

**AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
March 10, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.
Municipal Office, 3560 County Road 26**

PRESENT

Mayor Shaver
Deputy Mayor Wynands
Councillor Bowman
Councillor Henry
Councillor Pape

PRESS

STAFF PRESENT

Shannon Geraghty (CAO), Lindsey Veltkamp (Clerk), Chief Rob Bowman (Mgr. of Protective Services), Jon Stadig (Mgr. of Public Works), Vikki Werner-Mackeler (Deputy Clerk)

REGRETS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shaver called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 March 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 February 24, 2025 Council meeting as distributed to all members.
Carried

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS

CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

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BOARDS & COMMITTEE REPORTS

UCLG Council:	Mayor Shaver provided an update
SNCA/RVCA:	Deputy Mayor Wynands provided an update
Recreation:	Councillors provided an update
Library Board:	
EDTAC:	Councillor Pape provided an update
PAC:	Deputy Mayor Wynands provided an update
OPPDB:	CAO Geraghty provided an update
River Route:	CAO Geraghty provided an update

STAFF REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Report 2025-029

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councillor Pape

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive this report for information purposes and accept the Council statement of remuneration and expenses for 2024.

Carried

Report 2025-031

Moved by Councillor Pape, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wynands

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the stop up and closure of the road allowance located between Concession 1 and 2, Part Lots 1 and 2, Township of Augusta; and

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the required posting and notice provisions as per By-Law 3214-2015 being a By-Law to regulate the sale of municipally owned real property.

Carried

Report 2025-032

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councillor Pape

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute a three-year agreement with eScribe Software Ltd. for the purpose of provided a meeting and agenda automation platform for the Township of Augusta; and

THAT Council approves the Year 1 subscription and implementation fee of \$12,575.00 plus HST (\$10,950 annual subscription and \$1,625.00 one-time implementation Fee) plus an additional 4% annual increase for Year 2 (2026) and Year 3 (2027).

Carried

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Report 2025-033

Moved by Councillor Pape, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wynands

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to bring back a new Municipal Grant Policy that provides further assistance in providing Council and staff with awarding the requested funds.

Carried

Council discussed donations to the Grenville Snowmobile Club and the Prescott Figure Skating Club due to the timing of the events.

Report 2025-034

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councillor Pape

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves financing option 1 for the purchase of a new 2026 Tandem Freightliner Snowplow (Truck # 2).

Carried on a division of 4 FOR and 1 AGAINST as follows:

For: Deputy Mayor Wynands, Councillor Bowman, Councillor Henry, Councillor Pape

Against: Mayor Shaver

OPERATIONS AND RECREATION

PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

Report 2025-030

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Bowman

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

Carried

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Bowman, seconded by Councillor Henry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Numbered 3768-2025 being a By-Law to amend By-Law 3759-2025, being a By-Law to establish fees and charges to be collected by various municipal departments be read a first time, a second time, a third time, and be enacted as read.

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Councillors Bowman and Henry attended the International Women's Day event held in Brockville last week. Councillor Bowman spoke to the event and the presentation of the Lifetime Achievement Award to Lynn Laming-Kerr, owner of the Kitley Grocery & Service Centre.

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- The Grenville Federation of Agriculture Annual General Meeting held on on February 28th went very well raising \$4,000 through their auctions for 4H. They also donated \$20,000 to the food banks in the area as well as Kings Kitchen and Connect Youth. These funds partially came from the sale of crops grown on land donated by the Township.
- The Augusta Firefighters Association Annual Pancake Supper will be April 12th from 4-7pm at the Fire Station 2 (North Augusta).
- The Mayor's Breakfast is on Friday, March 28th. Registration is available on the Township's website.

QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PUBLIC

Adam Beckstead requested justification for the approved tax increase.

Mayor Shaver provided Mr. Beckstead with a background on the reasoning behind the tax increase, including the reduction in reserves, the unadjusted MPAC assessments, the municipal land purchase, and increases in insurances.

QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PRESS

CLOSED SESSION AS PER SECTION 239 OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT 2001

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Bowman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council move to a closed meeting at 7:24 pm to discuss matters pertaining to:

- Approval of Closed Session Minutes (February 24, 2025)
- One matter under Section 239(2)(b), personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – specifically staffing

Carried

Council recessed at 7:24 p.m.

Council resumed at 7:36 p.m.

RISE FROM COUNCIL IN CAMERA

Moved by Councillor Bowman, seconded by Councillor Henry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Closed Session is adjourned at 7:44 pm and that Council resumed the open meeting to report out.

Carried

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REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Bowman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council met in closed session to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Council:

- Took no action beyond receiving the information from staff.

Carried

BY-LAW TO CONFIRM PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Moved by Councillor Bowman, seconded by Councillor Henry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3769-2025 confirm the proceedings of Council of the Township of Augusta at its meeting held on March 10, 2025 be read a first time, a second time, a third time, and be enacted as read.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Bowman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council do now adjourn at 7:46 p.m. until March 24, 2025 at 6:00 pm or at the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.