

**AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
MINUTES
C.O.W./REGULAR MEETING
April 15, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.
at the Municipal Office, 3560 County Road 26**

PRESENT

Mayor Shaver
Deputy Mayor Wynands
Councillor Bowman
Councillor Henry
Councillor Pape (Electronically)

PRESS

STAFF PRESENT

Shannon Geraghty, Annette Simonian, Mark McDonald, Jon Stadig, Chief Rob Bowman, Vikki Werner-Mackeler, Kathleen Cole

REGRETS

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Shaver called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Bowman, seconded by Councillor Henry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for April 15, 2024 be adopted as amended to include resolutions 4A and 4B.

Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Bowman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the March 25, 2024 Council meeting as distributed to all members.

Carried

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- RNJ Youth Services – Jonathan Zinck

CORRESPONDENCE & PETITIONS

Moved by Councillor Bowman, seconded by Councillor Henry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports Wounded Warriors Canada and authorizes a donation for \$_____ for a _____ page advertisement in the Ontario Edition of the Canadian Military History Guides.

Defeated

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UCLG: Mayor Shaver provided an update
SNCA/RVCA: Deputy Mayor Wynands provided an update
Recreation: Councillor Bowman provided an update
Library Board:

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Bowman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Joy Burlton to the Augusta Library Board for the remainder of the term of Council.

Carried

EDTAC:
PAC:
Administration: CAO Geraghty provided an update

Moved by Councillor Bowman, seconded by Councillor Henry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund will help municipalities repair, rehabilitate, and expand critical drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure and the Province is investing \$825 million over three years; and

WHEREAS joint projects between multiple eligible applicants, where each co-applicant contributes financially to the project are encouraged and additional consideration will be given to joint projects that enable housing development; and

WHEREAS Township of Augusta and Town of Prescott undertook a joint land development needs analysis to identify the potential for residential, commercial, and industrial development and one of the outcomes identified was the western extension of municipal services into Augusta for residential purposes; and

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WHEREAS the Prescott Wastewater Treatment Plant Joint Board of Management met on April 10, 2024 and endorsed a joint application to the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Augusta sees an excellent partnership opportunity with the Town of Prescott and the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal to secure additional capacity for further economic development within and adjacent to our municipality

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Municipal Council supports the Town of Prescott submitting a joint application to the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund for the:

- Expansion of the Prescott Wastewater Treatment Plant; and
- Upgrades and upsizing of the pumping stations and forced main to the Prescott Wastewater Treatment Plant; and the
- Extension of water and sewer mains into Augusta Township.

AND FURTHER THAT Municipal Council supports proceeding with an Environmental Assessment for the expansion of the Prescott Wastewater Treatment Plant

AND FURTHER THAT Municipal Council is supportive of proceeding with design work related to the project that is not reliant on an Environmental Assessment being completed once the project receives approval.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Bowman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to place no parking signs on the north side of 4th Concession Road (across from the ball field); and

THAT staff be directed to investigate the feasibility of reducing the speed limit from County Road 18 to the westerly limits of Domville from 80km to 60km; and

THAT staff be directed to bring back a speed reduction By-Law to the next council meeting as required.

Carried

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

Report 2024-036

Moved by Councillor Bowman, seconded by Councillor Henry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council endorses the implementation of the Augusta Adopt a Road Program; and

THAT Council approve the Guidelines for the Adopt a Road Program.

Deferred

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Report 2024-039

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Bowman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to enter into a contract with the JAK Group in the amount of \$68,809.92, plus H.S.T. for the steel roof replacement at the North Augusta Community Hall.

Carried

OPERATIONS

Report 2024-040

Moved by Councillor Bowman, seconded by Councillor Henry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Clerk and Mayor to enter into a contract for grass cutting and trimming for 2024 season (with option of 2 additional 1-year renewals) as per Tender No. 2024-03 with Grant Bartholomew.

Carried

Report 2024-041

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Bowman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a contract with G. Tackaberry & Sons Construction Company Limited in the amount of \$120,190.00 plus H.S.T. with an upper limit of \$140,000.00 for the 2024 supply of Granular "M" for maintenance of unpaved roads.

Carried

Report 2024-042

Moved by Councillor Bowman, seconded by Councillor Henry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to enter into a contract with Green Infrastructure Partners in the amount of \$373,310.00 plus H.S.T. for the rehabilitation of Merwin Lane from County Road 26 to McIntosh Road.

Carried

Report 2024-043

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Councillor Bowman

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the CAO to proceed with the purchase of a new 2024 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Double Cab Short Box 4x4, Gas Engine truck from Riverside Prescott Buick GMC Ltd. As per RFP No. 2024-05 in the amount of \$61,313.60 plus H.S.T.

Carried

PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

Report 2024-038

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councillor Henry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Building Department Activity Report for March 2024 for information.

Carried

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PROTECTIVE SERVICES

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wynands
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Numbered 3700-2024 being a By-Law to designate the date on which the reduced load period shall start and end on township roads be read a first time, a second time, a third time, and be enacted as read.

Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councilor Henry
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Numbered 3701-2024 being a By-Law to authorize an agreement between His Majesty the King in Right of Canada (His Majesty) hereby represented by the Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (Minister) and the Corporation of the Township of Augusta be read a first time, a second time, a third time, and be enacted as read.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wynands
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Numbered 3702-2024 being a By-Law to authorize an agreement between the Corporation of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (Counties) and the Corporation of the Township of Augusta be read a first time, a second time, a third time, and be enacted as read.

Carried

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councilor Pape
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Numbered 3703-2024 being a By-Law to adopt and levy the 2024 tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment be read a first time, a second time, a third time, and be enacted as read.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wynands
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law Numbered 3704-2024 being a By-Law to prohibit and regulate noise within the Township of Augusta be read a first time, a second time, a third time, and be enacted as read.

Carried

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pitch In Day is Saturday, April 27th. Lunch will be provided for volunteers at the Grenville Fish and Game Club starting at noon. Students can earn volunteer hours.

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- Wednesday, April 17th is the Panel Discussion with Mayors Around the District plus Breakfast event.
- The Firefighter's Pancake Supper had over 300 orders. The event was a great success.
- This is National Volunteer Week. Thank you to all of our volunteers for what you do for our community.

QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PUBLIC

QUESTION PERIOD FOR THE PRESS

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 7:303 pm., as per the Municipal Act c25, S.O. 2001 section 239 (2) to discuss:

- Proposed or Pending Disposition of Land by the Municipality
 - Augusta Industrial Park Land
- Labour Relations
 - Employee Matter Update

Carried

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IN CAMERA

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

Carried

REPORTING OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councillor Henry
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council met in closed session to discuss the proposed or pending disposition of land by the municipality.

Council

- Took no action beyond receiving the information from staff

Carried

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

Council

- Took no action beyond receiving the information from staff

Carried

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BY-LAW TO CONFIRM PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wynands, seconded by Councillor Henry

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law No. 3705-2024 confirm the proceedings of Council of the Township of Augusta at its meeting held on April 15, 2024 be read a first time, a second time, a third time, and be enacted as read.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Henry, seconded by Deputy Mayor Wynands

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council do now adjourn at 8:00 pm until April 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.