



TOWNSHIP OF STONE MILLS

Council Recap



Regular Meeting of Council for February 9, 2026

Open Forum

Council heard from three individuals under forum. All three individuals spoke to item 7.2 on the agenda- ALTO Project Overview and highlighted their concerns regarding the ALTO High Speed Rail Project and the proposed southern route.

Deputations

Quinte Conservation Authority Request for Municipal Support

Lindsay Nash, Outreach & Stewardship Coordinator for Quinte Conservation requested a Letter of Support from Council to accompany a grant application for the Green Municipal Fund (GMF): Growing Canada’s Community Canopies (GCCC) program. Council approved the request.



ALTO Project Overview

Joel Wiebe, Senior Advisor, Community Relations – Ontario and Lindsay Lashley Senior Project Manager for ALTO provided a presentation to Council of the proposed Toronto - Québec City High -Speed Rail Network project. [Presentation](#)

Notice of Motion and Direct Motions

A direct motion was proposed by Councillor Milligan and passed unanimously by Council opposing the proposed Alto high-speed rail southern route alignment through or near the Township and objects to expropriation for this corridor given the lack of local benefit and the disproportionate impact on the Township’s agricultural land base and rural residents and calls upon Alto and the Government of Canada to remove rural municipal lands from consideration where communities will experience disruption without service benefit. The full Notice of Motion is available within the February 9, 2026 Council minutes.

Items for Consideration

Head of Council Title Change - Reeve vs Mayor

Council received a [Staff Report](#) and supported the change in title for the Head of Council from Reeve and Deputy Reeve to Mayor and Deputy Mayor, respectively; staff were directed to prepare a by-law for the February 23rd regular Council meeting to implement the title change.



Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy

The Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes Policy was adopted by Council to provide a consistent approach and clear direction regarding the use of corporate resources during a municipal election campaign period. [Staff Report](#)

Special Event By-law Update

Staff presented a report at the November 3, 2025, Regular Council meeting, which provided numerous recommendations with respect to the existing Township's Special Event Policy. The revised Special Event By-law was presented, however, Council deferred the item until the next Council meeting, so all members of Council could be present to vote on the passing of the updated By-law. [Staff Report & By-law](#).

Annual Statement of Development Charges Report - 2025

Development Charges (DCs) are fees collected from new development at the time a building permit is issued. Municipalities use these charges to help pay for the cost of infrastructure required as a result of new development, such as roads, parks, recreation, and fire. In 2025, the Township collected development charges on 25 Single or Semi-Detached homes and 1 Non-Residential or Commercial/Industrial property. The total Development Charges Reserve balance, including interest at the end of December 31, 2025, was \$60,484.21. To view a further breakdown, see [Staff Report](#).

Hours of Work & Overtime Policy Update

The Hours of Work & Overtime Policy was updated to establish standards for hours of work, overtime compensation, and banked time provisions for all Township employees. The increased use of banked overtime in lieu of paid overtime is expected to result in less overtime paid out annually and should result in some savings on overall payroll costs. [Staff Report](#)

Public Holidays & Vacations Policy Update

The Public Holidays & Vacation Policy was updated to incorporate office closures on Remembrance Day (November 11) and National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (September 30) annually, in order to recognize these significant days of importance. [Staff Report](#)

Update on Wall of Fame Progress and Recreation Committee Activity

A [Staff Report](#) was presented to Council regarding the Recreation Committees progress on the Wall of Fame project. The report highlighted the status of the Wall of Fame Project, including the status of the Wall of Fame Policy, budget requirements to update the Wall of Fame and future plans for the trophies and plaques that have been temporarily removed from the arena.

Staff Report on Budget Deficit for Newburgh Medical Centre Siding

During the June 16th, 2025 Council Meeting, \$30,000 was allocated to the Newburgh Medical Centre for siding installation. A [Staff Report](#) was presented to Council to advise that the project went over budget by \$64,215.65. Council approved the request to cover the additional expenses from the Stability Reserve Fund.

Traffic Calming Measures

Council directed staff to bring a report back to Council regarding traffic calming measures and costs for implementing within the Township. The [Staff Report](#) presented provided an overview of the types of traffic calming measures available and highlighted that Lennox & Addington County is conducting a Traffic Master Plan; it is expected to guide traffic calming policies, warrants, and prioritization criteria that may inform future initiatives. Staff will share the Plan once it has been finalized.

Consent Agenda Items

The following items were received under the Consent Agenda:

- Confirmation of the [Minutes of 702nd Session Regular Council - January 26, 2026](#)
- [2025 Council Remuneration Report](#)
- Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus [News Release](#)
- EORN Cell Gap Project [Monthly Update- January 2026](#)
- Town of Fort Francis Council Resolution Re: [Call on Province of Ontario to Establish an Ontario Airport Capital Assistance Program \(OACAP\)](#)
- Municipality of St. Charles Council Resolution Re: [Nation Building Improvements to Highways 11 I 17](#)
- Municipality of Markstay-Warren Council Resolution Re: [Opposition to closure of Sudbury’s LifeLab Laboratories](#) ([Signed letter to MPP](#))

Consent Agenda Items Extracted

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


- East Lennox & Addington OPP Detachment Board [January 2026 Meeting Minutes](#)
- East Lennox & Addington OPP Detachment Board Newsletter- [Edition #3, January 2026](#)
- Township of Southgate Council Resolution Re: [OMERS Bill 68 Municipal Resolution](#)
- [Statement of Operations - Q4 \(Jan - Dec\)](#)


Upcoming Meeting Dates




- Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting- Monday, February 23, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.
- Regular Council- Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- Committee of the Whole Budget Meeting- Monday, March 2, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. (Tentative)
- Regular Council- Monday, March, 9 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- Committee of Adjustment- Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- Regular Council- Monday, March 23, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

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