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Whitewater Region Council Summary

Here is a brief update from the Council meetings of February 21, 2024.

Full agendas can be found here: <https://whitewaterregion.civicweb.net/Portal/>

Video is available on our YouTube page. Next meeting is March 6, 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 from the Friends of the Community Pool Fundraising Group requesting support for the rehabilitation of the Kinsmen Pool in the City of Pembroke.
- Dr. Mahoney was also present to provide Public Comments in support of Item 11 b - Kinsmen Pool, being Mayor Ron Gervais (City of Pembroke) letter of request for financial contribution to the rehabilitation of the Kinsmen Pool.

Mayor's Address

- The Mayor provided his address relating to his events from the past two (2) weeks and highlighted the following:
 - Attendance to 13 meetings
 - Attendance to the Beachburg "Chili" Festival, the Foresters Falls Winter Carnival and the family day breakfast at the Westmeath Recreation Centre.
 - The reception and consideration by County Council of two (2) letters:
 - Support on the Township's advocacy for the affordability of water and wastewater rates and opportunities for relief based on eligibility (County Homelessness Prevention Program)
 - The limitation on the increased access to licensed childcare and subsidized (\$10/day).

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- Council received a report from the Treasurer for information purposes regarding the process for collection of tax arrears by the Township.

Public Works

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- Council heard an information presentation from the Superintendent of Environmental Services relating to the Ontario Blue Box Program Transition to Producer Responsibility and the decisions that will be forthcoming to Council.
- The Township awarded a contract extension for Environment Monitoring and Reporting Services for Solid Waste Sites for a one-year term (2024) in the amount of \$42,042.14, inclusive of non-refundable H.S.T.

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- As a follow-up to the presentation made by Jim McBain of Municipal Law Enforcement Services (MLES) on Feb. 7, 2024, Council approved a By-law Enforcement Complaint Policy which will help guide staff, elected officials and rate payers in the process.
- Council approved entering into an encroachment agreement with the Cobden Farmers Market to formalize the placement of their billboard along Highway 17 at the entrance of the Village of Cobden.
- Council approved the 2024 Department Workplan which will serve to guide operations throughout the year and to ensure the implementation of the strategic plan and strategic direction.
- Council deliberated the letter of support from Mayor Ron Gervais relating to the Township's 11% (\$117,287.50) financial contribution to the immediate \$1,066,250 repairs needed to rehabilitate the Kinsmen Pool in the City of Pembroke. A resolution was adopted to direct staff to engage with the City of Pembroke.
 - Council moved to direct staff to engage with the City of Pembroke and provide an information report to council relating to:
 - Possible funding sources for up to the 11%; and
 - Invest in an agreement and opportunities with the City of Pembroke for exchange funds committed to the rehab of the Kinsmen Pool.

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