

August 2024 Council Highlights

Below you will find highlights of the Township of Greater Madawaska Council activity for August 2024. Full agendas and minutes can be found at <https://greatermadawaska.civicweb.net/Portal/>
Meeting recordings can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqKFVYNGbkv0SJSN5IFNdQ>

There were no Council meetings during the month of July. Council stayed up to date and informed of local happenings and participated in community events around the Township.

During the August meeting of Council two **presentations were received**; Land Conservation Strategy, presented by Sally McIntyre, Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority and Transitioning the Blue Box to Full Producer Responsibility presented by Cathie Green, Continuous Improvement Fund. Watch the presentations on our [YouTube Channel](#).

An agreement with Circular Materials for **Blue Box** Services at Township depots was approved. As part of this agreement, Circular Materials will provide funding for an estimated 88% of the cost of the blue box program costs for eligible sources, as compared to the 66% that was previously provided by the Ontario Stewardship Funding.

Council approved the Class 4 designation and the development agreement, for a portion of the **Calabogie Motorsports Park** property. The Class 4 designation alters the acoustic standards applied to the land located in the Class 4 area only.

A **Zoning By-law Amendment** was approved to rezone a lot on **Kennedy Road** from Highway Commercial (HC) to Rural (RU) to permit the construction of a dwelling. There was a Public Meeting held August 8, 2024 to receive comments from the public regarding the amendment.

The developer of the **Granite Village Subdivision** is nearing full clearance of conditions of draft plan approval and Council has approved the execution of the Granite Village Subdivision Agreements.

The Planning Department, led by EcoVue Consultants, has started the process of public consultation for consideration in a **Local Official Plan Policy** for the Township within the County of Renfrew Official Plan. [A survey to receive public input is open until September 30, 2024](#) and Public Open Houses are scheduled for September 17, 2024:
Griffith and Matawatchan Recreation Centre, 2pm-3pm, 25991B Hwy 41, Griffith
DACA Centre, 4pm-5pm, 111 Flat Rd, Dacre
Calabogie Community Hall, 6pm-8pm, 579 Mill St, Calabogie

The **Short-Term Accommodations (STA) Licensing Program** Mobile Permitting (online application portal) and the 24/7 Hotline, will be up and running soon. The current licensing deadline of January 1, 2025, may be adjusted to provide STA owners and staff adequate time to complete and process applications. Stay up to date by following our [Facebook page](#) and by subscribing to our [STA webpage](#).

An update was provided to Council on the **Peaks Village Drainage Easement Expropriation** process. Finalizing the expropriations may be a lengthy process in part due to the requirement for mortgage providers to accept the compensation offers.

Council received the **Canada Day Committee 2024 Final Report**. This marks the conclusion of the 2024 Committee. The application process is open for the 2025 Canada Day Committee.

Councillor Levesque provided an update from the **Recreation and Culture Committee**. He shared exciting news of the Greater Madawaska Showcase scheduled for October 19, 2024. Information will be shared on the website and social media.

Council passed a **Resolution for Support** of continued provincial funding and support for cross-provincial infectious disease wastewater surveillance and modernized case and contact management software.

Members of Council attended the **AMO Conference** in Ottawa, August 18-21. This conference enables many opportunities for engagement with municipal partners and the Ontario Government providing valuable opportunities for learning, sharing, and collaboration.

The donation of a boat, by a resident, for use by the Fire Department for the purpose of transporting personnel and equipment to water access-only fire scenes was graciously accepted by Council.

Council approved providing a letter of support for Rev. Ryuyun Kim's application for permanent residency in Canada.

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