

August 2023 Council Highlights

Below you will find highlights of the Township of Greater Madawaska Council activity in August 2023. Full agendas and minutes can be found at <u>https://greatermadawaska.civicweb.net/Portal/</u> Meeting recordings can be found at <u>https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqKFVYNGbkv0SJJSN5IFNdQ</u>

Council Held Closed Sessions and Deliberations regarding CAO Recruitment, the outcome of these meetings was the successful recruitment of the Township's newest CAO, Renée Mask.

Housing Needs, Tim Welch Consulting Inc. presented the Housing Acceleration Fund opportunity with regards to affordable housing and housing assessment needs. Mr. Welch's presentation can be seen in the recording of the August 17, 2023 Council Meeting found on our YouTube, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyNR76sCHQQ

2024 Canada Day Committee, applications are being accepted for members of the Committee and planning for Canada Day 2024 is expected to begin in October.

FoodCycler Pilot Program, the FoodCycler units have been ordered and distribution will begin soon.

Facilities and Environment Department, will be purchasing a new Pickup Truck for use in daily operations, bringing the department's number of vehicles up to two.

SWEB Wind Energy Project, Council was not in favour of the project to install a meteorological tower in the Township and advised staff to notify SWEB Energy of their opinion.

Cell Service, Rogers Communication will complete the Municipal consultation for the proposed EORN cell gap site at Hwy 41 and Doorley Creek Road.

Taste of the Valley, takes place September 9, 2023 at the Calabogie Community Hall. The Taste of the Valley team advised the Township of the great news that all of the vendor spots have been filled.

2023-2026 Strategic Plan, a full day and a half was spent with Council and department heads working together in a Strategic Planning workshop session. Open houses will be held throughout the township in the near future to gather added public input prior to finalizing the Strategic Plan.

Other Items from August 2023, Canada Day Report, new Policy: 6-07 Private Roads Standards, Fire Department Report, Building Permit Report, new By-law: 42-2023 Swimming Pools, Pre-Servicing Agreement for Granite Village Subdivision, a Joint Use and Management Agreement for an unopened road allowance between Greater Madawaska and McNab/Braeside, an application for the closure of an unopened road allowance, Finance Report, Surplus Allocation, Fees and Charges updated, new Clerk appointed. For details on any of these items, please review the Agenda package found on the Portal.