

Council Highlights

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Happy New Year! Here are the highlights from the first council meeting of 2018!

Take Hot Ashes Outside!

Director of Emergency Services Don Mitchell told council that there has been a significant increase in the number of calls for high carbon monoxide readings. He said this is because many people do not take hot ashes outside when they clean out their woodstoves. There have been some incidents when hot ashes have left beside the woodstove in cardboard boxes and plastic pails, and then the carbon monoxide detectors to go off a few hours later. He said it is very fortunate there haven't been any house fires as a result.

He also told council that Trent Lakes can expect an increase in the number of medical calls in light of the recent increase in both Peterborough and Kawartha Lakes due to the fentanyl crisis. He said that calls in both cities have gone from one or two calls a week to three to six a day.

Council Considering Fines for Putting Snow on Roads

Council received a draft by-law that would give council tools to fine individuals who leave snow on municipal roads when clearing driveways and properties. The Ontario Highway Traffic Act prohibits anyone from depositing snow on a road without permission of the authority responsible for the road.

Snow left on roads can be a safety issue for other drivers. The report this week was only for consideration, and it will come back to council for a decision in the future. If council decides to go ahead with a new regulation, information will be posted on the municipality's website and Facebook page.

Dewdney Mountain Farms Quarry Mitigation Analysis

Council received a mitigation analysis from Dewdney Mountain Farms concerning a quarry haul route on Ledge Road. Clerk Kari Stevenson told council she expects that representatives from this company will make a presentation at the February 6th council meeting. Several council members expressed concerns about the information in the document and said they are looking forward to asking the company questions in February. In the meantime, any member of the public with questions or concerns about the proposed analysis can send them to the municipal office before the end of January 2018. (The full analysis from the company is attached to this email)

Anonymous Donation

CAO Lois O'Neill-Jackson told council that the municipality of has been given an anonymous donation of \$52,000 to support the new park created near the Buckhorn Locks.