



TOWNSHIP OF STONE MILLS

Council Recap



Regular Meeting of Council for July 7, 2025

Deputations

A delegation from Tracy Asselstine was received concerning the proposed Enterprise Solar Energy Project, along with input regarding attendance at the Innergex Open House. Tracy's delegation offered insights into the history and formation of a committee, that was established in 2019 to address concerns related to a solar project at that time. Tracy expressed several concerns about the project and referenced the Staff Report dated October 15, 2019, submitted by the Committee, which focused on the Committees recommendations. Council clarified that no formal proposal has yet been presented to them.

Items for Consideration

Integrity Commissioner Appointment

Integrity Commissioner's are responsible for administering Townships Council Code of Conducts and assists in maintaining ethical standards at the Township. A [Staff Report](#) was presented to Council with two options to either: 1. Issue a joint Request for Proposal (RFP) for Integrity Commissioner Services with the County of Lennox & Addington and its member municipalities or, 2. Continue with the current appointment of Aird & Berlis LLP as the township's Integrity Commissioner. After consideration, Council agreed to Option 1 and an RFP will be completed in the fall with a report coming back to Council.



2026 Municipal Election Voting Methods

The next municipal election is scheduled for October 26, 2026. In preparing for the upcoming election, municipalities must approve the use of alternative voting methods prior to May 1 in an election year. In order to secure voting equipment, a [Staff Report](#) was presented with three voting options for consideration:

- Option One: Paper Ballot Voting with Ballot Tabulators;
- Option Two: Electronic Voting (Internet and Telephone); or
- Option Three: Hybrid Method (Electronic and Paper Ballot Voting).

Council has chosen to proceed with Option 3, Hybrid Method (Electronic and Paper Ballot Voting).

Ottawa Valley Power Boat Club Special Permit Application

The Ottawa Valley Powerboat Club organizes powerboat races throughout Ontario. The Club submitted a Special Event Permit request seeking municipal approval to host their annual event at the Beaver Lake Park scheduled for July 18 - July 20, 2025. Council approved the permit request on condition that all supporting documentation as required under the Special Event By-law is provided. [Staff Report](#)



Tamworth Lions Club Special Event Permit Application

A Special Event Permit Application has been received by staff for the [Tamworth Lion's Club Fish Fry](#), which will be hosted at the Stone Mills Recreation Centre on Sunday August 17, 2025 from 2-6 pm. Council have authorized staff to issue a letter of approval to the Tamworth Lion's Club for their Fish Fry provided that the applicant completes outstanding permit application requirements [Staff Report](#)

Flynn Bridge Update

Council assessed the necessity for replacing the Flynn Bridge and approved the purchase of a prefabricated modular bridge (Bridge in a Box). The initial budget was \$296,795.00, excluding HST, for a 70-foot span. However, on-site engineering assessments determined that an 80-foot span was more suitable, causing costs to exceed expectations due to a supplier error and new tariffs. The updated price is \$492,870.25, an increase of \$196,075.25, which will be funded from the deferred Canada Community Building Fund the Capital Roads Reserve. [Staff Report](#)

Proposal to Increase Budget for Flat Roof Repair at Stone Mills Recreation Centre

A [Staff Report](#) was presented requesting Council’s approval to increase the budget for the Stone Mills Recreation Centre flat roof replacement project, necessitated by higher-than-anticipated costs. The project involves replacing two deteriorating flat roof sections, with additional costs arising from the need to temporarily relocate refrigeration equipment. Staff recommend covering the budget shortfall with available recreation reserve funds, which Council approved.

GIP Paving Inc. Noise By-law Exemption Request

By-law 2023-1199 prohibits construction noise in the Township of Stone Mills from 8 PM to 7 AM and all-day Sunday. GIP Paving Inc. has requested a noise exemption to work continuously from 7 AM on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, to 5 PM on Thursday, July 10, 2025. They have been contracted by the County of Lennox & Addington to replace a culvert on County Road 4 and need to keep the road closed for continuous 24-hour work during this period. Council approved the request. [Staff Report](#)

Canine Watersports at Hollow Square - Special Event Permit Request

Hollow Square Market will host it’s second annual Canine Watersports event organized by Canine Watersports Canada, a professional group from Maitland, Ontario. Known for their canine dock jumping events across Ontario, they will bring their expertise to the township on July 27th at 425 Main Street.

To make this event possible, the item was added to the Council agenda after it was originally published. Council received the request and tasked staff with processing the necessary permit approvals.

Consent Agenda Items

The following items were received under the Consent Agenda:

- Statement of Operations - Q2 (Jan - June) - [Staff Report](#)
- Prince Edward County re [Canada Disability Benefit and supporting Canadians with a disability](#)
- City of Pickering re Raising Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program - [Resolution](#)
- Municipality of Tweed re amend Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box - [Resolution](#)
- Township of McGarry re Sovereignty of Canada - [Resolution](#)
- Town of Bracebridge re Road Salt Usage - [Resolution](#)
- Township of Black River re Request for Exemption to Proposed Mandatory Firefighter Certification Requirements (O. Reg. 343/22) - [Resolution](#)
- Bradford West Gwillimbury re Advocacy for Increased Income Support Thresholds for Canadian Workers - [Resolution](#)
- Township of Georgian Buffs re Responsible Growth and Opposition to Bill 5 and Bill 17 - [Resolution](#)
- Township of Puslinch re Bill 5 - [Resolution](#)
- Municipality of Bluewater re Strong Mayor Powers - [Resolution](#)
- Township of McNab/Braeside re Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers - [Resolution](#)
- Town of Renfrew re Strong Mayor Powers - [Resolution](#)
- Municipality of Markstay Warren re Opposition to Strong Mayor Powers - [Resolution](#)

Consent Agenda Items Extracted

The following items were extracted from the Consent Agenda for further discussion:

- [Minutes of Regular Session of Council - June 16, 2025](#)
- Asset Management Planning Requirements - Phase 3 & Phase 4 Compliance - [Staff Report](#)
- Update on Development Services Staffing and Interim Consulting Support - [Staff Report](#)

Notice of Motion

- Reeve Wise provided the following Notice of Motion “That Staff be directed to bring a report back on the feasibility of enacting an interim control by-law to deal with concerns related to the loss of agricultural land to development on Class 1, 2 and 3 soils in the Township”. The Motion was lost.

- **Bylaws**

Council passed the following By-Law: By-Law No. 2025-1310 - Confirm Proceedings July 7, 2025

The complete By-laws as presented and approved are available on the [July 7 Council Agenda](#)

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