

TOWNSHIP OF STONE MILLS

Council Recap

Regular Meeting of Council for November 9, 2026

Open Forum

A delegation was received from Chris Belanger requesting that Councillor Krysta-Lee Woodcock's Notice of Motion (Item 11.2) be delayed, citing concerns about potential limitations on farmland use and the proposed restrictions.

Presentations

Years of Service Recognition Presentations

Mayor Wise was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Province of Ontario for his 22 years of dedicated service as a member of Council.

Deputy Mayor Doug Davison was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Province of Ontario for his 47 years of service as a member of Council.

Committee of Adjustment Chairperson Robert Clancey was presented with a Certificate of Recognition from the Township of Stone Mills for his service as a member of Council for 8 years and Committee of Adjustment for over 22 years.

Items for Consideration

2026 Uncollectible Taxes Under Section 354 of the Municipal Act, 2001

Council received and approved a Staff Report recommending to write-off taxes deemed uncollectable associated with Township-owned properties.

Adoption of Special Event By-law

Council discussed the Special Event By-law at its October 13, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting and recommended presenting it for approval at the November 9, 2026 Council meeting. Council's requested revisions were incorporated, and the previous by-law was repealed. Key policy changes have been summarized in the Staff Report.

Request To Purchase Municipally Owned Land Located Immediately South Of 222 North Beaver Lake Rd

Staff received a request from an applicant to deem a piece of property as surplus. The property is owned by the Township of Stone Mills and abuts the applicants property known municipally as 222 North Beaver Lake Road. Department Heads reviewed the proposal, and it was determined there are no plans for the lands from a Township perspective. Council received the report, declared the lands legally described as Part 4 on Plan 29R3899 surplus, directed staff to obtain an appraisal, and required the applicant to pay all appraisal costs. Staff Report

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:

- 2026 Ontario Senior Achievement Award
- Camden Lake Provincial Wildlife Area Correspondence from Ministry

All other items were received for information.

Notice of Motion / Direct Motion

The following Notice of Motion provided by Councillor Lalande at the October 13th Council meeting was passed,

That the OPP be invited to attend a future Council meeting to provide an update as to what efforts are being made within the community regarding speeding/traffic calming.

The following Notice of Motion provided by Councillor Fenwick at the October 13th Council meeting was passed,

That Staff bring a report back to a future Council meeting setting out the pros and cons of reducing the minimum lot size requirements of severances from 1 hectare to 1 acre.

The following Notice of Motion provided by Councillor Woodcock at the October 13th Council meeting was passed,

That the Township of Stone Mills calls on the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario, in collaboration with farmers, agricultural organizations, municipalities, and farmland conservation organizations, to develop a coordinated approach to agricultural retirement security and farmland protection (the full motion can be viewed within the Nov 13th minutes).

Councillor Milligan received support to make the following direct motion, which was passed,

The Council of the Township of Stone Mills respectfully requests that the Government of Ontario pause the current consultation process and extend the deadline for municipal submissions on Bill 140, the Building Ontario Faster Act, 2026, to provide newly elected municipal councils with sufficient time to review and assess the proposed legislation (the full motion can be viewed within the Nov 13th minutes).

By-laws

Council passed the following By-laws:

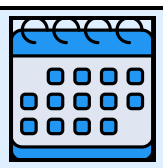
- By-law 2026-1374 - Special Event By-law (Repealed 2019-965)
- By-law 2026-1375 - Confirm Proceedings November 9, 2026

The complete By-laws as presented and approved are available on the **November 9 Council Agenda**.

Announcements

Council and staff provided the following announcements:

- Municipal offices will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Remembrance Day
- Council members thanked Mayor Wise and Deputy Mayor Davison for the opportunity to work alongside them
- The Vernard Detlor Memorial Rink commemoration in Enterprise will take place on November 21 at approximately 1:00 p.m.
- Enterprise Community Hall Rededication will be held on November 21 from 2-4pm
- Councillor McDonald was acknowledged for her service on the 2022-2026 term of Council and congratulations provided to the incoming candidates successful in the 2026-2030 term of Council



Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Inaugural Meeting for Incoming Council- Monday, November 16, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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