Regular Meeting of Council for September 15, 2025

Presentations

2024 Detachment Annual Report

OPP Detachment Commander Inspector Dave Tovell presented the <u>2024 OPP Detachment Board Annual Report</u> to Council. The report included crime, traffic enforcement and community well-being data, and highlighted initiatives and successes from the past year.

KPMG 2024 Financial Audit

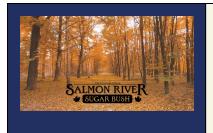
Lori Huber from KPMG presented the 2024 <u>Audit Findings Report</u> to Council for their information and the <u>2024</u> <u>Audit Financial Statements</u> were adopted as presented.

Deputations

Beverly Trachy - Concerns Regarding the Enterprise Solar Project

Beverly Trachy could not attend the meeting to address her concerns regarding the Enterprise Solar Project. Council received Ms. Trachy's <u>Presentation Material</u> for information.

Items for Consideration



Salmon River Sugar Bush - Special Event Permit Application

Council received and provided delegated authority to staff to approve a Special Event Permit application from Salmon River Sugar Bush to host a <u>Fall Market Event</u> on October 11th provided all conditions of the Special Event By-law were met. <u>Staff Report</u>

2026 Council and Committee Meeting Schedule and Office Closures

Council received and approved the recommendation contained within the <u>Staff Report</u> to move the 2026 Council meeting dates from the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month to the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month to address ongoing conflicts of Council meetings falling on Statutory Holidays. Further, Council also approved the closure of the administrative offices from noon on Wednesday, December 24, 2025 to Thursday, January 1, 2026 for the Christmas holidays.

4 Peel Street Road Closure By-law

At the June 2, 2025 Regular Council meeting, Council received <u>Staff Report 0156- Proposed Road Allowance</u> <u>Closure - 4 Peel Street</u> and directed staff to proceed in stopping up, closing and conveying the portion of the unopened, unmaintained municipal road allowance identified as Part 3 on Plan 29R-8163. Council passed By-law 2025-1316 to Permanently Close and Convey a Portion of an Unopened Municipal Road Allowance.

<u>IESO RFP Long Term 2 – Municipal Support Resolutions for Energy Projects</u>

Council received a Staff Report and approved a Municipal Resolution in Support of Proposal Submission (MRSPS) for the Innergex Energy Project in Enterprise. **Important Note: MRSPS are moment-in-time expressions of support and are NOT binding final approvals.** <u>Staff Report</u>

A follow up motion was made, directing staff to forward comments and questions raised by members of Council to Innergex staff. The list of questions and comments can be found in resolution 9-695-2025 within the September 15, 2025 minutes.

Use of External Planning Resources

The Township's use of external planning consultant services has exceeded initial cost estimates and Council authorized the use of Planning Reserves to fund any year-end deficits to maintain service delivery. Click here to review the entire Staff Report.

Consent Agenda Items

The following items were received under the Consent Agenda:

- Confirmation of the Minutes of 694th Session Regular Council- September 2, 2025
- 2025 Ontario Senior Achievement Awards Resolution
- Municipality of Blue Water Council Resolution re: Closure of Before and After School Programs Resolution
- Town of Fort Frances Council Resolution re: Strong Mayor Powers

Consent Agenda Items Extracted for Separate Consideration

- Town of Cobalt Council Resolution re: Firefighter Certification- Received for information
- Township of Perry Council <u>Resolution re: Support for Advocacy for Increased Income Support Threshold for Canadian Veterans</u> <u>Letter</u> Received and Supported

Notice of Motion/Direct Motion

- Councillor Fencwick provided the following Notice of Motion from the September 2, 2025 Council meeting,
 which received Council approval "That the Council of the Township of Stone Mills formally requests that the
 Provincial and Federal governments establish a dedicated fund to assist municipal governments, private
 organizations, and property owners in effectively managing the removal and replanting of trees, thereby
 addressing the aftermath of the EAB infestation".
- Councillor Milligan received Council support to reconsider Resolution <u>12-691-2025</u> from the June 16, 2025
 Council meeting. Council directed staff to report back by the end of October with a full financial analysis of
 Option 1 and 3 from Staff Report <u>SR-0170</u>-Rattie Rd.

Announcements

Councillor Woodcock noted the passing of her grandfather Earl Woodcock. Council members shared their condolences.

Bylaws

Council passed the following By-Laws:

- By-Law No. 2025-1316 Permanently Close and Convey a Portion of an Unopened Municipal Road Allowance (4 Peel Street)
- By-Law No. 2025-1317 Confirm Proceedings September 15, 2025

The complete By-laws as presented and approved are available on the **Sept 15 Council Agenda**

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