



Regular Council Meeting Highlights – October 6, 2026

Council met on October 6 to review sustainable waste management, community and municipal property matters, recreation facilities, emergency management, governance, and economic development initiatives affecting the Township and Community.

Key Decisions

- Accepted (in principle) the request for the Township to assume responsibility for the future management and care of Goshen Protestant Cemetery, with staff to prepare a transition report.
- Reviewed options for the Braeside community mailboxes, with staff to report back on the feasibility and costs of relocating the Canada Post mailboxes and moving the gate between the John A. Gillies Community Centre and Public Works Shed.
- Received the amended Draft Backyard Chicken By-law, with the by-law to return to Council for enactment.
- Accepted the transition with Cunningham Swan for continuing Integrity Commissioner services following the current Commissioner's retirement.
- Appointed Nikky Dubeau as Manager of Legislative Services/Clerk, effective October 13, 2026.

Waste Management

- Adopted the Sustainable Waste Management Strategy as a guiding master plan, with future initiatives, expenditures, and timelines subject to Council approval.
- Considered recommendations related to waste fees, waste diversion, and other long-term waste management initiatives.

Infrastructure & Public Works

- Received the Public Works Department Activity Report outlining road maintenance, brushing, winter preparations, landfill work, equipment maintenance, and other departmental activities.
- Reviewed upcoming Public Works projects and maintenance activities.

Public Safety & Community Services

- Appointed the Fire Chief as Alternate CEMC and deferred the Community Emergency Management Coordinator appointment until the required certification is completed.
- Received the By-Law Services Report and directed staff to request additional information on the source and nature of tickets issued.

Recreation & Community Facilities

- Reviewed the feasibility of a roofed outdoor recreation facility, including potential costs, facility operations, funding opportunities, and possible year-round uses, and directed staff to bring the report back for consideration at the first Regular Council Meeting in December.

Economic Development

- Supported the County of Renfrew's request regarding the Regional Economic Development through Immigration (REDI) Initiative, with amendments to the draft letter of support.

Looking Ahead

Council continues to focus on long-term planning, responsible management of Township services and infrastructure, community safety, waste management, recreation opportunities, and economic development.

The next Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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