

Presentations

October, 2019

County Strategic Priorities:

- Preserve & enhance historical, cultural, tourism & recreational features to maintain quality of life
- Plan for economic development
- Inventory of infrastructure
- Greater local government coordination in delivery of services

Upcoming Events:

Warden's Banquet
November 8, 2019

Council Meeting
November 18, 2019

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Bill Smirle and Cholly Boland, provided information on the Dundas Manor Long Term Care Home, together with financial request of \$3,000,000. for capital improvements and \$300,000 annually to assist with operating costs. Financial requests will be considered as part of the 2020 budget deliberations.

Ben Le Fort, Senior Policy Analyst, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, provided Council with information on farm assessments and taxes within Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. Request to reduce the farm tax ratio was tabled with no further action to be taken thereon.

Peter Leyennar, SDG Weed Inspector, and Ben de Haan, Director of Transportation and Planning Services, provided Council with a summary of the roadside weed mapping completed in 2019 and the impact for 2020. Mr. Leyenaar also provided a summary of noxious weed issues in SDG.

Frank Prevost - Warden in 2020

Council elected Frank Prevost to be Warden of the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry for the ensuing year. The Inauguration Ceremony will be held on Friday, December 13, 2019. Frank is the Mayor of the Township of South Glengarry and previously held the position of Warden in 2000.

Resolution Supporting Rural Education

Council passed a resolution requesting the Province fund/commission a feasibility study of rural community schools, with a view to implementing tools and policies to support Educating Children in Their Own Communities. County Council has determined that Educating Children in Their Own Communities is one of its top strategic priorities.

Planning and Corporate Services Departments Restructuring

Council approved in principle the reorganization of the Planning and Corporate Services Departments. The restructuring would include the division of the Transportation and Planning Services Department into two separate Departments with the creation of a new position of Director of Planning. This change would be contingent upon the County providing planning services to at least two local municipalities.

Two new positions will be created in Corporate Services, Manager of Economic Development and Corporate Communication Coordinator. The Manager of Economic Development will be responsible for managing Economic Development, Tourism and Communications.

Further report, together with job descriptions and costs will be presented at the November meeting of Council for final consideration.

LPAT Minimum Agricultural Lot Sizes

As part of the appeal process for the County Official Plan, County and local municipal staff have been actively engaged with the Province with the goal of settling appeals. One of the appeals referred to minimum agricultural lot sizes, and the Province has agreed to the original wording adopted by the County. The settlement wording will be “agricultural lots shall be of a size appropriate for the type of agricultural uses common in the area and sufficiently large to maintain flexibility for future changes in operations.”

Amendments to the Regional Incentives Program

Council adopted revisions to the Terms of Reference and the Program Policy Document for the Regional Incentives Program.

County Road Work - Maxville

Council authorized payment of \$696,279.46 to the Township of North Glengarry for the County’s portion of work completed as part of the Maxville water transmission and distribution project.

Tenders/ Quotations

Supply and delivery of clear diesel, coloured diesel and unleaded gasoline - W. O. Stinson & Son Ltd., at the “stipulated daily rack rate for Ottawa” and a \$0.035/litre delivery credit on diesel products and a 0.031/litre credit on gasoline.

Calcium Chloride Salt Pre-wetting Agent - Denchem Surface Solutions at \$0.294/litre with an optional year 2 at \$0.304/litre and optional year 3 at \$0.314/litre.

2019 Accessibility Plan Approved

Council adopted the 2019 Accessibility Plan and Integrated Accessibility Plan, as presented.

9-1-1 Emily Project

Council endorsed the Emily 9-1-1 farm entrance project, with financial incentive for the first year of implementation (2020), to subsidize 50% of the cost of the new farm sign, to a maximum of \$5,000 per municipality.

By-laws

By-law No. 5212 - a by-law to authorize a funding agreement for French language training for Provincial Offences staff.

By-law No. 5213 - a by-law to establish land as part of a highway.

By-law No. 5214 - To adopt, confirm and ratify matters dealt with by resolution.

Key Information

Information was provided on Eastern Ontario Regional Network Mobile Broadband project; strategic planning document, County award for completion of Financial Information Return, update on major transportation projects, snowplow replacement strategy, radio communication and paging network and the library’s new circulation policy.