TOWNSHIP OF
CARLING

August 12, 2025 Council Meeting

Hello, Carling Followers! Here are some key highlights from Council's most recent meeting on August 12th.

- KPMG presented the 2024 Financial Statements to Council, reporting a clean audit with no concerns. It was noted that the financial statements will appear different due to the inclusion of area totals for the Tamarack North Centre (West Parry Sound Area Recreation and Culture Center). The final version of the statements will be provided to the Township once KPMG receives all necessary documentation from Tamarack North Centres auditor. Carling's financial statements will be posted on the Township's website upon receipt.

- Council passed a by-law to close and sell the shore road allowance located in front of a property on Sand Bay Road.

- Council passed a resolution requesting that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing grant the Township the authority to accept, permit, inspect, and approve septic systems within its boundaries. The resolution also requests that the North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority be required to transfer all historical septic approval files related to the Township of Carling to the Township's administrative office.

- Council passed two resolutions in relation to the flood damage which resulted from a significant weather event on July 7, 2025.

    - The first resolution authorizes staff to execute and submit all necessary agreements, forms, and documentation to access funding through the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program (MDRAP). This funding is only available if the cost of road damage exceeds 3% of the Township's "Taxation for Own Purposes" threshold, as established by the Ministry.

    - The second resolution directed staff to prepare a letter to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation urging them to proceed with tendering the Highway 559 rehabilitation project and to ensure the work begins no later than Spring 2026. The Township believes that the deteriorating road base and delays in addressing the condition of Highway 559 significantly contributed to the extent of erosion and damage, which temporarily stranded approximately 8,000 individuals.

- Council passed a resolution directing staff to prepare and bring forward a draft Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) by-law, a Property Standards By-law, and an updated Clean Yards By-law for Council's consideration. The AMPS by-law provides municipalities with the authority to enforce certain by-laws through the issuance of monetary penalties, eliminating the need to pursue matters through the court system. This approach offers a more efficient, cost-effective, and accessible method of by-law enforcement.

- Council passed a resolution approving the creation of a full-time By-law Enforcement Officer position. This role will be integrated with the Planning Department and aligns with the ongoing restructuring of the Building Department, as well as the overall workflow and staffing needs of other departments.

- The Township received correspondence from the Canadian Coast Guard regarding its decision to demolish the Jones Island Front and Rear Range Lighthouses, located within the Township. This decision follows a recent condition assessment that identified significant structural deterioration rendering the lighthouses unsafe and beyond repair or relocation.

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