



TOWNSHIP OF STONE MILLS

Council Recap



Regular Meeting of Council for September 28, 2026

Public Meeting

Permanently Close and Convey an Unopened Municipal Road Allowance - 416D County Road 13

A Public meeting was held to consider a request from abutting landowners to close and convey an unopened municipal road allowance as follows: Parts 7,8,9,10,11,12,12 and 14 on Plan 29R-10415, being Part of the Road allowance established between Lots 5 & 6 of Concession 2, Geographic Township of Sheffield.

The Purpose of the request was to fulfill a recommendation of provisionally approved severance applications (B42-2024 & B43-2024) for the property. Council received a staff [Planning Report](#). No comments were received from the public and Council proceeded with approving the by-law as presented.

Presentations

KPMG Audit Findings Report for the year ended December 31, 2025

Katie Mahon with KPMG presented the 2025 Audit Findings Report. Council received the presentation for information. [KPMG Presentation](#)

Dillon Consulting- Asset Management Plan 2026

Dillon Consulting presented key asset management concepts, including the state of local infrastructure, levels of service, risk assessment, and lifecycle activities from the 2026 Asset Management Plan for the Township. The presentation concluded with a discussion of growth and a roadmap outlining next steps. [Dillon Consulting Presentation](#)

OPP Detachment Board Annual Report Presentation 2025

Council deferred the [OPP Detachment Board Annual Report Presentation](#) to the October 13, 2026 Council meeting due to the presenter being absent.

Items for Consideration

2025 Financial Statements

KPMG completed its independent audit of the Township of Stone Mills' financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025. The audited financial statements, together with KPMG's Independent Auditor's Report, was presented to Council for approval. [Staff Report](#)

2026 Asset Management Plan

A 2026 Asset Management Plan (AMP) was prepared to update the Township's previous plan and meet provincial regulations. Council approved the Plan as presented and directed staff to incorporate the Asset Management financial strategy into future budget deliberations and annual budget planning. [Staff Report & Asset Management Plan](#)

Site Plan Control By-law

Consultant planners reviewed the existing Site Plan Control By-law 2001-100 and presented Council with a revised by-law intended to align with the current Planning Act, clarify the site plan process, and provide applicants with clearer requirements. After discussing the proposed changes, Council deferred the [Staff Report](#) to its October 13 meeting and requested that planning staff prepare a matrix outlining the changes made within the by-law and applicable policies.

Warner Pasture- Subdivision Agreement and Final Plan

In May 2026, the Township extended draft approval for the Warner Pasture subdivision (File No. 11-T-07-001) to July 14, 2027. Council received a report from the consultant planners entitled [Subdivision Agreement and Final Plan of Subdivision, Warner Pasture](#) confirming the applicant has now fulfilled the draft conditions and Council granted final plan of subdivision.

Hollow Eve - Request to deem event as Municipally Significant & Request for Special Event Permit 2026

Staff received a [request](#) from the organizers of the Hollow Market Square to deem their annual Hollow Eve event held on October 17, 2026, as municipally significant so they may sell alcohol at the event. A further request for a [Special Event Permit](#) as required by by-law was also received. Both requests were reviewed by staff who confirmed the event meets the criteria of the township policies. Council deemed the event as municipally significant and authorized staff to issue a letter of approval and allow a noise exemption on October 17, 2026 between 2:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

Fallin for Maple Special Event Permit Application 2026

Council received a request from the event organizers of the Fallin for Maple event to be held on October 10, 2026. Council authorized staff to issue a letter of approval for the Special Event and allow a noise exemption on October 10, 2026 between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. [Staff Report](#)

Tamworth Sabres- Request for Reduced Ice Rental Fee

Council received a request from the General Manager of the Tamworth Sabres requesting that their ice time rates be subsidized for their home games for the upcoming season. Council considered the request and due to rates already being subsidized the request was denied. [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:

- [TAC August 18, 2026 Minutes](#)
- [George Downing Fish Fry & Corn Roast 2026](#)
- Township of Ramara Council Resolution re [Lyme Disease Research and Support](#)
- Staffing Update – [Recreation and Facilities Coordinator](#)
- Quinte Conservation - [3rd Depot Lake Dam Environmental Assessment - Notice of Intent](#)
- Provincial Buy Ontario Procurement Directive – [Implications for the Township of Stone Mills](#)

All other items were received for information.

Notice of Motion

Councillor Woodcock withdrew the following Notice of Motion from the September 14th Council meeting, due to clarification being provided that current policies require Council meeting videos to stay online for a period of two years after the term of Council has ended:

“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”

The following Notice of Motion from the September 14th Council meeting proposed by Councillor Woodcock was passed,

“That the Township of Stone Mills is an unwilling host of mega AI data centers and advocate the provincial and federal government enact enforceable regulations”.

Mayor Wise received Council support for his September 14th Notice of Motion directing staff to contact the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding the condition of the Camden Lake Wildlife Area, and request to restore and bring trails to usable condition.

By-laws

Council passed the following By-laws:

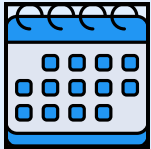
- By-law 2026-1368 - Stop up, close and convey a portion of the unopened, unmaintained municipal road allowance between Lots 5 & 6, Concession 2, identified as Parts 7-14 on Plan 29R-10415
- By-law 2026-1369 - Deem a Plan of Subdivision
- By-law 2026-1370- Confirm Proceedings September 28, 2026

The complete By-laws as presented and approved are available on the [September 28 Council Agenda](#).

Announcements

Council provided the following announcements:

- Councillor Woodcock noted that the Scarecrow Festival fundraiser was a success and scarecrows will be placed throughout the Township
- CAO Jason White noted the municipal offices will be closed Sept 30th in observance of Truth and Reconciliation Day
- Councillor Lalande commented on two community events she attended being the Breakfast on the Farm, and Euchre tournament at Newburgh Hall, both well attended events
- Councillor Lalande sought clarity on when election candidates are required to stop campaigning. Township Clerk noted that campaigning can go to the end of December 2026
- Councillor Fenwick noted that 100th anniversary at the Enterprise Community Hall was successful and very well attended
- Mayor Wise acknowledged September 28th being declared as British Home Child day, and the significance of day
- Council confirmed their availability to attend a a Committee of the Whole meeting on Tuesday, October 13 at 4:30 p.m.



Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Committee of Adjustment - Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.
- Committee of the Whole- Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 4:30 p.m.
- Regular Council - Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
- Regular Council - Monday, November 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

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