

**AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
C.O.W./REGULAR MEETING
February 10, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Office, 3560 County Road 26**

PRESENT

Mayor Shaver
Deputy Mayor Wynands
Councillor Henry
Councillor Pape

PRESS

STAFF PRESENT

Shannon Geraghty, Mark McDonald, Chief Rob Bowman, Jon Stadig, Melissa Banford, Vikki Werner-Mackeler, Karen Morrell, Ann Shorey, Kathleen Cole

REGRETS

Councillor Bowman

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shaver called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councillor Pape
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for February 10, 2025 be adopted.
Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Moved by Councillor Pape, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wynands
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the January 27, 2025
Council meeting as distributed to all members.
Carried

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS

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CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councillor Pape
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accept the correspondence from the St. Lawrence Shakespeare Festival and the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville for information.
Carried

COMMITTEE/STAFF REPORTS

UCLG Council: Mayor Shaver provided an update
SNCA/RVCA: Deputy Mayor Wynands & Mayor Shaver provided updates
Recreation: Deputy Mayor Wynands provided an update
Library Board:
EDTAC: Councillor Pape provided an update
PAC:
SGODB:
Administration:

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Report 2025-015

Moved by Councillor Pape, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wynands
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts Report 2025-015 to approve the 2024 Tax Write-offs from 27 properties in the amount of \$17,399.01 with the Township's portion being \$5,597.99 and Supplemental Taxes in the amount of \$78,198.80 from 67 properties, with the Townships' portion being \$39,467.15.
Carried

Report 2025-019

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councillor Pape
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the attached statement of Revenue and Expenditures as of December 31, 2024 for information.
Carried

OPERATIONS

Report 2025-020

Moved by Councillor Pape, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wynands
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Facilities – Save On Energy Report for information purposes only..
Carried

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PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

Report 2025-021

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councillor Henry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Building Department Activity Report for January 2025 for information.

Carried

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wynands

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Numbered 3762-2025 being a By-Law to appoint a Clerk for the Corporation of the Township of Augusta be read a first time, a second time, a third time, and be enacted as read.

Carried

BUDGET DISCUSSION

- CAO Geraghty reviewed the attached presentation, an introduction into this year's budget discussions to be continued on Friday, February 14 at 9:30am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The South Grenville Chamber of Commerce will be holding their Annual General Meeting on March 3 at the Johnstown Community Centre from
- The Mayor's Breakfast will be on March 28th at MERC starting at 7:30am.
- We will be hosting a Spring Showcase for area makers on April 5th at MERC. More details to come.

QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PUBLIC

QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PRESS

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CLOSED SESSION AS PER SECTION 239 OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT 2001

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councillor Henry
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council move to a closed meeting at 6:50 pm., as per the Municipal Act c25, S.O. 2001 section 239 (2) to discuss:

- Educational or Training Session
 - Ontario Building Code
- Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations
 - Staffing

Carried

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councillor Henry
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the closed session is adjourned at 7:58 pm and that Council resumed the open meeting to report out.

Carried

REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wynands
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council met in closed session to have an education or training session.

Council

- Took no action beyond receiving the information from staff

Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councillor Henry
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council met in closed session to discuss labour relations or employee negotiations.

Council

- Provided Instruction to Staff

Carried

BY-LAW TO CONFIRM PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wynands
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3766-2025 confirm the proceedings of Council of the Township of Augusta at its meeting held on February 10, 2025 be read a first time, a second time, a third time, and be enacted as read.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councillor Henry
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council do now adjourn at 8:01 pm until February 14, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



2025 BUDGET

Operating & Capital



February 10, 2025

DRAFT BUDGET

LEVY INCREASE FROM 2024 TO 2025 - \$795,286 OR 12.98%

TAX RATE INCREASE FROM 2024 TO 2025 AT 12.33%

AVERAGE ASSESSMENT OF \$203,000 A \$177.72 INCREASE (APPROX. \$14.81 PER MONTH)

