

# WHITEWATER REGION COUNCIL SUMMARY



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 19, 2024

Here is a brief update from the Regular Meeting of the Council on **April 17, 2024**. Full agendas can be found here: <https://whitewaterregion.civicweb.net/Portal/>. The video is available on our YouTube page. The next meeting is May 1, 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

To recognize the dedicated and hard-working volunteers of Whitewater Region during National Volunteer Week (April 14-20), Council congratulated the recipients of this year's Whitewater Region Volunteer Awards and extended gratitude to all Whitewater Region volunteers. The 2024 award recipients are:

- Youth Category: Brooke Mackay
- Adult Category: Brenna Jansen
- Lifetime Achievement: Bonny Johnson

Dr. Jason Morgenstern of the Renfrew County District Health Unit presented information on Lyme disease and deer ticks, which are the species of tick that can carry the disease. Dr. Morgenstern advised that ticks can become active as soon as weather consistently reaches 4°C and encouraged preventative measures found at [www.rcdhu.com/healthy-living/environmental-health/](http://www.rcdhu.com/healthy-living/environmental-health/)

### Mayor's Address

Mayor Nicholson noted his attendance at seven (7) meetings in the last two weeks, including RCDHU board and a Health Services Committee meetings with the County of Renfrew. Other highlights of the address include:

- Attendance at an Ontario Recreation Facilities Association training which provided an in-depth presentation of the risks and hazards associated with Safe Arena Refrigeration Plants including the obligations and liabilities.
- The ongoing situation of the Ottawa River water levels is being closely monitored by our Emergency Municipal Control Group (EMCG) and as a precautionary measure, prefilled sandbags have been made available to residents. Further information regarding sandbag locations, current updates, or to report a flooding-related concern, can be found on the [\*Township's website\*](#).

## Environmental Services

Council authorized an in-kind acceptance of street sweeping and catch basin cleaning waste generated on County of Renfrew Roads, within the Township of Whitewater Region, to the Ross Landfill site.

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## Community Services

Council approved a 5-Year Land Use Agreement with the Renfrew County ATV Club commencing on May 1, 2024, for the limited use, maintenance, and improvement of the Whitewater Region's former CN Rail Line (B Trail).

- Planned support activities for the CN Trail by RCATV have an approximate value of up to \$48,400.00 and include trail grading, trail warden services, outreach/promotion, trail stewardship, and a capital program (bridge repairs and re-decking).

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## Public Works

Council awarded two (2) tenders for 2024 Public Works projects:

- Street sweeping to Allan McCoy Contracting Inc. The Township joined the County of Renfrew's Municipal Supply and Service Tenders/Quotations for this tender.
- Tender 2024-06 Surface Treatment to Greenwood Paving (Pembroke) Ltd. for the following two Roads projects:
  - Double surface treatment on Kohlsmith Road from Queens Line (CR-4) to Kerr Line (2.8km)
  - Single surface treatment on the surface of Rapid Road from Gore line (CR-50) to Gratton Trail (8.5km)

Council received the road & sidewalk condition assessments performed by Citylogix Inc. The comprehensive report analyzes road and sidewalk conditions using a 3D camera that measures defects such as cracking and bumps.

- Staff will utilize the data to prepare a capital plan for roads and sidewalks in our Township.

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## Office of the CAO

Council approved to adopt the Joint Community Safety & Well-Being Plan – Renfrew & Area in collaboration with neighboring municipalities. The plan's objective is prevention-focused, to develop mitigation strategies to make our communities healthier and safer.

Council received a report regarding updates to the wedding officiants in the Township, including appointment of an additional by the Clerk.

Council moved to closed session to receive advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege relating to the Beachburg Agricultural Society and the Beachburg & Westmeath and District Recreational Associations. The CAO and Manager of Community Services were directed to engage with organizations in the preparation of new agreements, subject to the terms established by Council.

## **Announcements**

Members of Council announced the following:

- Councillor Tabbart highlighted the Whitewater Library's Trivia Night on April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Cobden Legion.
- Councillor Moore noted the Cobden Legion's Buffet Breakfast on April 21st from 9 am – 1 pm.
- Mayor Neil Nicholson highlighted the Community Calendar on the Township's website and urged event organizers to utilize it.

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### **Additional information:**

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