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December 20, 2024

Here is a brief update from the Regular Meeting of the Council on **December 4th, 2024**. Full agendas can be found here: <https://whitewaterregion.civicweb.net/Portal/>. The video is available on our YouTube page. The next meeting is January 15th, 2024. This summary does not constitute the official record of the meeting and approved Minutes should be consulted for that purpose.

Presentations and Public Meetings

Council heard a delegation from resident Jessiah Grignon, who raised concerns about how Township staff handled a complaint related to a construction project.

Mayor's Address

Mayor Nicholson noted his attendance at ten meetings and events since the last council meeting. Highlights of the address include:

- The Whitewater Growers 65th anniversary dinner was an excellent event and congratulations to the many residents who have contributed to horticulture in our community.
- In a meeting with provincial representatives, the old Haley mine site's future potential was discussed including becoming industrial employment lands.
- Congratulations to Dan Poole for receiving a County of Renfrew Warden's 2024 award recognizing his extensive volunteerism and dedication to raising awareness and education regarding the Ottawa River watershed.

Public Works

Council approved the award of tender 2024-15 for the purchase of a roll-off trailer and three bins to Huckabones Equipment Ltd. to be used to transport recycling materials. The trailer and bins will eliminate the current expenditure of an external contractor for renting and tipping of bins.

Council approved to enter into a new two-year fixed price agreement with the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), which is the current agency that operates, maintains, and manages the Township's water and wastewater treatment systems. Staff were also directed to move forward with a request for proposal for the operations of these systems in 2025 to commence once the agreement with OCWA expires at the end of 2026.

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Community Development

Council approved a Site Plan Control agreement for the business operating as Black Ladder Construction at 177 Cemetery Road which will allow the redevelopment of the lot to construct a cold storage coverall building.

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Office of the CAO

Council received a report regarding the annual emergency management review for 2024 and approved the amendments made to the Emergency Response Plan and its attachments.

Council approved entering into a three-year agreement with Municipal Law Enforcement Services (MLES) for continued by-law enforcement services with an increase in weekly dedicated hours from 10 to 15.

Council received a report relating to delegation requests at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference to be held January 19th to 22nd, 2025.

- Key priorities focus on infrastructure funding, housing affordability, emergency preparedness, environmental sustainability, and social services. The discussions aim to address challenges such as cost-effective service delivery, regional collaboration, and support for vulnerable populations.

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Environmental Services

Council received a draft sewer use by-law for information and feedback purposes. The by-law which regulates the control of waste discharges to municipal sewers and sewage works will provide detailed direction to the public regarding appropriate sewer uses. The goal of the by-law is to protect the Township's wastewater treatment facility by ensuring the facility is used as intended.

- The draft by-law will be circulated to commercial businesses and residents for review and feedback.

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Announcements

Members of Council announced the following:

- Mayor Nicholson extended congratulations on behalf of council to staff member Julie Butala and the other Whitewater Region residents (listed below) on competing at the PanAmerican Rafting Championships in Chile.
 - The Canadian mixed rafting team consisted of Julie Butala, Gwyn Ashcroft, Westley Etherington and Kaile Marland.
 - The men's team consisted of Gwyn Ashcroft, Westly Etherington, Chaz Johnston (resident), Jacob Suchorab (past rafting guide in Whitewater Region) and Ian Stokes (also a past Whitewater Region rafting guide).

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