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Monthly Council Meeting Highlights December 2023

Council Meeting – December 5, 2023

Annual Indexing of Development Charges

Development charge rate increases for 2024 are in accordance with the third quarter non-residential Statistics Canada Quarterly Construction Price Index of 6.6%. This increase will be effective January 1, 2024. For more information visit: www.acwtownship.ca/develop-build/development-charges.

Century Heights Water Expansion Draft Environmental Assessment (EA)

Council received the draft environment screening report and appendices for the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment for Expansion of Century Heights Drinking Water System and authorized B.M. Ross & Associates to submit the draft report to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks for their review and following the completion of their review authorize B.M. Ross & Associates to issue the notice of completion. For more information on this project visit: www.acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/century-heights-class-ea.

Concept Plan for Parks - Request for Proposal Results

Council accepted the proposal from plural (Stempski Kelly Associates Inc.) to prepare conceptual plans for Township parks. To follow along with this project visit: www.acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives.

KENECT - Reputation Management and Business Texting for the Modern Municipality

Council granted pre-budget approval to implement KENECT on a one-year trial period. This program will allow residents to text (519) 524 4669 to be put in contact with the Municipal Office. More information on this program will be available on the Municipal Website stay tuned!

MVCA - Funding Support for Application to Natural Resources Canada

Council agreed to contribute \$40,000 over the next 4 years, commencing in 2024, to support the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority's application to the Natural Resources Canada - Climate-Resilient Coastal Communities Program to continue work on the Lake Huron Shoreline.

Council Meeting – December 19, 2023

Accessibility Plans

Council adopted the 2023 Annual Accessibility Plan Update and 2024 Multi-Year Plan as presented. These documents can be found on our website at: www.acwtownship.ca/accessibility.

ACW Zoning By-Law Update - Public Meeting

Council agreed to set Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 7:00p.m. as the Public Meeting date for the Zoning By-Law Update, and further directed staff to circulate the prescribed notice thereof. For more information on this project visit: www.acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/zoning-by-law-update.

Capital and Community Partnership Grants Policy

Council adopted By-Law 87-2023 being a by-law to adopt a Capital and Community Partnership Grants Policy for the Township. This new policy outlines the application process for grant

applications which exceed \$5,000 and include improvements or investments in capital assets. For more information visit: www.acwtownship.ca/government/council.

Delegated Authority for Consent Applications

In an effort to advance customer service excellence and streamline the planning application process for Consents / Severances Council established a Delegated Authority for Consent Applications By-law. This By-law provides the CAO/Deputy-Clerk with the authority to comment on undisputed consents and approve extensions of draft plan of subdivision. A report will be provided to Council monthly to outline the applications that were deemed to be undisputed for information purposes. For more information on Consents / Severances visit: www.huroncounty.ca/plandev/forms/consents-severances/.

New Planner for ACW - Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk

Staff are pleased to welcome and introduce Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk to Council as the new Planner assigned by Huron County Planning & Development Department to the Township. Moving on to service another municipality in Huron County, we thank Celina Whaling-Rae for her contributions to planning and development in the Township over the last number of years.

Tree Planting Program Policy Amendment

Council approved amendments to the Tree Planting Program for the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. The major change is that a lottery system will be used to determine who receives trees, there is no need to attend or phone the Municipal Office. To find out more information about the changes visit: www.acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/2024-tree-program.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting | Planning- January 9th at 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting- January 16th at 9:00 a.m.
- Regular Council Meeting- February 6th at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting | Planning- February 13th at 7:00 p.m.
- Public Meeting | Zoning By-law Review- February 15th at 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting- February 20th at 9:00 p.m.