



CP SCOOP – January 26th, 2021

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At the December 8th, 2020 Committee of the Whole meeting, Treasurer Trisa McConkey presented the final draft version of the budget to the public for comment. The public presentation was posted on the Town's website and advertised through social media with an invitation to provide comments to the Treasurer up to December 15th, 2020. This evening, Council approved the 2021 budget with a 1.97% tax increase for municipal purposes which represents an annual increase of \$36.77 (\$3.06 per month) on a home assessed at \$273,750 (the 2020 median assessed value for residential properties).

On Sunday, January 10th, 2021, the Town of Carleton Place was advised of the sudden and unfortunate passing of Councillor Theresa Fritz. Section 259(1) of The Municipal Act addresses the matter of vacant council seats. The Act requires that if the office of a member of council becomes vacant under Section 259, the Council shall at its next meeting declare the office to be vacant, except if a vacancy occurs as a result of the death of a member, the declaration may be made at either of its next two meetings. As a result of Councillor Fritz's unexpected passing, and in accordance with Section 262 of the Municipal Act, Council declared the seat of Councillor vacant for the Town of Carleton Place effective immediately. The matter of determining a method with respect to filling the declared vacancy will be brought forward to Council in a report at a subsequent meeting of Council.

By-Law No. 24-2021 – being a by-law to amend the Town's Development Permit By-law 15-2015 to address discrepancies, redundancies, and outdated provisions was passed.

At this evening's Committee of the Whole meeting, Jackie Kavanagh, Manager of the Carleton Place and District Chamber of Commerce presented the Chamber's 2021 plan for Tourism-based service delivery. The Chamber is requesting funding in the amount of \$45,729 for 2021 to assist with their plans which include the operation of the Information Centre at 170 Bridge Street, the production and delivery of the annual Information Guide, as well as attending meetings for regional tourism including Lanark County Tourism Association and Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization.

A Statutory Public Meeting was held with respect to a proposed Development Permit By-law Amendment. Niki Dwyer, Director of Development Services outlined changes for a proposed Amendment which would create new provisions for permitted uses in the Mississippi Residential District in order to ensure infill development is constructed to "fit the established neighbourhood". The new policies will see more greenspace on lots, buildings constructed in keeping with the established building line of the street and a maximum height of 2-storeys. The recommendations for the policy change were directly informed by the public feedback received from the Interim Control By-law process.

Council passed a motion that the current extension of one (1) additional bag of curbside waste per household, per week, continue until one week after the end of the provincial shut-down period.