Tweed Agricultural Society

Council approved the requests from the Tweed Agricultural Society for the Harvest Festival on Sunday, September 24, 2023 for use of the Arena parking lot for the car show, and the fire department smoke house.
