



# TOWNSHIP OF STONE MILLS

## Council Recap



### Regular Meeting of Council for May 5, 2025

#### Deputations

##### **Closure of Rattie Road**

Ronald Storning and Rodney Hughes presented a deputation and petition to Council regarding the recent partial closure of Rattie Road. The deputations requested that Council consider repairing the road and reopening for public use. Staff noted that if any work happens on the road, it would not be until after July 1, 2025, due to turtle nesting period. Staff will bring a report back to Council outlining options for the road.

#### Items for Consideration

##### **Community Safety and Well Being Plan**

A presentation of the joint Community Safety and Well-Being Plan prepared by Patrick Finnegan of Upstream Communications was received by Council for information purposes. Following the presentation, a [Staff Report](#) was presented with a recommendation that Council formally adopt the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan as presented which received approval. [View the plan.](#)

##### **Strong Mayor Powers**

The Province of Ontario announced on April 9, 2025 that it is proposing to expand Strong Mayor Powers to the heads of council in 169 additional municipalities effective May 1, 2025 to help deliver on provincial priorities, such as building more homes, transit and other infrastructure across Ontario. Council received a [Staff Report](#) for information purposes and directed staff to prepare a letter to the minister expressing Council concerns and to inquire about opting out of Strong Mayor Powers.



##### **April 24, 2025 OPP Detachment Board Meeting Follow Up Items**

The East Lennox & Addington OPP Detachment Board met on April 24, 2025 where the Board reviewed a draft Remuneration and Expense Reimbursement Policy for each municipal Council's consideration. Council received and approved the recommendation of the proposed annual remuneration rates as noted in the [Staff Report](#).

##### **Micro-Surfacing & Roadside Spraying - Joint Contracts with the County of Lennox and Addington**

The County of Lennox and Addington administered a tender for the application of micro-surfacing on behalf of the County and four (4) lower-tier municipalities. By entering into the recommended joint partnership, the Township of Stone Mills will obtain competitive pricing. Further, a recommendation was brought forward for Council to enter into a Roadside Spraying program for spraying to be applied to guide-rails located on municipal-owned roads. The County of Lennox and Addington will carry out both a broadcast spray and guide-rail spot spraying on County-owned roads. Both recommendations were approved by Council. [Staff Report](#)

**Enterprise Hall Cleaning Contract**

The Agenda was amended to include discussion on the Enterprise Community Hall cleaning contract and Council directed staff to inquire about exempting the Enterprise hall from the contract for cleaning services to allow for community members to continue with caretaking services.

**Consent Agenda Items**

The following items were pulled from the Consent Agenda to receive and support. All other items were received for information purposes and can be viewed on the [Stone Mills CivicWeb Portal](#).

- Town of Kingsville re; Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers - [Resolution](#)
- Town of Aylmer re: Opposition to Expansion of Strong Mayor Powers - [Resolution](#)
- Town of Parry Sound re: Response to the expansion of strong mayor powers - [Resolution](#)
- Township of Zorra re: Opposing Strong Mayor Powers - [Resolution](#)
- Town of Petawawa re: Strong Mayor Powers - [Resolution](#)

**Notice of Motion**

- At the April 7, 2025 meeting, a Council member provided the following Notice of Motion to be brought forward at the next scheduled Council meeting "That staff to be directed to take necessary steps to rename the Enterprise Rink as the "Vernad Detlor Rink". Due to an absence, the Notice of Motion has been moved to the May 20<sup>th</sup> agenda for consideration.
- Council member provided the following Notice of Motion at the April 7, 2025 meeting "That Council consider the request from a resident to accept the donation of a tree to be planted in the new parkette in Camden East". The Motion was adopted, and staff were directed to work with the donor to determine type and placement of tree.
- The following Notice of Motion was provided by a Council member "that Council discuss meeting cancellation requirements as written in the procedural by-law" which will be placed on the May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 agenda.

**Bylaws**

Council passed the following By-Laws:

- By-Law No. 2025-1301 - Establish Tax Rates and to Provide for the Collection of Taxes for the year 2025
- By-Law No. 2025-1302 - Confirm Proceedings of Council

The complete By-laws as presented and approved are available on the [May 5 Council Agenda](#)

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