

Minister's Appointee to Black River – Matheson Report – July 15, 2024

To: Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

From: Kathy Horgan, Minister's Appointee

Date: July 15, 2024

On April 29, 2024 by Minister's order, I was appointed to exercise the duties and obligations of the Township of Black River - Matheson council, including making necessary decisions in relation to the by-election for a new council and making any other decision that would otherwise be made by council, if required, in accordance with the duties and obligations of council as set out in the *Municipal Act, 2001*, any by-law or policy of the Township or any other applicable legislation.

The order also required that the appointee shall report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing on the 15th and 30th of each month on the exercise of my duties and obligations under the order. This report, along with prior reports, will be posted on the municipality's website in its dedicated [Minister Appointee Reports](#) webpage.

Council Meetings

Since my last report, there have been no meetings of council. In accordance with the schedule of meetings approved by council at the beginning of 2024, council convenes only one meeting in each of July and August. The next regular council meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2024.

2024 General Levy Budget

At the June 26, 2024 special council meeting, staff were directed to report back on the 2024 general levy budget including providing additional information I requested along with a workback plan with proposed additional meetings to further deliberate the budget. Municipal staff continue to work on this, and it is expected that the first of these additional meetings will be held on a date after the July regular council meeting, however a date has not yet been set.

Municipal By-Election

The by-election will be held on August 12, 2024. The municipal clerk has posted the [List of Certified Candidates](#) and [Registered Third Party Advertisers](#) on the Township's website.

The next report from the Minister's Appointee will be submitted on July 31, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Horgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'H'.

Kathy Horgan
Minister's Appointee
Township of Black River – Matheson