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## Monthly Council Meeting Highlights February 2024

### **Council Meeting | February 6, 2024**

#### *Forest Conservation Update*

Dave Pullen, Huron County's Forestry Officer presented Council with a Forestry Conservation Update along with a brief history of forestry in the Township. The Natural Environment and Agriculture by approximate percentage of land in all of ACW is 75.7% Agriculture, 22.8% Natural Environment and 1.5% Urban. Former West Wawanosh has the largest coverage of Natural Environment with 32.3%.

#### *Community Onsite Septic Inspection Program*

The final draft for the Community Onsite Septic Inspection Program was presented to Council and By-Law 05-2024 was passed to authorize the implementation of the program. The program is set to start in the spring of 2024. Information about this program can be found at <https://www.acwseptic.ca/>.

#### *Gravel Tender*

Council accepted the tender received from Johnston Bros. (Bothwell) Ltd. and authorized pre-budget approval in the amount of \$443,683.20 including H.S.T for the 2024 maintenance gravel. The tendered amount is for the crushing, loading, hauling and spreading of 48,000 tons of Granular "A" crushed gravel.

#### *Wylds Municipal Drain*

Council adopted a by-law to amend By-law 50-2023 for the construction of a municipal drain known as the Wylds Municipals Drain. The actual cost of the drainage works was \$337,633.15. A grant is to be received from the Ministry of Agriculture & Food for \$99,417.59.

### **Special Council Meeting | Zoning By-law Review - February 15, 2024**

#### *Zoning By-law Review*

A public meeting was held allowing the opportunity for comments on the proposed Zoning By-Law Update before Council considers the final documents for adoption. Celina Whaling-Rae, Planner for the County of Huron Planning Department made a presentation to Council and the public, followed by comments from the public. The Zoning By-Law Text Update was passed to allow for spring construction while the proposed Mapping Zoning By-Law changes will be brought back to a future meeting for consideration.

### **Council Meeting | February 20, 2024**

#### *Coldest Night of the Winter - 2024 Sponsorship*

Council agreed to a \$1,000 sponsorship of United Way Perth-Huron's Coldest Night of the Year event on Saturday, February 24, 2024.

### *Consolidated Fee By-Law*

Council has set various fees for the Township. Some of the fee changes include changes to the following rates: water, planning, recreation, septic inspection, and garbage bag-tags. For a complete list of fees visit <https://acwtownship.ca/government/by-laws/treasury/12-2024-consolidated-fee-by-law>

### *Short Term Rentals – Public Engagement and Consultation*

Council directed staff to prepare a survey directed towards ACW residents, Short Term Rental users and operators to establish a broad understanding of the issues currently facing those who are impacted. The survey will be available this spring.

### *Enbridge - Natural Gas in Ontario*

Council supported a resolution to be circulated showing support for the natural gas industry. Natural gas is a sought-after energy source and many residents and businesses are looking to have natural gas brought into our area.

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- Regular Council Meeting - March 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting | Planning - March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- Special Council Meeting | Budget - March 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- Regular Council Meeting - March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting | Planning – April 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.