



COUNCIL CATCH UP

CANADIAN COAST GUARD AUXILIARY DELEGATION

The Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary shared information about their Iroquois Marine Search and Rescue (IMSAR) program to service the St. Lawrence River between Prescott and Cornwall.

IMSAR consists of trained volunteers dedicated to assisting with stranded boaters, capsized boats, searching for overdue boaters, etc.

Council will consider financial support for the IMSAR program during budget deliberations.

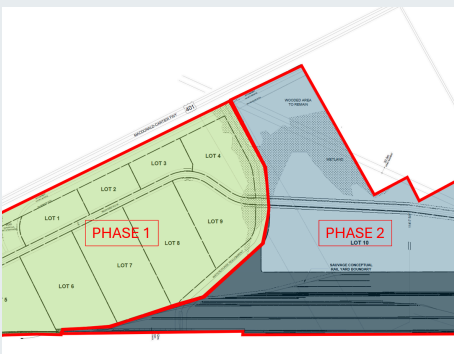


➤➤➤ PROPOSED DOG POUND SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF RUSSELL

A recommendation was made to Council to consider a service agreement with the Township of Russell for use of their dog pound and animal control services.

With limited suitable options locally to meet standard of care practices, an agreement with The Township of Russell was recommended to provide services for animals at large and assisting with animal control when required.

A formal agreement will be presented to Council in January for consideration.



LONG SAULT LOGISTICS VILLAGE DRAFT PLAN AMENDMENT

Council received an update on a Draft Plan Amendment application made by Avenue 31 for the Long Sault Logistics Village. The proposed amendments are technical in nature and include items such as shifting of internal public street, relocation of primary drain, and a reduction of industrial lots to 13.

The proposed amendments have been reviewed by Township staff and engineering consultants. The amendments are minor in nature and do not detract from the initial Draft Plan previously approved.

The United Counties are the approval body for Draft Plan amendments and will make a decision based on their review and received commentary.



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INTERIM TAX LEVY ESTABLISHED

Each year, the Township must pass an Interim Tax Levy By-law that establishes the amount of taxes to be charged on the Interim Tax Bill while official tax rates for the Township, SDG Counties and Province are finalized. The Interim Tax Levy By-law also establishes the due dates for interim tax bill payments and penalties/interest charges for non-payment.

The Interim Tax Levy accounts for 50% of the previous year's annualized taxes, and will be payable on March 31, 2025 and May 30, 2025.



»»» RURAL ROAD SAFETY PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

Council approved a motion to support a proposal made by Good Roads for an Ontario Rural Road Safety Program. The program aims to target a rural municipality's most dangerous roads, perform road safety audits, and install modern safety infrastructure that prevents serious injuries and saves lives.

The motion includes a request to the Province to support Good Roads' proposal to fund and administer the program to allow rural municipalities to access funding to enhance road safety in their communities cost effectively.

SUPPORT TO REDISTRIBUTE LAND TRANSFER TAX AND GST TO MUNICIPALITIES



Council approved a motion to support other Ontario municipalities in requesting that the Provincial and Federal Governments redistribute a portion of Provincial Land Transfer Taxes and GST from property transactions to municipalities.

With municipalities facing growing infrastructure needs and limited revenue sources, a redistribution of a portion of these taxes will provide municipalities with a predictable and sustainable source of funding for infrastructure projects, without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers.