

Municipality of Trent Lakes

Regular Council Meeting

February 4, 2020

Amber Rooth, new Deputy Clerk, was introduced by Mayor Clarkson.

8-4 Building and Planning

b)Proposed Stonescape Quarry .

This quarry is being proposed at the southern end of the 507 on the eastern side. A public meeting is being planned to discuss the formation of this quarry and implications.

9-b Canada's largest Known Old-Growth Eastern Hemlock

Letter sent by the municipality to Hon. John Yakabuski, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and Hon. Jeff Yurek, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks –

At their January 14, 2020 Regular meeting, the Council of the Municipality of Trent Lakes directed staff to prepare a letter to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks in support of the efforts put forward by the Ancient Forest Exploration Research (AFER), Peterborough Youth Leadership in Sustainability (YLS) and the Wilderness Committee (WC) to issue a moratorium on logging in a recently-identified unprotected stand of old-growth eastern hemlock forest situated on crown land in Peterborough County, Ontario north of Catchacoma Lake. The AFER, YLS and WC believe they have identified the largest known old growth eastern hemlock stand in Canada. Two of the next three largest old growth eastern hemlock forests are considered significant at the provincial level and are protected as nature reserves. The natural capital value of this forest was calculated at \$1.7 million per year compared with a fiber extraction (logging) value of \$100,000 per year. This stand is an excellent candidate for an area of natural and scientific interest, nature reserve designation or annexation to Kawartha Highlands Provincial Park. It should be protected intact for its natural heritage and scientific interest values, and for its ecosystem services including carbon storage and sequestration, and habitat for species-at-risk (SAR). We write with urgency as this stand is imminently scheduled for logging activity. This endangered forest landscape could be a signature Ontario effort to meet the 17% land protecting by 2020 target under Ontario's Biodiversity Strategy (2011).(The rest of the letter is under Agendas on the Trent Lakes web site.)

10 – b Community Care Tag Days

Council received the correspondence from Community Care and approved their Tag Days to be held Friday, July 19, Saturday, July 20 & Saturday, August 29, 2020.

14 – a Mayor Clarkson re: Buckhorn Depot motion

“To do a site plan of the Buckhorn Depot to see if the required needs can be located on that lot.”

Motion failed.

B -Mayor Clarkson re Communication with Council motion

“suggest a 20 minute roundtable at conclusion of main meeting to speak to issues.”

Staff was directed to investigate options for including a 20 min roundtable,

or alternative, prior to the conclusion of a main meeting to speak to issues.