



TOWNSHIP OF STONE MILLS

Council Recap



Regular Meeting of Council for May 20, 2025

Items for Consideration

Council Donation Request - Flowering Rush on Napanee River

The Friends of the Napanee River provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the impacts of the ['Rise of Flowering Rush on Napanee River'](#) to Council at the December 16, 2024 meeting and requested the Township consider budgeting funds in 2025 and 2026 to help with a project to eradicate Flowering Rush in the Napanee River. The 2025 budget has been approved, and Council formally approved a \$500.00 donation to the Friends of the Napanee River for phase 1 of their initiative.

Naturally L&A Gravel Ride - Special Event Permit Application

Naturally L&A has successfully hosted the ["Naturally L&A Gravel Ride"](#) the past several years that takes riders on a 53 km journey through Stone Mills, beginning and ending at the Good Farm in Centreville. The event is being held on June 7, 2025 with 500 participants expected which requires a Special Event Permit. Council received a [Staff Report](#) prepared in support of the event and Council provided delegated authority to the CAO to approve or deny the Special Event Permit Application.



2024 Ontario Structure Inspection Management System (OSIMS) Report

All municipal bridges and culverts in Ontario are inspected every 2 years using the Ontario Structure Inspection Manual (OSIM) format to ensure public safety and guide planning for repairs and future maintenance. The Township completed the mandatory inspections which were summarized in a [Staff Report](#) received by Council for information purposes.

Tariff Regime and Purchasing Policy

At the March 3, 2025, Regular Council meeting, Council directed staff to look into options related to a Buying Canadian Policy and bring back options for consideration. A follow up [Staff Report](#) was presented recommending Council direct staff to monitor ongoing tariff development and operate within existing purchasing policy framework. Further, that Staff include evaluations of products and services to identify whether equivalent Canadian options exist that meet procurement criteria. Council approved both recommendations.

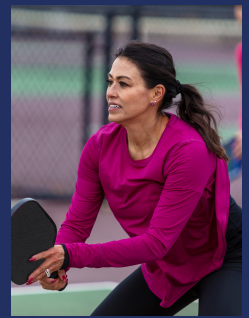
Ice Re-surfacer Procurement



The existing ice re-surfacer at the Stone Mills Recreation Centre needs replacing, the cost of which was included within the 2025 budget. It is proposed that a new electric ice re-surfacer be sourced by staff through a Request for Quotation (RFQ) procurement process, which Council approved. [Staff Report](#)

Winter Pickleball Program Review

A Pickleball Pilot Program operated during the 2024-2025 winter season, and a report was presented to Council summarizing the pilot program. Through the [Staff Report](#) Council supported staff recommendations to transition the responsibility of the Winter Pickleball Program to the participant group for future seasons and staff will be looking at updating the Facility Use Policy as it relates to better defining what uses may occur in each Township Facility.



Consent Agenda Items

The following items were received under the Consent Agenda:

- [Minutes of Regular Session of Council - May 5, 2025](#)
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing [Letter to Head of Council re: Strong Mayor Powers](#)
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing re: [Bill 17 Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act 2025](#)
- Town of Deep River [re: Strong Mayor Powers](#) and [Resolution](#)
- Township of Spring Water [re: Strong Mayor Powers](#)
- Town of Goderich [re: Strong Mayor Powers](#)
- Town of Shelburne [re: Opting out of Strong Mayor Powers](#)
- Town of Orangeville [re: Strong Mayor Powers](#)
- Town of Shelburne [re: Responsible Growth and Opposition to Elements of Bill 5](#)
- Town of Orangeville [re: Bill 5](#)

The following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda and motions were passed to receive and support.

- Municipality of Chatham-Kent [re: Bill 5 - Risks to your communities and support requested](#)
- Town of Shelburne [re: Opting out of Strong Mayor Powers](#)
- Town of Cobourg [Re: Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates](#)

Notice of Motion

- The following Notices of Motion were passed by Council
 - "That staff to be directed to take necessary steps to rename the Enterprise Rink as the "Vernard Detlor Rink".
 - "That Council discuss meeting cancellation requirements as written in the procedural by-law". Council discussed meeting cancellation requirements and processes under the Procedural By-law and no further action came from the motion.

Bylaws

Council passed the following By-Laws:

- By-Law No. 2025-1303 - Establish Certain Lands as Municipal Highways
- By-Law No. 2025-1304 - Confirm Proceedings of Council

The complete By-laws as presented and approved are available on the [May 20 Council Agenda](#)

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