



## Mayoral Decision MD-2025-04

**Mayoral Decision Subject: Dissolution of the Municipal Services Committee (GG and PW) and Establishment of a Committee of the Whole**

**Date: August 6, 2025**

**WHEREAS** under the expanded strong mayor powers effective May 1, 2025, the Mayor of Rideau Lakes is authorized to create committees of council, assign their functions, and appoint the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of committees, as well as dissolve existing committees when such actions support provincial priorities.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** I, Arie Hoogenboom, Mayor of the Township of Rideau Lakes, hereby issue the following **Mayoral Decision**:

1. **Dissolution of Committee** The Municipal Services Committee for General Governance and Public Works is hereby dissolved, effective September 1, 2025. All future meetings of this committee are cancelled.
2. **Creation of Committee of the Whole** A Committee of the Whole is hereby established to assume the responsibilities previously held by the dissolved committee and to serve as the primary forum for council deliberation on governance and public works matters.
3. **Meeting Schedule** - The Committee of the Whole shall meet monthly on the third Monday at 10:00 a.m., at the Municipal Offices beginning September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Township's procedural by-law and open meeting requirements.
4. **Chair and Vice Chair** - The Mayor will preside as the Chair, and the Deputy Mayor will preside as Vice Chair.
5. **Fiscal Rationale** - This restructuring supports the Township's fiscal priorities by streamlining governance, reducing administrative duplication, and enhancing council's ability to make unified decisions that reflect long-term financial sustainability.
6. **Staff Reporting Schedule** - To ensure appropriately sized agendas and efficient meeting durations:
  - o Fire Services and Development Services statistical reports shall be presented on a quarterly basis.
  - o Departmental updates for Treasury, Recreation, Roads, Environment, and Properties shall be presented on a bimonthly basis.
7. **Implementation** Township staff are directed to update all relevant documentation, schedules, and public notices to reflect this change and ensure a smooth transition.



This decision is issued in writing and shall be posted publicly in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arie Hoogenboom", is positioned below the word "Signed,".

Arie Hoogenboom Mayor,  
Township of Rideau Lakes