



MUNICIPALITY OF CASSELMAN

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 6:00 P.M.
Council Meeting Room
750 Principale - Hall B1
Casselman, ON, K0A 1M0

Council
Genevieve Lajoie, Mayor
Paul Groulx, Councillor
Anik Charron, Councillor
Sylvain Cleroux, Councillor

Resource persons
Sébastien Dion, Clerk
Yves Morrisette, CAO
Mélodie Sorrell, Director of operations and human resources
Simon Thibeault, Treasurer
Pierre-Paul Beauchamp, Director of Public Work
Pascal Doucet, Planner
Martin Allard, Chief Building Official
Jenna Huisman, Director of Parks and Recreation

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The chair calls the members to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution No. 2024-271

Moved by: Anik Charron

Seconded by: Sylvain Cleroux

Be it resolved that the agenda be accepted, without modifications.

Carried

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS

4. DELEGATIONS

1. Centre de services à l'emploi de Prescott-Russell

The representatives of the CSEPR present the organization's programs, services, and projects. The CSEPR will provide some services at 750 Principale as of December 1st, 2024.

5. MAYOR'S & COUNCILLORS MESSAGE

6. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Regular meeting held October 29, 2024 and Special Meetings held November 5 and 12, 2024

Resolution No. 2024-272

Moved by: Paul Groulx

Seconded by: Sylvain Cleroux

Be it resolved that the minutes be adopted as presented.

Carried

7. COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND CONSULTANTS

1. Receiving of minutes and reports from the committees, boards and consultants
2. Requests

8. RECEIVING OF REPORTS FROM THE APPOINTED MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS

1. Administration

- 8.1.1 DG-7-2024 - 2024 and 2025 Budget Allocation - Russell County OPP Detachment Board

Resolution No. 2024-273

Moved by: Paul Groulx

Seconded by: Sylvain Cleroux

That Council acknowledges the reception of administrative report DG-7-2024; and

Approves the Municipality of Casselman's share for funding the Russell County OPP Detachment Board in the amounts of \$2,046 for year 2024 and \$7,200 for year 2025.

Carried

2. Operations and Human Resources

- 8.2.1 RH-2-2024 - Health and Safety Program and Policy Renewal

Resolution No. 2024-274

Moved by: Sylvain Cleroux

Seconded by: Paul Groulx

That the Council of the Municipality of Casselman acknowledges reception of administrative report RH-2-2024; and

Adopts the revised health and safety policy of the municipality, reaffirming our commitment to a safe and healthy work environment for all employees, contractors, volunteers, and visitors.

Carried

3. Public Works - By-Law Enforcement

4. Recreation and Leisure

8.4.1 RL-15-2024 - Parks Master Plan - Action Plan

Resolution No. 2024-275

Moved by: Paul Groulx

Seconded by: Sylvain Cleroux

That Council acknowledges the reception of administrative report RL-15-2024;
and

Adopts the Parks Master Plan Implementation Breakdown identified in schedule
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Carried

5. Planning

6. Construction

7. Community Safety and Fire Department

9. MUNICIPAL BY-LAWS

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

11. OTHER BUSINESS

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution No. 2024-276

Moved by: Sylvain Cleroux

Seconded by: Anik Charron

Be it resolved that the correspondences listed on the agenda be received.

Carried

1. Request for support

2. Informative Correspondences

12.2.1 Ministry of Finance - 2025 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund

12.2.2 Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus - Response to the Minister of Finance's 2024
Fall Economic Statement

3. Resolutions from municipalities and organizations

13. QUESTION PERIOD FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL TO DEPARTMENT HEADS (First monthly
meeting only)

1. Monthly Report from the Department Heads - October 2024

Resolution No. 2024-277

Moved by: Anik Charron

Seconded by: Sylvain Cleroux

Be it resolved that the monthly report be received.

Carried

14. QUESTION PERIOD RESERVED TO THE PUBLIC

15. NOTICE OF MOTION

1. Motion presented during a past meeting

- 15.1.1 Geneviève Lajoie - Reopen Discussions with Via Rail for Permanent Opening of Track Crossing on Maria Street

Mr. Cléroux presides during the discussion.

