

February 2025
CAO'S ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT
TO COUNCIL

Administration

Gabe Fitzmaurice will be starting a co-op position with our Administration Department starting February 10th, 2025 in the afternoons. He has a keen interest in Public Administration, and I hope to have him present to Council regarding his experience once he completes his term at the Township.

ROMA Conference

Attached are two letters from our delegations. Unfortunately, with the election being called any further follow up will have to wait. We also followed up with Ontario Waterpower and the Ministry of Energy on Eganville Generations contract which is progressing and hopefully we will have a solution from IESO. We will touch base with them following the provincial election.

Sunday I attended the Zone 6 update hosted by Mayor Murphy. I then attended the Rural Responses to Mental Health and Addictions session which explored the unique considerations around mental health and addictions in rural communities, as well as featuring successful rural responses to this crisis. Michael Nolan, Director of Emergency Services and Chief of the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service was part of this expert panel.

Monday following our delegations, I was pleased to be part of an expert panel on Navigating the Future of Municipal Waste Management to explore the full implementation of the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy emphasizing the roles of producers and municipalities in managing waste and achieving targets, Take a deep dive in the status of blue box transition, as well as broader waste pressures and goals such as municipal cost and operational impacts. My fellow panelist included Peter Hargreave, President, Policy Integrity Inc. and Betsy Varghese, Technical Group Strategist, Waste Management, Dillon Consulting.

Wieland Shore

A letter was received regarding concerns about the Wieland Shore water access point which was previously sent to council and is attached here to my report for information purposes.

To give Council some background:

2003 – the township did stabilization work on the shoreline

2004 - signage was installed regarding no parking, an easement was granted to Mr. Fillman for access over township property to access his property.

2010 – discussions were had with MNR regarding more stabilization work

2012 – work was completed for erosion control.

2023 – a survey and topographical study were done in consultation with MNR for redesign work.

Annually Buoys are installed at Wieland Shore and Buelow Beach.

Annually maintenance is performed on Wieland Shore Road in accordance with the Townships standards and provincial regulations.

Annually the parking by-law is enforced on a complaint basis through MLES.

At this time there are no plans to develop the water access and keeping the status quo is recommended by staff.

SPCA – Neuter Scooter

Attached is an email from SPCA. The mobile spay and neuter unit is no longer available however they do host a pick up for cats only to have them taken to a low cost spay/neuter facility. Currently they run this program out of Pembroke and the cost is \$20 for travel plus the cost of the procedure. The SPCA is willing to host a pick up in Eganville if we provide a location. Direction is needed if this is something Committee wants staff to move forward on. Staff is recommended May 2025.

Community Development

Sarah Richer's Community Development Report is attached.

Planning and Licensing and Emergency Management

Erica Rice's Planning, Licensing and Emergency Management Report is attached.

Respectfully submitted February 18, 2025

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