

Council Summary

December 2022

Below you will find highlights of the December 2022 Township of Greater Madawaska Council meetings. Please note that this summary does not constitute the official record of the meetings.

Full agendas and minutes can be found at <https://greatermadawaska.civicweb.net/Portal/>

Meeting recordings can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqKFVYNGbkv0SJJ5N5IFNdQ>

December meeting dates were as follows:

December 1, 2022 3:00pm – Regular Council Meeting

Delegations/Presentations

- Employee Service Award Presentations to Staff:
 - 5years – Leonard Emon, Jessica Schroeder, Kylyn Scott, Riley Scott, Curtis Wilson
 - 10years – Adam Reddy
 - 15years – Dan Cameron
- Integrity Commissioner – Guy Giorno
 - Guy Giorno presented information regarding the Role of the Integrity Commissioner, the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, and the Council Code of Conduct. The presentation can be viewed in full on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@townshipofgreatermadawaska7558/streams>

Facilities Department

- Extending Waste Site Hours at Two Transfer Sites
 - Starting Wednesday May 24, 2023;
 - The Griffith Transfer Site will be open Wednesdays 1pm-5pm (instead of Wednesdays 3pm-5pm)
 - The Mount St. Patrick Transfer Site will be open Wednesdays 8am-12pm (instead of Wednesdays 12pm-2pm)
 - These changes were made to accommodate the increased usage of these two sites over the past two years.

Protection Services Department

- OPP 2023 Annual Billing Statement
 - The OPP 2023 Annual Billing Statement was included on the Agenda and can be found at: <https://greatermadawaska.civicweb.net/document/73474/GreaterMadawaska.pdf?handle=EA452506A6054DF097ECC2AB4D803688>, the statement includes cost estimates for 2023 and outlines the average numbers of “calls for service” based on type of call ie: theft, mvc, disturbance, etc

Planning Department

- Building Permit Report
 - The Building Permit Report shows 128 permits issued at a value of \$29,831,453 for the period of January 1 to October 31, 2022 compared to 161 permits issued at a value of \$27,640,815 during the same period of 2021.
- 2022 Calabogie Motorsports Park (CMP) Noise Complaints
 - Two noise complaints were received related to the operation of CMP. According to the information available to staff, CMP did not exceed the maximum sound limits.
- Two Zoning By-law Amendments were presented
 - ZBA2206.7 – Sumac Lane, Calabogie – approved by Council
 - ZBA2206.8 & ZBA2206.9 – Calabogie Peaks – deferred to January by Council
- Peaks Village Easements
 - Within this subdivision, roads have not been completed to standards and drainage easements remain outstanding. Township staff have attempted to contact property owners regarding the procurement of the outstanding easement sections. However, it may be necessary to consult a solicitor with expertise in the area of involuntary transfers of land for public use.

Finance and Administration Department

- 2023 Conferences
 - A list of Conferences that Council may attend was provided on the agenda.
- Election Statistics
 - Various Election Statistics were provided, including voter turnout and voter turnout by method
 - 2022 Voter Turnout was 34.51% as compared to 38.60% in 2018
 - 2022 Voter Turnout by Method was; Internet 1617 and Telephone 192, as compared to 2018 which was; Internet 1449 and Telephone 452
- Deputy Mayor and Alternate Member for Renfrew County Council Representative
 - Councillor Taylor Popkie was appointed as Deputy Mayor and Councillor Rob Tripp was appointed as Alternate Member for Renfrew County Council Representative.
- Committees
 - As per Policy 1-03, the newly elected Council is expected to review existing committees. As a result, staff have been instructed to prepare a survey for public input regarding committees, and present it at the January meeting for review prior to release.
- Canada Day Committee
 - Advertising for the Canada Day Committee was issued, with an application deadline of January 6, 2023. Members will be appointed at the January meeting.

- Madawaska Street Docks Committee
 - Advertising for Madawaska Street Docks Committee members was issued, with an application deadline of January 27, 2023.
- Library Board Member Appointment
 - The deadline to submit an application to be a member of the Library Board was November 25, 2022. Eight members of the public were appointed to the Board as well as Councillor Lois Thomson.
- 2022 Capital Funding
 - Council decided to fund three capital projects, at a cost of \$336,054 (previously included on budget), from the Capital Works Reserve rather than by debenture.
- 2023 Cost-of-Living-Adjustment (COLA)
 - The Cost-of-Living-Adjustment is used to adjust salaries to keep pace with inflation and changes in the cost of living. Council approved a 3% COLA for 2023.

Other

- Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA)
 - The September 2022 and October 2022 Board Summary Reports were included for information purposes and can be viewed on the portal in the Agenda Package <https://greatermadawaska.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Org=C&Id=780>
- Griffith Mile
 - A public meeting was held November 9, 2022. Representatives from the OPP and MTO attended. Comments from the public were received. As a result, Council instructed staff to take the necessary steps with MTO to have a radar machine placed on Highway 41 in Griffith and also to begin work to form the Griffith Mile Committee.