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

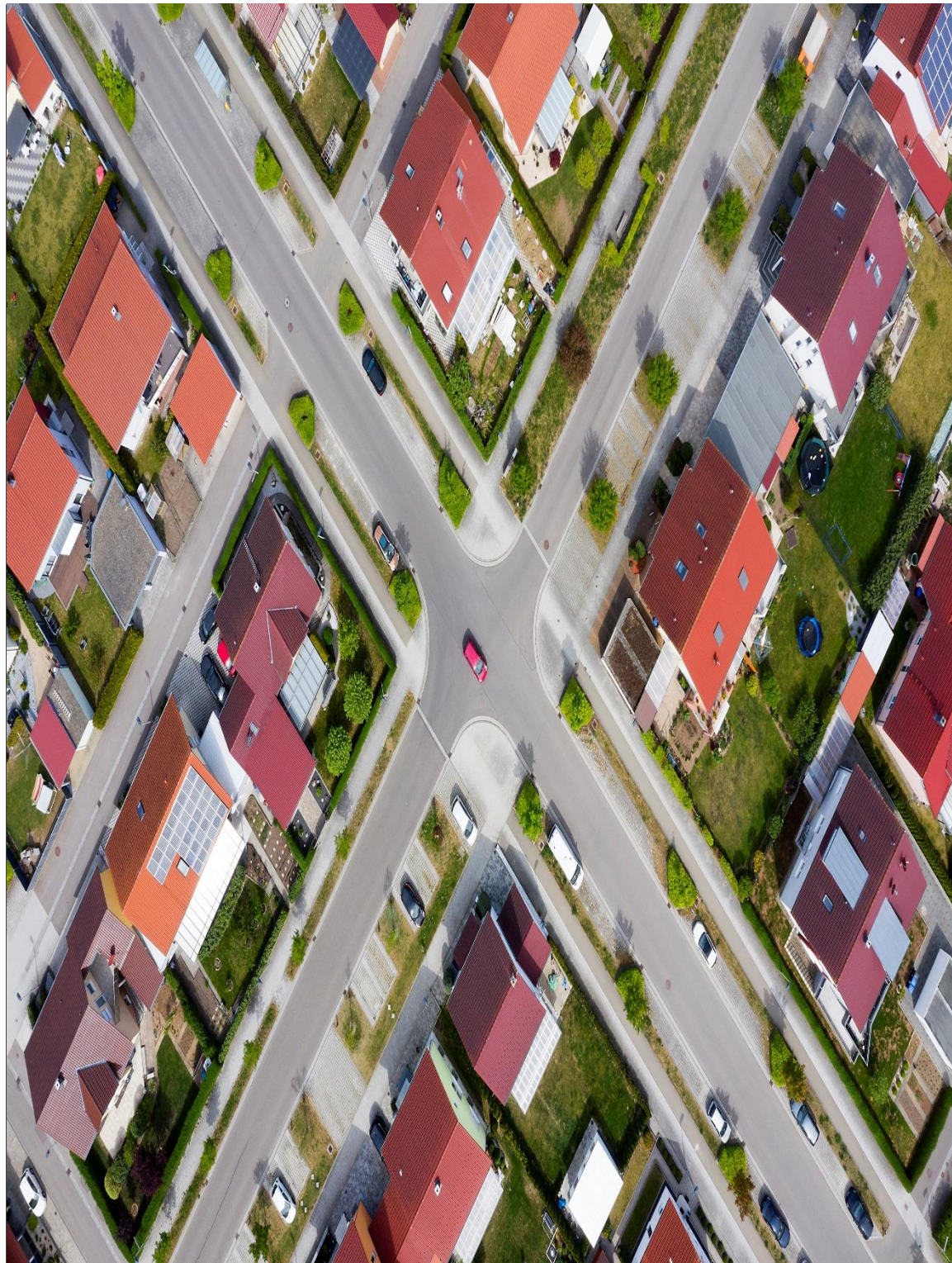
- Royal Bank of Canada Loan (Land) \$168,170
- Asset Management Reserve Contribution \$173,020
- Fire Reserve Transfer \$181,500
- Increase in Health Benefits & Insurance
- Reducing Reserve/Reserve Funds Contributions
- Stagnant Assessment Increase
- New Staffing – Communications, Enforcement Officer, and Building Inspector/Deputy CBO
- Donations to Maple View Lodge, Sherwood Park, and Prescott Family Health Team
- CPI Increase of 2.7%



RESERVES TO OPERATING EXPENSES

2019	84.5%
2020	86.1%
2021	58.3%
2022	55.0%
2023	39.3%
2024	32.4%
2025	25.7%

NOTE: Range between 25% to 50% - RECOMMENDED



Assessment \$ by Class

Residential \$757,743,700 or 85%

Farmland \$48,151,962 or 6%

Commercial \$28,039,800 or 3%

Industrial \$6,528,200 or 1%

Pipelines \$16,884,000 or 2%

Managed Forests \$595,300 or 0%

Large Industrial \$6,559,100 or 1%

Aggregate Extraction \$979,700 or 0%

PILs \$2,462,800 or 0%

Exempt \$19,094,638 or 0%

CONCLUSION



Average Reserve/Reserve Transfers to Tax Rate 2021-2023 Average of \$2,150,420



CCBF/OCIF Allocations are not keeping with rate of inflation which is costing more



User Fees can be a way to minimize the tax increases i.e. Bag Tag Fees



Asset Management is a long-term planning tool that allows contributions to be made annually towards a larger purchase in future years



Capital spending reduced by \$934,362 in 2025 compared to 2024