

Township of Woolwich
Summary of Recommendations to Council
From March 4, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting

1. Reducing Site Alteration Fees: A Path to Sustainable Land Use

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, respecting the delegation from Connor Davis of XS Soil Solutions, titled Reducing Site Alteration Fees: A Path to Sustainable Land Use, direct staff to prepare a report for council regarding the proposed fee reduction and site alteration.

2. Notice of Motion - Rural School Zone Speed Limits

WHEREAS Woolwich Township understands and appreciates the importance of implementing road and public safety initiatives in rural areas near schools that protect the public; and

WHEREAS the Region of Waterloo has instituted various road safety measures to improve safety in school zones in the Cities, and has begun instituting the same measures in Rural areas by decreasing speed limits from 80km/h to 40 km/h and installing speed cameras on Lobsinger Line near King Alfred Academy and Northfield Drive near Balsam Grove Parochial School; and

WHEREAS solutions that improve safety on urban streets are not always appropriate for rural roads, and may in fact be counterproductive and cause community frustration; and

WHEREAS Woolwich Township has 27 school zones in rural, small settlement and urban areas which need to be considered with their own unique characteristics;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Woolwich:

1. supports rural solutions in rural areas, which includes lowering speed limits in school zones from 80km/h to 60km/h, not the current 40km/h on Lobsinger Line near King Alfred Academy and Northfield Drive near Balsam Grove Parochial School;
2. supports investigating the installation of flashing lights in school zones that operate during school hours instead of active speed cameras;
3. supports the Mayor's efforts to advocate for a rural speed zone strategy in conjunction with the Townships at Regional Council; and

directs staff to forward this resolution to the Councils of the Region of Waterloo and the Townships of Wilmot, Wellesley and North Dumfries..

3. A03-2025: Municipal Accommodation Tax Administration Policy and Allocation of Funding

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering Report A03-2025 respecting Municipal Accommodation Tax Administration Policy and Allocation of Funding:

1. Approve the Municipal Accommodation Tax Administration Policy;

2. Bring forward an amending by-law to delegate authority to the Senior Management Team to review and approve isolated Municipal Accommodation Tax fund requests under \$10,000 that are outside the scope of the annual allocation of funding;
3. Approve “The Woolwich Way – Destination Development Fund,” and “The Woolwich Way – Marketing Material Fund”;
4. Bring forward an amending by-law to delegate authority to the Senior Management Team to approve annual funding stream rewards on behalf of Mayor and Council; and
5. Approve allocation of funding for 2025.

4. Consent Items

That the following consent items be received for information:

Items for Approval

None.

Items for Information and Public Notice

- Municipal Information Form - Liquor Sales Licences
- Notice of Public Meeting - April 1, 2025

5. A02-2025: 2025 Waterloo Region Economic Development Strategy

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering Report A02-2025 respecting 2025 Waterloo Region Economic Development Strategy, endorse the 2025 Waterloo Region Economic Development Strategy.

6. C08-2025: Procedural By-law Mid-term Review

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering Report C08-2025 respecting Procedural By-law Mid-term Review, defer the topic to the March 18th Council meeting.