Resolution No. 2024-278

Moved by: Genevieve Lajoie

Seconded by: Anik Charron

Whereas, on March 5, 2024, at a zoning change meeting, numerous community members of Domaine de la Rivière Nation Estate voiced their concerns regarding the lack of alternate access routes to their neighborhood, emphasizing the critical need for a secondary means of ingress and egress;

Whereas, this motion is meant to support the community's advocacy efforts in opening this track crossing;

It is hereby moved that, the Council directs the administration to initiate and pursue negotiations with Via Rail with the aim of permanently opening the Maria Street track crossing. This initiative seeks to ensure a secondary access route for the residents of Domaine de la Rivière Nation Estate, thereby enhancing community safety and accessibility;

Further, it is moved that the administration is to provide regular updates to the Council on the status of discussions with Via Rail, detailing any challenges encountered and potential strategies to address them.

Defeated

2. Submission of a new notice of motion

- 15.2.1 Geneviève Lajoie - Expanding Rural Transportation Options in Ontario

In the absence of Ms. Leblanc, Mrs. Charron seconds the motion to allow the submission.

16. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

17. UPCOMING EVENTS

1. 2024 Christmas Festival

18. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 2024-279

Moved by: Sylvain Cleroux

Seconded by: Anik Charron

Be it resolved that the present meeting be adjourned at 7:09 p.m. for a closed session to address matters pertaining to Section 239 (2)(b)(k)(e)(f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, chapter 25 to consider matters relating to:

- 18.1 Regular Meeting Held August 27, 2024 and Special Meeting Held August 30, 2024
- 18.2 Matter pertaining to section 239(2)(k) about a position to be observed by the Municipality in the context of an ongoing negotiation - Report EN-1-2024 (HC) - Operations and maintenance services of the water and wastewater treatment systems
- 18.3 Matter pertaining to section 239(2)(e)(f) of the Municipal Act about advices subject to solicitor-client involving real estate litigation file - Report OPS-4-2024 (HC)
- 18.4 Matter pertaining to section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act about identifiable individuals - Report GR-1-2024 (HC) - Community Engagement Committee Candidates
- 18.5 Subject related to section 239(2)(k) about an ongoing negotiation with a municipal corporation - Report OPS-5-2024 (HC) - Draft of Inter-Corporate Agreement with CRCVC

Carried

1. Regular Meeting Held August 27, 2024 and Special Meeting Held August 30, 2024

Resolution No. 2024-280

Moved by: Sylvain Cleroux

Seconded by: Paul Groulx

Be it resolved that the closed session minutes of August 27, 2024 be adopted as presented.

	For	Against	Conflict	Absent
Genevieve Lajoie		X		
Paul Groulx	X			
Francine Leblanc				X

Anik Charron X

Sylvain
Cleroux X

Results 3 1 0 1

Vote Type: Majority (Voted), Recorded
Carried (3 to 1)

Resolution No. 2024-281

Moved by: Paul Groulx

Seconded by: Sylvain Cleroux

Be it resolved that the closed session minutes of August 30, 2024, be adopted as presented.

Postponed to a later meeting

2. Matter pertaining to section 239(2)(k) of the Municipal Act about a position to be observed by the Municipality in the context of an ongoing negotiation

18.2.1 Report OPS-4-2024 (HC) - Draft of Inter-Corporate Agreement with CRCVC

Topic not discussed and postponed to a later closed session meeting.

18.2.2 Report EN-1-2024 (HC) - Operations and Maintenance Services of the Water and Wastewater Treatment Systems

Council was briefed on the subject and a direction was given to staff on how to proceed.

3. Matter pertaining to section 239(2)(e)(f) of the Municipal Act about advices subject to solicitor-client privilege involving real estate litigation file - Report OPS-5-2024 (HC)

Council was briefed on the subject and a direction was given to staff on how to proceed.

4. Matter pertaining to section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act about identifiable individuals - Report GR-1-2024 (HC) - Community Engagement Committee Candidates

Council was briefed on the subject and a direction was given to staff on how to proceed.

Return to open session at 8:46 p.m.

19. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

1. 2024-50 - To confirm Council Procedures at Regular Meeting Held November 19, 2024

Resolution No. 2024-282

Moved by: Sylvain Cleroux

Seconded by: Paul Groulx

Be it resolved that By-Law no. 2024-50 to confirm Council's proceedings at its meeting of November 19, 2024 be read and adopted in 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading.

Carried

20. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 2024-283

Moved by: Sylvain Cleroux

Seconded by: Anik Charron

Be it resolved that the present meeting be adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Carried

Geneviève Lajoie, Mayor

Sébastien Dion, Clerk