



TOWNSHIP OF STONE MILLS

Council Recap



Regular Meeting of Council for August 10, 2026

Public Meeting

Permanently Close and Convey an Unopened Municipal Road Allowance- Part of the Road Allowance Between Lots 12 and 13, Concession 1

A Public meeting was held to consider a request to permanently close and convey a portion of an unopened road allowance identified as Part of the Road Allowance between Lots 12 and 13, Concession 1. The application was submitted by the abutting landowner to proceed with future planning act applications. Council received a [Planning Report](#) which noted no written objections from the public. Council was advised that the application was consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement and conforms with the Township of Stone Mills Official Plan; Council passed the by-law to permanently close and convey the Unopened Municipal Road Allowance.

Open Forum

Council heard from one individual under forum. Rod Hughes spoke to item 8.7 on the agenda-Update Rattie Road - Follow Up, and expressed his support of keeping the road open.

Items for Consideration

Confidential Information Sharing Agreement: Alto High-Speed Rail Project

The CAO provided a high-level summary of a recent meeting held between the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, CAO and ALTO representatives. A confidential information sharing (non-disclosure) agreement prepared by ALTO was reviewed and discussed. Council passed a resolution not to enter into or execute any non-disclosure agreement, confidentiality agreement, or similar arrangement with ALTO or its representatives regarding the proposed project and declared that any future requests of this nature must come to Council first. This resolution will be communicated with all applicable parties. [Staff Report](#)



British Home Child Proclamation Request 2026

A request was submitted to staff to honour and recognize September 28th as British Home Child Awareness Day by making a proclamation and/or flying the British Home Child Flag for the month of September. Council supported the request. [Staff Report](#)

Special Event Permit Applications

- A Special Event Permit Application for a "[Breakfast on the Farm](#)" event was received and supported by Council. The event will take place at the **River Valley Cattle Company** in Newburgh on **Saturday September 26, 2026**.
- Tamworth Lions Club submitted a [Special Event Permit Application](#) for their annual **Fish Fry** to be held at the **Tamworth Arena on August 23, 2026**. Council received and supported the request and waived the \$500.00 for setting up the stage.

Reverend Philip Wilson Yarker/Riverside Cemetery Board Request for Funding

Council receive a request from Reverend Philip Wilson of the [Yarker Riverside Cemetery Board](#) and agreed to donate \$1,000 funded from the Council donation budget towards damage to monuments during recent severe weather events.

Request from Rob Fenwick (Municipal Flag and Lapel Pins)

Council received and approved a [request](#) from Rob Fenwick requesting donation of a Township flag, lapel pins and Township pens to accompany his attendance at a ceremony to honour Roy Fenwick, DCM of the Canadian 21st Battalion in Marcelcave, France hosted by the Mayor and town Council.

Update Rattie Road - Follow Up

A Staff Report entitled "[Update Rattie Road - Follow Up](#)" was received by Council and directed staff to retain engineering services to complete the required hydraulic and hydrology assessment at an estimated cost of \$20,000, funded through the Construction (300-320) budget. Staff will report back to Council upon receipt of the findings prior to commencement of any construction.

Landfill Brush Drop-Off Fees

At the April 27, 2026 Councill meeting, staff were directed to report back on the estimated costs for providing free brush drop off, inclusive of brush and branches. Staff reviewed the brush drop-off volumes, revenues and processing costs for the previous three years. Council received the report and agreed to keep the current structure in place under the fees and tariffs bylaw. [Staff Report](#)

Routine County Maintenance Agreement

A draft Agreement for the Routine Maintenance of the County Road System with the County of Lennox and Addington was reviewed by Council. The agreement sets a five-year term (2026-2031, auto-renewing) and was developed collaboratively with input from the County Technical Advisory Committee – Roads and Bridges. Council authorized the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer to execute the Agreement.

Parkland Dedication By-Law Update

A review of the current Parkland Dedication By-law was performed by staff and it was determined that updates to the by-law were needed to meet current legislation. A new by-law was passed to include a \$2,500 flat fee for cash-in-lieu of parkland to be applied to residential severance applications. Notice of Intent to update the Fees and Charges by-law was given and the by-law will be brought forward at the September 14, 2026 meeting. [Staff Report](#)

Municipal Finance Officer's Association of Ontario re: Making permanent the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) that is scheduled to end after the 2026 allocation

Ontario municipalities and advocacy groups are actively working to make the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) a permanent measure. Recently, a letter was sent by the [Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario \(MFOA\)](#) to the Honourable Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure, urging him to secure a \$400 million annual funding level before the formula allocations for 2027 are determined. Council expressed their support for MFOA's request to the Ministry of Infrastructure, advocating for the permanence of the doubled OCIF ahead of the 2027 allocations, which will assist municipalities in continuing to develop housing-enabling infrastructure while maintaining the economic value of existing facilities.

Consent Agenda Items

Items received under the Consent Agenda can be found on the Council meeting Agenda.

The following items were extracted by Council for further discussion/support:

- The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa Resolution re [Traffic and Speeding Funding](#)
- [Letter to PM Mark Carney from Southern ALTO Corridor Heads of Council](#)
- Southeast Public Health [Letter of Support re Province of Ontario's New "Bring-Your-Own" \(BYO\) Alcoholic Beverages for Events](#)
- Grass Roots Growers Community Garden- [Taste of the Garden Event](#)
- Clearview Township Resolution re [Public Sector Salary Disclosure Inflation Adjustments](#)

Notice of Motion

Following a Notice of Motion brought forward by Councillor Milligan at the July 13, 2026 a motion was passed directing staff to create and maintain a dedicated ALTO information page on the Township of Stone Mills website. The intent of the page is to be used to provide residents with factual, up-to-date information related to the ALTO project, including Township resolutions, Council decisions, public notices, meeting dates, links to official government and ALTO resources, and other information deemed appropriate by the CAO. Further, the purpose of this page is to improve communication, transparency, and public access to information regarding the proposed ALTO project and its potential impacts on Stone Mills Township.

Announcements

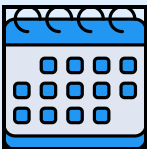
- Councillor Fenwick spoke to his upcoming trip to France and the honouring of Roy Fenwick DCM, of the Canadian 21st Battalion in his roll in helping liberate Marcelcave, France with the Mayor and Council of Marcelcave.

By-laws

Council passed the following By-laws:

- By-law 2026-1362 - Stop up, close and convey the portion of the unopened, unmaintained municipal road allowance identified as Part Road allowance between Lots 12 and 13, Concession 1
- By-law 2026-1363 - Establish a Process for the Conveyance of Parkland and for Valuating Cash-In-Lieu Payment
- By-law 2023-1364- Confirm Proceedings August 10, 2026

The complete By-laws as presented and approved are available on the [August 10 Council Agenda](#).



Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Lennox & Addington County Council- Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- Committee of Adjustment-Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- Regular Council-Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

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