



TOWNSHIP OF STONE MILLS

Council Recap

Regular Meeting of Council for July 13, 2026

Items for Consideration

Road Widening By-law

As part of a standard practice for severance applications, the Township requests that a portion of the lands being severed be dedicated to the Township as a road widening. The purpose of a road widening is to ensure road allowances meet the 20 metre Township Standard. A By-Law was adopted to establish certain lands as a municipal highway (North Beaver Lake Road, Woodcock Mills Road, School Road, Moscow Road, Freeman Road, Colebrook Road, Lake Road, and Academy Street). [Staff Report](#)

1374 Bethel Road Assumption

During the sale of the above noted property, it was recognized that the portion of Bethel Road which extended across the northern portion of the property was never surveyed or formally deeded to the Township. As this portion of roadway has been a forced road which is maintained by the Township, the owner requested to transfer the lands into municipal ownership. Additionally, a small portion of Varty Lake Road was also under the ownership of the same individuals, and as such was included in the transfer to the Township. Council adopted a By-law to formally accept lands as a public highway. [Staff Report](#)

Provincial Advocacy Request for Enabling Authority for Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax Tool

On June 22, 2026, Council requested a report from staff on whether to pursue a property tax tool for prolonged vacant commercial storefronts. If pursued, the Province would need to review and establish enabling authority for this optional municipal tool. Council endorsed the County of Prince Edward's advocacy for the Province to allow municipalities to adopt such a tax. Additionally, staff will provide a follow-up report on the outcome of this motion. [Staff Report](#)



Canine Watersports Special Event Permit Application

Council reviewed a [Staff Report](#) detailing a request from local event organizers for approval of a Special Event Permit. This permit is intended for hosting a [Canine Watersport event](#) at the Hollow Market Square in Newburgh, scheduled from Friday, July 24, to Sunday, July 26, 2026. Council approved the requested event permit, along with the associated noise exemption for the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on July 24-26.

Hollow Square - Request to Deem Event as Municipally Significant

Council deemed the Canine Watersports event as municipally significant, which will allow the event organizers to obtain a Special Occasion Permit from the Alcohol Gaming Authority of Ontario. This permit will allow the event organizer to sell alcohol during their event being held July 24-26. [Staff Report](#)

Ottawa Valley Power Boat Club Special Permit Application

A [Special Event Permit Application](#) was received by staff from the Ottawa Valley Power Boat Club for their annual Power Boat races at Beaver Lake Park. Council approved the event scheduled for July 24 to July 26, 2026 along with a noise exemption on Saturday, July 25 and Sunday, July 26 from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

New Recreational Rental Space at Stone Mills Recreation Centre

A [Staff Report](#) was presented to inform Council on the successful transformation of a former storage area at the Stone Mills Recreation Centre into a rental space. In the spring of 2026, a local Jiu-jitsu gym requested the use of an unused storage area at the Stone Mills Recreation Centre for recreational activities on a trial basis. The uptake of the trial programming has indicated there is a demand for the use of the space. Council instructed staff to review and amend any relevant policies regarding recreational programming and facility rentals to incorporate this new space, and to report back with any suggested changes.

Centreville Agricultural Society Request for Donation in amount of \$2,500.00

Staff received a request from the Centreville Agricultural Society for a monetary donation to cover the annual maintenance expenses of the fairgrounds. Council approved the request for funding in the amount requested of \$2,500.00.

Consent Agenda Items

Items received under the Consent Agenda can be found on the Council meeting Agenda.

The following items were extracted by Council for further discussion:

- [Staff Report on Storm Events, Power Outages, and Impacts on Canada Day Programming - SR - 0344 - Pdf](#)
- Town of Petawawa Council Resolution re: [Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario](#)
- Township of Terrace Bay Council Resolution re: [Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding For Fire Service](#)
- Town of Smiths Falls Council Resolution re: [Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario](#)
- Town of Plympton Wyoming Council Resolution re: [Canada-Ontario Development Charge Reduction Program \(DCRP\)](#)
- Town of Caledon Council Resolution re: [Motion for Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases](#)

The above Resolutions circulated by other municipalities were received and supported.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Milligan provided the following Notice of Motion which will be considered at the August 10, 2026 Regular Council meeting,

That Council direct staff to create and maintain a dedicated ALTO information page on the Township of Stone Mills website; AND That the page be used to provide residents with factual, up-to-date information related to the ALTO project, including Township resolutions, Council decisions, public notices, meeting dates, links to official government and ALTO resources, and other information deemed appropriate by the CAO; AND That the purpose of this page be to improve communication, transparency, and public access to information regarding the proposed ALTO project and its potential impacts on Stone Mills Township.

Announcements

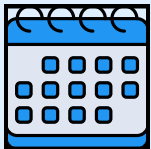
- Councillor Fenwick confirmed his receipt of the 2026 Final Tax Bill commended the design of the [Tax Bill Insert](#) and the valuable information it contains.
- Councillor Lalande extended her congratulations to the municipal staff for the successful installation of the Flynn Bridge replacement.
- Councillor Lalande remarked that while attending the Tamworth Canada Day Event, she had the opportunity to tour the Community Garden in Tamworth. She conveyed her gratitude for the efforts invested in creating this wonderful space.

By-laws

Council passed the following By-laws:

- By-law 2026-1359 - Being a By-law to Establish Certain Lands as a Municipal Highway
- By-law 2026-1360- Being a By-law to Establish Certain Lands as a Public Highway
- By-law 2023-1361- Confirm Proceedings July 13, 2026

The complete By-laws as presented and approved are available on the [July 13 Council Agenda](#).



Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Lennox & Addington County Council- Wednesday, July 15, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- Committee of Adjustment - Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- Regular Council- Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

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