



TOWNSHIP OF STONE MILLS

Council Recap



Regular Meeting of Council for January 12, 2026

Items for Consideration

Request to Rescind Resolution 30-700-2025

Reeve Wise received support to rescind the December 8, 2025 Council Resolution 30-700-2025 which directed him to submit a nomination to the Ministry of Preparedness and Response's "Exemplary Service Award" nominating Township of Stone Mills Volunteer Firefighters. Upon review of the application, categories and discussion with the Fire Chief and Deputy Chief, it was agreed that the volunteer firefighters as a group did not qualify for the award/categories to receive the award.

2026 Interim Property Tax Billing

Council received a Staff Report re: [2026 Interim Property Tax Billing](#) and passed a By-law to enable the municipality to levy interim tax bills to taxpayers.

2026 Temporary Property Tax Billing

Council received the Staff Report re: [2026 Temporary Borrowing By-Law](#), and passed a By-law to approve temporary borrowing measures.

Amendments to Fees and Charges By-law

Staff identified various fees within the Recreation and Facilities department that require adjustment as well as introducing some new fees for Council's consideration at the December 8, 2025 meeting. Council members discussed the proposed fees and requested changes that were incorporated into the By-law, which was approved at the January 12, 2026 meeting; these changes to fees take effect **January 13, 2026**. [Staff Report](#)

Pre-Budget Approval Request for Records Clerk Position

Staff presented a [Report](#) requesting pre-budget approval to bring back the contracted part-time Records Clerk for 2026. This position was approved in 2024 and 2025 and has assisted the organization with managing historical paper records. Staff highlighted in the report that due to elections and staffing issues, it was desirable to bring the contracted employee back for another year. Council received the report and approved the request.

Consent Agenda

The following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda, to discuss and vote on separately. Please review the minutes for further details. All other items were received for information purposes and can be viewed on the [Stone Mills CivicWeb Portal](#).

- Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority Re: [Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities & New Provincial Conservation Agency](#)
- Tay Vally Council Resolution and Staff Report re: [Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities](#)
- Township of Drummond/North Elmsley Council Resolution re: [Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities & New Provincial Conservation Agency](#)
- Municipality of South Huron Council Resolution Re: [Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities & New Provincial Conservation Agency](#)

Consent Agenda Continued

- Municipality of Chatham-Kent Council Resolution Re: [Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities & New Provincial Conservation Agency](#)
- Town of Smiths Falls Council Resolution Re: [Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities & New Provincial Conservation Agency](#)
- Township of Machar Council Resolution Re: [Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities & New Provincial Conservation Agency](#)
- Municipality of Meaford Council Resolution Re: [Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities & New Provincial Conservation Agency](#)
- Township of Scugog Council Resolution Re: [Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities & New Provincial Conservation Agency](#)
- Township of Central Frontenac Council Resolution Re: [Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities & New Provincial Conservation Agency](#)
- Town of Cobourg Council Resolution Re: [Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities & New Provincial Conservation Agency](#)
- Town of Blue Mountains Council Resolution Re: [Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities & New Provincial Conservation Agency](#)
- Township of Georgian Bluffs Council Resolution Re: [Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities & New Provincial Conservation Agency](#)
- Town of Cobourg Council Resolution Re: [Elbows up for Climate Action](#)
- Town of Smiths Falls Council Resolution Re: [Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund \(OCIF\)](#)
- City of Brantford Council Resolution Re: [Professional Activity \(P.A\) Day on Municipal Election Day](#)
- Municipality of St. Charles Council Resolution Re: [Extend Deadline for Fire Certification](#)
- Township of Nairn and Hyman Council Resolution Re: [Support for Steel and Lumber Sectors](#)

Notice of Motion

- Councillor Woodcock provided the following Notice of Motion at the December 8, 2025 meeting ‘That staff be directed to bring a report back to Council on traffic calming measures and costs for these tools’ which received Council support.
- Councillor Woodcock provided a Direct Motion requesting Council support related to attendance at the ROMA Conference which was approved by Council.

By-Laws

- By-Law 2026-1327 - 2026 Interim Property Tax Billing
- By-Law 2026-1328 - 2026 Temporary Borrowing By-law
- By-Law 2026-1329 - Fees and Charges Amendments to By-law 2024-1327
- By-Law 2026-1330 - Confirm Proceedings

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates

- Monday, January 26, 2026
- Monday, February 9, 2026
- Monday, February 23, 2026

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