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Whitewater Region Council Summary – December 1, 2021

Here is a brief update from last night's Council meeting.

The full agenda and video can be found here:

<https://whitewaterregion.civicweb.net/Portal/MeetingInformation.aspx?Org=Cal&Id=250>

Video is also available on our YouTube page. Next meeting is December 15.

This summary does not constitute the official record of the meeting and approved Minutes should be consulted for that purpose.

Announcements

- Upcoming seasonal community events include:
 - Westmeath Tree Lighting (December 3)
 - Beachburg Parade of Lights (December 4)
 - Westmeath Santa Claus Parade (December 5)
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Community Development

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- A presentation was received on the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Update, Growth Readiness Action Plan, and preparation of Development Standards. This work is being completed by EcoVue Consulting Services in partnership with SHCG. A joint provincial Municipal Modernization Program grant was received with the Township of Greater Madawaska to do this work. Public consultation will occur in 2022 with completion by summer.
 - A site plan was adopted for a waterfront property on Lacroix Bay Road for water access only with parking area.
 - An update was received on Muskrat Lake development requirements. Acid-based B soils required for new septic systems have been located on the east side of Muskrat Lake and in nearby pits. A Frequently Asked Questions document has been prepared.
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Public Works

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- A tender was awarded for the purchase of a grader brush head, which will be installed on one of the Township's three graders.
 - The tender for the trailer mounted hot box was also awarded. This equipment will improve pothole patching operations.
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Finance & Administration

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- Tax applications under Section 357 of the Municipal Act were approved for 2018-2021 in the amount of \$11,682.38. Twenty applications were received and involved one of the following: demolition, fire, class change, exemption, or error. In future, applications will be reviewed by a panel consisting of the Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, and a member of council.
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Parks & Recreation

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- An update was received on arenas. The Westmeath Arena will be opening in time for the holidays. Holiday Skates are planned, and a poster will be released soon. Sponsors are being solicited.
 - An update was provided on recommendations of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan and Parks & Recreation Operational Review. The issue of size of motor and stocking of fish at Little Lakes was raised and will be examined further.
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Office of the CAO

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- Council unanimously agreed to have the mayor serve on Renfrew County Council following the 2022 election. The reeve position will be replaced with a deputy mayor elected at large.
 - Firefighter on & off duty accident & insurance benefits were renewed for 2022. The Township pays the premiums for all members of the department. Total annual cost is \$7,336.68, which is a \$2,677.00 savings over 2021.
 - Council reviewed the CAO's 2021 performance appraisal in closed session.
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Notices of Motion

- Reports are forthcoming from staff on council remuneration, flag poles, and a potential re-use centre at the landfill.

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