



# Council News & Notes

From Tuesday, January 9, 2024

## Upcoming Meetings

**Budget Presentation**  
January 24

5 pm

**Council Meeting**  
January 24

6 pm

Regular Council Meeting

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## Mayors' Message

As we begin our second year, this Council extends a very Happy New Year to our fellow residents. May 2024 bring you much happiness, great health and good fortune.

This morning I received an email from Hydro One noting that they have been monitoring the weather closely and have begun getting their crews in position and ready to respond to potential weather related power outages over the coming days. The 'powerhouse' storm they are anticipating is expected to bring damaging winds along with heavy wet snow over the next two days in central, southern and eastern Ontario. They are also monitoring a second potentially damaging storm later this week.

On December 12<sup>th</sup>, Rachele Hardesty and I spent the afternoon with a potential business owner who is considering opening a restaurant in our municipality.

On December 13<sup>th</sup> I attended the Hastings County Community & Human Services Committee. Afterwards, I made my way to the Walk & Talk Bake Sale. That evening I chaired the Hastings County Small Business Facilitator Program.

This week we look forward to hosting four local developers on January 12<sup>th</sup> re: their municipal subdivision development plans. This closed Council session will provide a unique opportunity for developers to engage directly with Council Members on a one-on-one basis. The discussion will cover a range of topics including development opportunities, challenges, housing plans, housing types, green initiatives and project infrastructure costs. Quinte Conservation and County Planning will also be in attendance.

I am pleased to report that the Minister of Infrastructure has approved our Rural Ontario Municipal Conference delegation request to be held later in January. The delegation will focus on the importance of establishing a robust Federal and Provincial partnership to secure sustainable funding for infrastructure projects. We will emphasize our insurmountable infrastructure costs coming down the pipeline over the next 20 years. During this delegation we will also share local developer anticipated infrastructure costs.

The government needs to know that small rural developers are prepared to build but they do not have the deep pockets associated with developers in larger urban centre.

We also received word that our other two delegations were approved:

1. Delegation to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: advocating for an amendment to the Municipal Act to introduce a vacancy tax on commercial units.
2. Delegation to the Minister of Tourism, Culture, and Sport re: advocating for increased provincial sustainable funding for libraries.

Council welcomes three new businesses to the downtown area: Cube Coffee Bar specializing in pastries, light lunches including soups, sandwiches, stews and yes coffee – currently undergoing renovations; Just Curious selling electronics, records, collectibles, hats and more; and Creations With Intentions selling original art and jewelry.

Congratulations to Tweed Elementary School for their very successful food drive for the Tweed Foodbank. Our youth continue to inspire.

And yes they did it again...congratulations to our Tweed Hawks who won yet another International Silver Stick Under 21 Tournament.

We have much to celebrate in this vibrant municipality.

In closing, I want to thank Staff and Council for always going above and beyond. 2024 comes with many challenges and I know we have the Team in place to deal with them head on.

### Jule Power

Representatives from Jule Power made a presentation to Council regarding EV Charging Stations. Council authorized the CAO/Treasurer to sign a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in order to submit an application to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) for EV Fast Charging Stations in the Municipality of Tweed.

### Ministry of The Environment, Conservation, and Parks

Council received the Inspection Rating Report (IRR) and Risk Methodology document as a follow-up to the distribution of the Tweed Drinking Water Inspection Report previously received from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation, and Parks. [It can be accessed here.](#)

### Alzheimer Society Hastings-Prince Edward

Council proclaimed January 2024 as National Alzheimer Awareness Month in the Municipality of Tweed.