



TOWNSHIP OF STONE MILLS

Council Recap



Regular Meeting of Council for September 14, 2026

Public Meeting

Notice of Application and Public Meeting ZON2026-0002- Ronald Kennedy- 20 Tower Road & 2295 County Road 14

A Public meeting was held to consider a request to rezone a portion of the parcel from the Rural 'RU' zone into a new Rural Exception XX (RU-XX) zone to permit a reduced MDS I setback from the existing unoccupied livestock barn on the subject lands and a reduced minimum lot area for the lands to accommodate a single detached dwelling. The purpose of this reduction is to address zoning concerns and facilitate a future severance of that portion of the property. The Zoning By-law Amendment application also seeks to modify the Rural Exception 16 'RU-16' zone to permit a manufacturing, processing, assembling or fabricating plant, reduce the required minimum front yard for non-residential uses to reflect the existing site conditions, and permit the open storage of modular homes. The remaining lands zoned Rural 'RU' are proposed to be rezoned to Rural Exception 16 'RU-16' to ensure consistency on the subject property.

Council received a presentation and [Planning Justification Report](#) by the applicant's agent. Comments were received from the public and will be addressed when the application is brought back to a future Council meeting for consideration.

Items for Consideration

CAO Performance Appraisal - Future Scheduling

The CAO performance review was presented to Council in Closed Session on August 10, 2026 and Council directed staff in Open Session to bring a report back to Council with recommendations on how often the CAO performance review should be conducted. Council approved the consultant's recommendation to conduct the CAO performance review on a two-year cycle, which would occur during the second and final year of each term of Council. [Staff Report](#)



Wall of Fame Policy Update

Council received a report from staff providing an update on the Recreation Committee's, revisions to the Wall of Fame Policy and renovations to the Wall of Fame space at the Tamworth Recreation Centre. Council approved the updated Wall of Fame Policy and staff will schedule a grand opening for the new Wall of Fame space in the near future. [Staff Report](#)

Joint Compliance Audit Committee Terms of Reference and Appointments

Council is required to establish a Compliance Audit Committee (CAC) prior to October 1 in the year of a regular election. The Township of Stone Mills and the other lower tier municipalities within Lennox & Addington County, have for numerous election cycles, partnered to form a Joint Compliance Audit Committee (JCAC). Council received the Staff Report and passed a By-law to appoint members to the Joint Compliance Audit Committee and adopt Terms of Reference. [Staff Report](#)

Fees and Charges By-law Amendment-Schedule 'C'

Staff presented a report at the [August 10, 2026 Regular Council meeting](#), regarding proposed updates to Schedule 'C' of By-law 2024-1237 Being a By-law to Collect Fees and Charges. The changes relate to the collection of Cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication fees for applicable Planning Act applications. Following the August 10th meeting, Public Notice of Intent to adopt the By-law was provided and the By-law was brought back at the September 14th meeting for adoption. The [Staff Report and by-law](#) can be viewed here.

Stone Mills Lantern Festival- Request for Donation

A letter was received from the organizers of a **Stone Mills Lantern Festival** requesting a financial donation from Council is the amount of \$500. The Lantern Festival will take place in November and will include a series of lantern-building workshops for people of all ages and abilities. Council approved the request. Details about the event can be found attached to the [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:

- [Staffing Update - Tax Collector/Financial Clerk](#)
- Town of Parry Sound Council Resolution re [Request Province establish regulatory framework for e-scooters](#)
- Letter from The Honourable Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Transport and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons re [resolution adopted by the Township of Stone Mills on the proposed High-Speed Rail \(HSR\)](#)

Notice of Motion

The following Notice of Motions were proposed by Councillor Woodcock to be considered at the September 28 Regular Council meeting:

1. Whereas Council meetings used to be left online for just 24 hours. And whereas Stone Mills made a positive step towards better transparency by keeping the meetings online for the full term of Council. And Whereas continued transparency would benefit the public in particular ongoing issues like Alto and allow the public to see how our decisions are made. Therefore, be it resolved that the Township update its policy for the meetings to remain online indefinitely.
2. Whereas data center development is rapidly accelerating across the country in its incredibly new technology with many unknown repercussions locally and regionally from impacts on air, water, farmland, rural land, energy use and more. And Whereas many municipalities like ours lack that technical expertise and knowledge or regulatory capacity to really assess these projects and their impacts or cumulative effects. Therefore, be it resolved that Stone Mills Township declare itself an unwilling host of data centers for one year and call on the provincial and federal government to create enforceable guard rails and regulations that address environmental, social, and economic impacts.

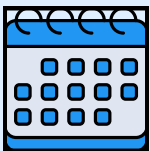
Mayor Wise spoke about the Camden Lake Wildlife Area, which has been abandoned by the Ministry. He will bring a Notice of Motion to the September 28 meeting directing staff to contact the Ministry and request that it maintain the trail and surrounding area.

By-laws

Council passed the following By-laws:

- By-law 2026-1365- Appoint a Joint Compliance Audit Committee and adopt Terms of Reference
- By-law 2026-1366 to Amend Fees and Charges By-law Amendment-Schedule 'C'
- By-law 2026-1367- Confirm Proceedings September 14, 2026

The complete By-laws as presented and approved are available on the [September 14 Council Agenda](#).



Upcoming Meeting Dates

- County Council Regular Meeting - September 16, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Council-Monday, September 28, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

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