

Municipality of Trent Lakes

Regular Council Meeting

January 14, 2020

Acting Deputy Clerk, Bianca Dragicevic, was thanked by Mayor Clarkson for her work as Acting Deputy Clerk. Ann Rooth has been employed as Deputy Clerk.

John Eisinga, formerly Building Inspector, is now the Chief Building Inspector. Tiffany Lee hired as Planning Administrator and Adele Arbour as Planning Technician.

Bob Taylor-Vaisey, chair of Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee, reviewed the process being followed by the PRCAC. He reported that a survey of taxpayers will be available with the interim tax bill the first week of February which will ask for input regarding ratepayers' interests in parks, recreational and cultural facilities. The tax bill will provide the link to follow. As well the link will be on Facebook and Twitter. Hardcopies will be available in libraries, community centers, landfills, municipal offices. There will be focus group meetings in March. Analysis will be complete in Mid-May.

By-Law Amendment – One by-law amendment that received a lot of interest was a new boathouse and dock plan on the property of Charles and Marie Johnson on White's Lake. A neighbor, Mike Shayda, set the scene on this section of the lake and said that he had absolutely no problem with the boathouse or the dock. Tony Usher, planning agent for the Johnsons, provided more information about the fluctuation of the water level on the lake and the reason for needing a longer dock. He sees this as an appropriate zoning exception. Charles Johnson said that this has been a three year process. The boathouse and dock will be built so that it floats above the water. Then John Eisinga, CBO, said that he would not be able to provide a roll number to this dock as it would essentially be on crown land. It was decided to delay a decision until council could look into this matter.

CAT Radar – John Wright, chair of the Police Services Board, presented information about Black CAT radar, asked if the council is interested in purchasing it for the township and joining the six other townships that are doing so, therefore, save money. Black CAT radar is an intelligence gathering device which can detect and report on vehicle speed, class, and volume in one- or two-direction traffic. When Councilor Armstrong asked where it would be first installed the speedy answer was the 507, Adam & Eve Road. It was reported that it could be easily moved.

2020 Waste Card – October '19 waste disposal vastly exceeded '18 disposal for the same month. Waste disposal dropped in November and December '19 compared with the same months in 2018. The new waste card will have suggested disposal dates but can be used at any time during the year until it is filled without paying.

Public Works 2019 Q4 report

Fewer weather events in 2019 compared to 2018 have resulted in fewer regular and overtime hours used regarding sanding/salting and snow plowing.

Recreation & Facilities

Many maintenance items were completed on the township community centres, Buckhorn ice pad, medical centres, beaches, boat houses, library, cemetery, road depot....

Fire and Emergency Services Q4 Report

Medical calls are a large part of the responses of the department. Training of volunteers is similar to EMT training.

Building and Planning

Reviewing retail licensing on Cannabis, reinspection of sewage systems, By-law Enforcement, Off-road Vehicle By-law Aggregate Resources Act -Report currently before Council. -Provincial Building Code Service Changes - -On November 25, 2019, the Ontario Association of Architects sent a detailed 13-page document opposing the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing Proposal. -County Sign Review –Tree Canopy Protection

Use of County Depot Land

Councillor Armstrong stated that there had been no answer from the county as to whether land at the county depot could be used by the township. She asked Mayor and Deputy Mayor to bring this up at the next county meeting. Mayor Clarkson stated that land may not be necessary but Councillor Armstrong said it was an outstanding motion and should be completed. The answer could provide an alternative.

Old Growth Forest – Hemlock

Councillor Armstrong stated that a stand of hemlock in Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park has been identified as an old growth forest. Process has started to protect it as some logging is happening in the area.