## **December 2023 Council Highlights**

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

**Calabogie Christmas Parade**; Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Mayor and Council participated in the Annual Parade. Their festive float was a great representation of their community spirit.

**Employee Years-of-Service Awards;** Council was pleased to thank six staff members for their dedication and commitment to the Township. Congratulations to; Stefan McDonald, Facilities, 5 years; Ryan Foy, Public Works, 5 years; Darrell Hewitt, Firefighter, 10 years; Zachary Hewitt, Firefighter, 10 years; Barry Johnson, Public Works, 10 years; Steven Inwood, Public Works, 15 years

**County of Renfrew, Bruce Horwath, Manager of Planning;** Mr. Horwath provided an informative overview of the process for approval of subdivisions within the Township. The recording is available on YouTube <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@townshipofgreatermadawaska7558/streams">https://www.youtube.com/@townshipofgreatermadawaska7558/streams</a>

**Greater Madawaska Seniors Housing Corporation (GMSHC)**; Mr. Green presented an outline of the GMSHC's past, present, and future, accomplishments and goals. A request for support was also addressed.

**Committee of Adjustment;** the recommendation for Council to remain as members of the Committee was discussed and approved.

**Master Fire Plan;** Vice President of Operations, Emergency Management Group, Lyle Quan, presented the 2023 Master Fire Plan, the document was received for consideration by Council.

**Emergency Response Program;** the revised Emergency Plan was approved by Council.

**Strategic Plan;** the Final 2023-2026 Strategic Plan is complete and was approved by Council. The final plan and details of the process are available on the website: <a href="https://www.greatermadawaska.com/en/township-office/strategic-plan-2023-2026.aspx">https://www.greatermadawaska.com/en/township-office/strategic-plan-2023-2026.aspx</a>

Year-in-Review; Mayor Weir presented an overview of highlights of 2023.

**Budget Deliberation;** the December 20<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting was filled with productive discussion regarding the 2024 proposed budget.

Other Items from December 2023; zoning amendments, debenture, Causeway, Smithson Lane. For details on any of these items, please review the Agenda package found on the Portal.