

Town of Greater Napanee

Council Highlights

Regular Meeting of Council for October 22, 2024

Official Plan Review Status Update

Council received a report on the Official Plan Review Status Update. Council directed that no changes be made to the currently proposed planning policies as identified in the circulated draft official plan related to downtown building height and land uses, urban boundaries, or fringe area policies. Council also directed that the urban property boundaries be amended to follow parcel fabric boundaries where reasonably possible.



Parks By-law and Encampment Protocol Consultation Report

Council received a report on the Parks By-law and Encampment Protocol Consultation. Staff were directed to amend the proposed Parks By-law and Encampment Protocol, as necessary, to adhere to the recommendations made in the report. A revised Parks By-law and Encampment Protocol will be brought forward to a future meeting.

2025 OPP Cost Increases

Council received a report on the 2025 OPP Cost Increases. The Town received its 2025 Annual Billing Statement, indicating an increase in the Town's bill of 23%, or \$928,000. The increase brings the total expected bill for policing services to \$5,041,653 for 2025, up from \$4,113,260 for 2024.

The increase in cost would require the Town to increase its tax levy by 6.1%. That increase is before any inflationary costs, capital needs, or operating requirements are considered by the Town. Given the impact on the levy, the Town will be significantly challenged to keep tax increases affordable and/or will need to seriously consider deferring or cancelling anticipated operating and capital needs.



Market Square Advisory Committee Recommendations

Council received a report on the Market Square Advisory Committee Recommendations. Council adopted the vision for Town Hall put forward by the Market Square Advisory Committee and directed staff to develop an affordable costing structure and booking model that would allow community and arts groups to use the space and the Town to achieve cost recovery.

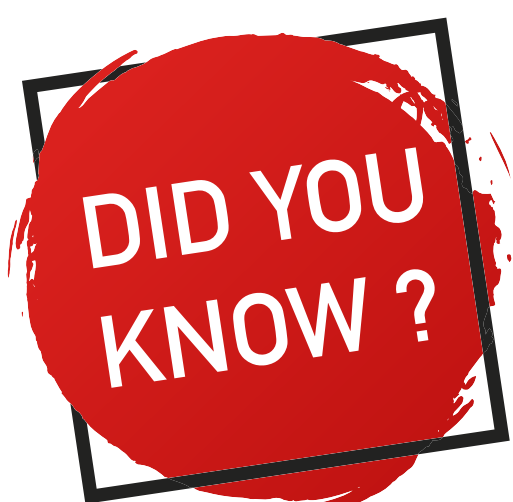
Council directed staff to pursue partnerships for capital improvements to the facility, related to the creation of a space that would accommodate market activities in Market Square as well as entities that could set up and run market activities in the Market Square precinct. A report will be brought back to a Regular Session of Council outlining the cost, timelines, implication of proposed work, and reserve funds available.

Next Regular Session of Council: Tuesday, November 12th, 2024

This meeting will be live streamed via our [YouTube Channel](#)

What's to Come

Visit the [2025 Budget Consultation](#) page available on Let's Talk Greater Napanee. More information about upcoming budget meetings and budget documents will be posted to this page as they become available.



Take a Look at the [Agenda and Minutes](#) from the October 22nd, 2024, Regular Session of Council

Proclamation - Louis Riel Day

Council proclaimed November 16th, 2024, as Louis Riel Day in the Town of Greater Napanee.

What's Happening in Our Municipal Departments:

Parks, Recreation, and Culture Services

Areas of discussion included Veteran's banners that have been installed in the downtown core, market square, and Best and Bash arena parking lot for Remembrance Day, Best and Bash Arena signage that has been installed at the facility, the Ontario University Softball Championships that will be held at the Fairgrounds complex on October 19th & 20th, and a breakdown of upcoming events. The complete [Activity Report](#) is available on the October 22nd agenda.



Executive Services

Areas of discussion included implemented structural changes to the organization, the development of a service level template for Town administration, the continuation of meetings with institutional partners on housing and homelessness solutions for Greater Napanee, and staff that are working with contracted FMLE officers to ensure continuity of by-law enforcement services in the absence of a Senior By-law Officer. The complete [Activity Report](#) is available on the October 22nd agenda.

Financial Services

Areas of discussion included the 2023 year end audit that is ongoing, 2025 budget preparation, HRIS implementation that is underway, recruitment for a Customer Service Representative that is underway, and the CCBF Compliance Audit that is complete with no reported concerns. The complete [Activity Report](#) is available on the October 22nd agenda.

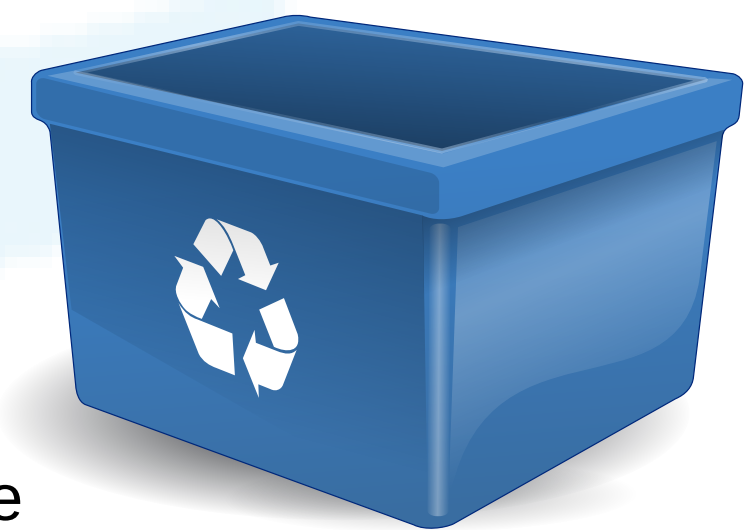


Growth & Development Services

Areas of discussion included updates on the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP), a Land Listing and Disposition Strategy, 840 County Road 8 (H.H. Langford) Property Standards, Richmond Mobile Home Park Phase 2 and 3, Quinte Detention Centre Expansion, and various construction project updates. The complete [Activity Report](#) is available on the October 22nd agenda.

Infrastructure Services

Areas of discussion included culvert replacements on Homestead Road that have been completed, fall gravel, grading, and calcium applications have been completed, Fall Leaf and Brush collection that has been scheduled for the week of November 11th for the rural area residents and the week of November 18th for urban area residents, the Jim Kimmett/Devcor water main replacement project that has begun, and continued work to prepare for the transition of the Ontario Bluebox Program including a communications strategy that staff are working on for 2025. The complete [Activity Report](#) is available on the October 22nd agenda.



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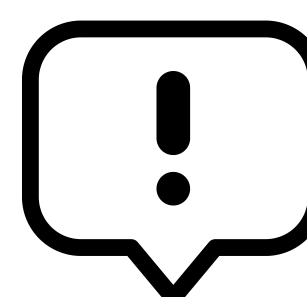
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