



March 6, 2025 Council Highlights

Retirement of the Ojibwa Debt

The Treasurer presented a Report to Council recommending retirement of the remaining \$4,073,431.49 in debt associated with the HMCS Ojibwa. The Municipality has been working hard over the last few years to reserve funds to either pay off or significantly pay down the remaining debt when the 10-year term expires in March 2025 and the Municipality is required to refinance or retire the loan.

At the meeting, Council directed the retirement of the debt in full by using the funds from the Guarantorship Reserve. Council then enacted a by-law to authorize the debt discharge later in the meeting, effectively paying off the loan fifteen years earlier than planned.

These actions by staff and Council effectively satisfy the last financial obligations Bayham has to the Ojibwa. As of 2026's budget, Bayham will be able to move forward with its entire debt capacity available for important capital projects.

Council and staff thank the residents for their patience and understanding as we've worked towards this goal!

2024 Fire and Emergency Services Annual Report

The Fire Chief presented to Council the 2024 Fire and Emergency Services Annual Report. The Report confirmed that 2024 was the busiest year for the Municipality's fire and emergency services, with the highest rate of calls being for medical emergencies. The Fire Chief advised of the grants received to support key projects, and further made mention of 2025 priorities, which involve ongoing training and certifications for firefighters to meet ever-changing Provincial requirements.

2025 Agreement Renewals

Council received a Report from the Manager of Public Works regarding 2025 Agreement renewals. The following Agreements were renewed for 2025:

- Agreement No. 0760 – Underhill Trucking for the provision of Various Works Associated With Construction and Operation Maintenance
- Agreement No. 0733 – Johnston Bros. Ltd. for the provision of Supply & Placement of Granular Materials
- Agreement No. 0743 – Simply Scoops for the provision of East Beach Concession Food Booth Services
- Agreement No. 0762 – Guild Electric Limited for the provision of Line

- Painting Services
- Agreement No. 0814 – Mobil Services Inc. for the provision of Bridge Washing
- Agreement No. 0645 – Koolen Electric for the provision of Preventative Maintenance Works associated With Various Facilities

Council was supportive of the renewals.

Development Reports

Council received two (2) reports regarding Zoning By-law Amendments:

- ZBA-03/25 Underhill Farms Ltd. 55032 Vienna Line
- ZBA-10/25 Redecop and Wiebe, Vienna Ridge Subdivision

Both applications were approved by Council. By-laws to authorize the amendments were approved later in the meeting.

Relinquish Interest in a Road Allowance

The Chief Administrative Officer presented a Report seeking approval and direction to relinquish interest in an unopened and unnamed road allowance in Bayham (Part 2 on Plan 11R-5255). Council approved a by-law to relinquish interest in the Part of the road allowance.

**For further details, view the meeting agenda and minutes [HERE](#)
and watch the YouTube live-stream [HERE](#)**

DATED at the Municipality of Bayham this 7th day of March, 2025.

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