

# WHITEWATER REGION COUNCIL SUMMARY



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

August 14, 2024

Here is a brief update from the Regular Meeting of the Council on **August 7, 2024**. Full agendas can be found here: <https://whitewaterregion.civicweb.net/Portal/>. The video is available on our YouTube page. The next meeting is September 4, 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 received the Second Quarterly Administration Report for 2024. Staff leads from each department presented key points from the full report which can be found on the Township's website at <https://www.whitewaterregion.ca/services/administration/administration-report/>.

### Mayor's Address

Mayor Nicholson noted his attendance at a number of meetings and events since his last Council meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>, thanking Deputy Mayor Cathy Regier for filling in at the June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Meeting highlights included:

- A roundtable with Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, discussing the rollout of fiber internet to the home and subsequent plans for those still not accessing 50/10 mbps services.
- Attendance at recent community events including the two Canada Day parades, The Beachburg Fair, Tour de Whitewater, OWL Rafting's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Splash Valley's grand opening, and the Pembroke Public Library Multicultural Festival.
- A meeting with the Mayors of Madawaka Valley, Renfrew, and the Warden on water/wastewater advocacy in preparation for the coming Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference.
- Discussions with local agencies and organizations to prepare for the upcoming AMO Conference, noting the approval of the delegation requests as outlined during the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### Community Development

Council passed a zoning by-law amendment to rezone a portion of the property located at 728 Malloy Road, to Rural – Exception Seventy-Eight (RU-E78). The exception zone allows the construction of a secondary dwelling in the applicant's desired area on the property.

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## Corporate Services

Council approved the annual 2024 Pembroke & Area Airport Budget and requisition. The joint ownership agreement requires the airport commission to receive approval of the budget by 75% of party municipalities to implement the budget.

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## Office of the CAO

Council received the 2024 Departmental Workplan update for informational purposes.

- The departmental workplans, which provide an overview of department projects, are intended to demonstrate the alignment between council's direction and the operational actions of the Township.

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## Closed Session

Council moved to a closed session to discuss

- A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, (Pembroke Airport Commission).
- Personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees (Planner/EDO).
- Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the Municipality or local board (WWTP).
- A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board (Recreation Association Agreements).

## Announcements

Members of Council announced the following:

- Councillor Tabbart noted the AGM of the Muskrat Watershed Council on August 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Cobden Legion.
- Councillor Olmstead highlighted the upcoming Cobden Fair from August 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>.

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