

## **October 2023 Council Highlights**

Below you will find highlights of the Township of Greater Madawaska Council activity in October 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>

**Zoning By-law Amendments,** three Zoning By-law Amendment applications were presented to Council during the October 12, 2023 Public Hearing. Details are available on the <u>Agenda</u>.

**Blue Box Transition,** Ontario is in the midst of a fundamental transition in its waste diversion programs. Ultimately the responsibility for recycling costs will shift from the municipalities to the producers. Our Township will be transitioning in July 2025. More information will be brought forwarded as needed.

**Joint Marketing Strategy and Implementation Project,** in collaboration with the Township of Whitewater, the Township will be implementing a Marketing and Promotion Campaign as a tool to support existing businesses and encourage investment and economic growth. The project costs will be 50% funded by the Rural Economic Development (RED) fund.

**2023 Capital Works Projects,** Council was presented with an update on the road work undertaken during 2023. Projects included work on Flat Road, Mt. St. Patrick Road, Hutson Lake Road, Tatty Hill Road, and Matawatchan Road. Details are available in the <u>report</u>.

**Committees,** Council approved the Terms of Reference and directed staff to begin recruitment for the Recreation and Culture Committee and the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee.

**Draft Strategic Plan Outline,** Council endorsed the Draft Strategic Plan Outline and directed staff to seek community feedback on the draft plan. Prior to finalizing the plan and developing a plan of action items, Council wants to know, "Did we hear you right?". Strategic Plan Open House and Survey details are available on the <u>website</u>.

Council Held Closed Sessions, regarding the Causeway.

Other Items from October 2023, Appointment of a Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer for the purpose of issuing parking tickets, Q3 Finance Update, 2024 Budget Direction. For details on any of these items, please review the Agenda package found on the Portal.