



# TOWNSHIP OF STONE MILLS

## Council Recap



### Regular Meeting of Council for March 9, 2026

#### Statutory Public Meeting

##### **Zoning By-law Amendment Application: ZON2025-0002**

A Public meeting was held to consider the rezoning of 2017 Centreville Road in order to satisfy a condition of Consent application CON2025-0009. Council passed by-law 2026-1337 to rezone the proposed severed parcel. [Planning Report](#)

##### **Zoning By-law Amendment Application: ZON2025-0005**

A Public meeting was held to consider the rezoning of 4240 County Road 6 in order to satisfy a condition of Consent applications CON2025-0012 & CON2025-0013. Council passed by-law 2025-1338 to rezone the proposed severed parcels. [Planning Report](#)

#### Items for Consideration

##### **Special Event By-law Update**

Staff presented a follow up [report](#) and draft Special Event By-law. Council chose to defer the adoption of the by-law and have requested the matter be brought forth to a Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion. A meeting date has not yet been set.

##### **Flame Ontario 2026 Special Event Permit Application**

A Special Event application was received from Flame Ontario Arts Collective who for the past several years have hosted an annual "Sanctioned Burning Man Regional Event". Council approved the application and authorized the Reeve and Clerk to execute a Land Use Agreement. Council also approved a noise exemption for the SideBurn Event on the condition the event organizers follow the Sound Policy. [Staff Report](#)

##### **Centreville Cemetery Acquisition**

Council received a [Staff Report](#) outlining a request received from the Centreville Cemetery Board requesting the municipality take over the operations of the cemetery. When a cemetery owner can no longer maintain a cemetery, they may request municipal takeover. If denied, an operator can ask the court to declare the cemetery abandoned; until the court decides, the municipality must maintain it. Once declared abandoned, the municipality becomes the owner with full responsibilities. Council approved the request and staff will work with the Cemetery Board to transfer the cemetery to the Township.

##### **Head of Council Title Change - Reeve vs Mayor**

Further to Council direction received at the February 9th regular Council meeting, a by-law to implement the title change of Reeve and Deputy Reeve to Mayor and Deputy Mayor was approved.





### **Adoption of 2026 Budget**

The 2026 Budget was considered at the [February 23 Committee of the Whole](#) meeting where Council requested the Budget be brought forward to the next Regular Session of Council for adoption with minor changes. [Click here](#) to view the adopted 2026 Budget in its entirety.

### **Delegation of Planning Authority to Chief Administrative Office**

Council passed by-law 2026-1341 providing delegated planning authority to the CAO or their designate. With Land Use planning work managed by staff and consultants, this update keeps approval powers in place for consents, validation certificates, and site plans under current legislation. [Staff Report](#)

### **Warner Pasture Subdivision Agreement**

In May 2023, the County of Lennox and Addington extended draft approval for the Warner Pasture subdivision to July 14, 2026. The applicant is completing the required conditions and is now ready to enter a subdivision agreement with the Township of Stone Mills which was overviewed in the Report entitled '[Subdivision Agreement, Warner Pasture](#)'. Council deferred the decision pending further information on conditions for phased in water studies and changes to the Ministry's guidelines.

### **2025 County Maintenance Overage**

Staff presented a [Report](#) to Council regarding the financial pressures facing the Township of Stone Mills in relation to its County road maintenance obligations. As result of the harsh winter and rates increasing, there was a shortfall to the 2025 County Maintenance Budget. Council approved a transfer of \$103,040.00 from TS – Capital Equipment Reserve to cover the shortfall. Staff advised that there is a new County Maintenance Agreement coming forward and the changes to the agreement are anticipated to better align compensation with actual operating costs.

### **Water Control Infrastructure Asset Management Plan - Payment Reconciliation with Quinte Conservation**

The [Staff Report to](#) Council outlined the remaining payment owed by the Township of Stone Mills to Quinte Conservation Authority for the 2023–2026 Water Control Infrastructure Asset Management Plan and confirms that funds will be released once the final invoice is reviewed.

### **Stone Mills Housing Development Project – County of Lennox and Addington Property Development Request**

Council authorized staff to negotiate the terms of a property transfer agreement with the County of Lennox and Addington for the land located to the east of the existing affordable housing development in Tamworth for the purpose of expanding affordable housing, subject to conditions. [Staff Report](#)

### **Notice of Motion and Direct Motions**

A notice of motion was proposed by Councillor Fenwick requesting staff identify a cost-effective way to educate the public on the Burn By-law and burning of garbage. The motion will be considered at the March 23 Council meeting.

## Consent Agenda Items

Items received under the Consent Agenda can be found on the [Council Agenda](#).

## Consent Agenda Items Extracted

The following items were extracted from the Consent Agenda for further discussion and support.

- Quinte Conservation Board of Directors position on the regional consolidation of [Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities](#)
- Town of Bracebridge Council Resolution [re: Elect Respect Pledge](#)
- Prince Edward County Council Resolution [re: Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025](#)
- Town of Parry Sound Council Resolution [re: Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems](#)

## Upcoming Meeting Dates



- Regular Council- Monday, March 23, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- OPP Detachment Board Meeting- Thursday, March 26 at 5:00 p.m. at 4504 County Rd. 4 Centreville
- Committee of Adjustment- Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- Regular Council- Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Council- Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

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