TOWNSHIP OF
CARLING

March 25, 2025 Committee of the Whole / Special Council Meeting

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Hello, Carling Followers! We hope you're enjoying the last bit of the winter weather. Here are some key highlights from Council's most recent meeting on March 11th.

- Council heard a deputation from the Parry Sound Forest School. The presentation highlighted the success of the Parry Sound Forest School and emphasized the importance of outdoor programs like theirs for children's development and wellbeing.

- Council adopted a by-law to authorize a letter of loan agreement for financing provided to the West Parry Sound Recreation and Culture Centre Joint Municipal Service Board. In the fall of 2024, the Municipal Service Board instructed staff to enter into a financing agreement with the Bank of Nova Scotia securing a line of credit of up to $13.5 million to support the construction of the West Parry Sound Recreation & Cultural Centre. Each municipal partner is required to guarantee their proportional share of the financing with Carling's portion of the guarantee capped at $1,549,180.00.

- The managers provided the following reports:

    - The Fire Chief reported that the By-law Department will be addressing outstanding correspondence related to shipping containers and other issues from 2024. He also mentioned that staff is in the process of planning the 2025 Emergency Public Information program. Additionally, he noted that the Fire Department will begin Wildland Fire Suppression Training in April and is preparing the fire boats for the upcoming season. The Chief also highlighted that the geotechnical assessment for the proposed Fire Hall site was completed this month.

    - The Planner presented a report on the Planning and Building departments, highlighting the Township's implementation of Bluebeam Plans Examination Software. He mentioned that the department will gradually transition to conducting plans examinations in-house. Additionally, he noted that construction activities have begun for the season.

    - The Public Works Manager reported that snow plowing operations are ongoing. He provided an update on the upcoming road work on Remy Bay Road and mentioned that the new truck is expected to be added to the Township's fleet by the end of April.

- The CAO reported that the Township has reached a significant milestone, marking 10 years without a lost-time accident. He also provided an update on the plans for the development of the land across from the Township Office.

- Council passed a resolution stating that both the Carling and Killbear Transfer Stations will be closed on all statutory holidays between November 1st and May 1st, including Good Friday, Easter Monday, and Remembrance Day. The statutory holiday schedule on the website will be updated to reflect these changes, while the schedule for the summer months will remain the same as last year.

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