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January 28 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Hi again Carling followers. Here are some highlights from the discussions held at your Council's most recent Committee of the Whole meeting held on January 28th.

- A delegation was made by the Georgian Bay Biosphere presenting an overview of the Township of Carling's 2019-2023 Corporate Energy & Emissions report. This report was developed as part of Milestone 5 of the Integrated Community Energy & Climate Action Plans (ICECAP) program. The findings indicated that the Township's corporate greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions have decreased by 20% since 2019. Additionally, the Township has avoided approximately $65,000 in additional energy costs as a result of its efforts to switch fuel sources and conserve energy.

- Monthly reports from various departments were presented to Committee of the Whole

    - The Fire Chief reported that the Fire Department received 190 calls in 2024. He also highlighted that the firefighters successfully passed the skills and knowledge tests for Firefighter I and Firefighter II. He reported that the Fire Department secured a Fire Safety Grant to be put towards decontamination equipment and supplies, as well as a grant to purchase electronics to assist with certifications.

    - The Planning Manager reported on the volume of planning and building applications received and closed in 2024. He also spoke to the Township's meeting with the Associate Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing concerning Carling's request for removal from the Parry Sound and Area Planning Board.

    - The Public Works Manager reported on the ongoing snowplowing efforts and the preparation of the grader for snowbank removal.

    - The CAO-Clerk/Treasurer reported that the Township has reached 3600 days without a loss time accident. He also reported that the recruitment process for a senior accountant / financial analyst is

underway to backfill the vacancy left by the departure of the former Treasurer.

- The CAO –Clerk /Treasurer presented the first draft of the 2025 Municipal Budget. The proposed budget remains largely a maintenance –based budget, with the exception of an additional full time staff member. The projected increase in funds required over last year's budget is currently projected at $153,000.00

Find the Draft minutes on the Township Website at www.carling.ca or click here