

## February 2024 Council Highlights

Below you will find highlights of the Township of Greater Madawaska Council activity in February 2024. Full agendas and minutes can be found at <https://greatermadawaska.civicweb.net/Portal/>  
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**Public Meetings** were held in Griffith and Calabogie, for the purpose of receiving public input regarding licensing **Short-Term Accommodations**. The comments and input collected will be considered in conjunction with the survey responses and other feedback received both before and after the meetings.

Staff was directed to arrange for the purchase of a parcel of land used for an expanded turnaround area on **Hutson Lake Road**, which was necessary to improve sightlines and provide adequate maneuvering space for snowplows.

Council directed staff to organize the purchase and sale of land to address the matter of a section of **Matawatchan Road** encroaching on private property.

Council was briefed on the proposed **Black Donald Pit Expansion**, information regarding the recommended upcoming expansion was presented.

The **Joint Roads Operational Review**, was received and certain recommendations from the review are presently in the process of being implemented.

**Fire Chief**, Tyler Jordan was appointed by Council. Mr. Jordan's dedication to building strong relationships with the community and his understanding of the importance of collaboration and public outreach, will ensure that the Greater Madawaska Fire Department can continue to uphold its commitment to public safety under his leadership.

A **Clean Yards By-law** was presented to Council; however, a decision regarding it was deferred pending further review of the by-law and the Property Standards By-law.

Council directed staff to engage with the County of Renfrew regarding the **County Official Plan (Land Use)** as it pertains to our Township. The aim is to clarify the process for making amendments if desired.

The **Rural Economic Development (RED) Grant Application**, was submitted by Jenna McEwan, our new Community Development Coordinator, with the aim of securing funding to assist in the installation of wayfinding signage. These signs are anticipated to play a pivotal role in boosting visitation and fostering economic growth within our area.

**Other Items from February 2024**, Capital Projects Debenture, Mississippi-Rideau SPC Representative, OPP Detachment Board Representative.

**For details on any of these items, please review the Agenda package found on the Portal.**