

## COUNCIL CORNER

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## March – Mild weather and mild agendas

It seems like I chose a good month to be away – no snow in the driveway when we got home and I did not miss major agenda items.

One thing that did happen this month bears significant attention.

We had applied for federal infrastructure money to convert the Queen E. school into affordable housing and supports services. Our grant proposal hit all 10 points the government said needed to be addressed – yet we were turned down. A bit of analysis shows that most of the approved funding in this program is going to ridings who elected a Liberal MP. That is shameful, but apparently a political fact of life. We are pursuing the ministry for other options, but I guess sometimes, it really does matter which party you vote for.

By the way, the mountains of Portugal would be really beautiful if it wasn't for the hundreds of wind turbines blanketing their slopes.

### Council News

- Emergency planning report ahead of the eclipse
- Creation of the Wellington Town Hall Expression of Interest Working Group
- Approval of construction loans for 2 affordable housing projects
- Declared that the Niles St. and Disraeli St. housing projects are projects of community interest for tax purposes
- Resolution regarding a call to action by the province to help meet the 2025 accessibility deadline
- Approval of tenders for gravel, microsurfacing, surface treatment and line painting
- Approval of tenders for dump trucks and grader
- Annual report of Visit the County
- Approval of the 2024 tourism management plan
- Approval of the rezoning for Sterling homes subdivision in Wellington
- Approval of revised outdoor patio bylaw

### Coming Up

- Peer review of financing plan for WWW infrastructure in Wellington
- Results of Master Servicing Plan study for water services for the County
- Tenders for Wellington water and wastewater plants
- Asset Management Plan update
- Parks and Rec Master Plan
- Tender for Picton fire truck
- Report on options for Queen E. school development since the federal government turned down our grant request

I am continuing my 5 days a week community email. It has been modified to focus on Covid only in the Saturday edition. The rest of the week it includes timely notices, community events, etc. So if you are not already subscribed, just send me your email address and I will add you to the list of over 300 families.

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I can be reached by phone, text and email.

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