

Trent Lakes Council Meeting

July 14, 2020

A couple summaries from tonight's meeting –

MPP Dave Smith – reviewed what wouldn't be open in the province after the premier's announcement recently – What won't be open – amusement and water parks, buffet style restaurants, restaurants and bars with dancing, children's camps with overnight stays, private karaoke rooms, contact sports, casinos, saunas/steam rooms

MPP Smith continued to encourage social distancing and washing of hands. He said that his office has received a lot of push back on masks. He likens it to wear a seat belt. It improves our safety. If we are at '0' how do we demonstrate improvement? Smith says it is a should do versus a must do.

Questions – Lamshead commented that it was a very responsible staged reopening.

Armstrong – asked about the review of provincial parks. Kawartha Highlands is the 2nd largest in province. Smith says changes will be made but with Covid influencing the realistic timeline will happen for next season – November or December.

Overall theme is how do we get increase in visitorship. Kawartha Highlands was one of two not on this list.

Clarkson – will State of Emergency be lifted? What is the status of the community centers? What about pickleballers?

State of Emergency – because Bill 195 which has many of the tools of the state of emergency, it may be lifted across the province the end of the month if Bill 195 is passed.

Pickleball – Stage 3 of phase 2 run by Public Health. Smith urged organizers to Reach out to medical experts if you are not sure about an activity.

Masks – encourage use

Community Centres – gathering of up to 50 people. Can we open for that many?

Jeffrey McIntosh, representative of AON.ca, municipal broker

Lengthy discussion of why insurance for municipalities have so vastly increased.

Canadian Public sector not very profitable. Many Insurance companies not underwriting here. Choice has become limited. Liability pricing is main issue.

Christine Brickman, representative of White's Beach

Presented recommendation for the purchase of Adirondack chair for \$1300 and a book exchange library to be built by local carpenter and to be placed at White's Beach

Questions – Armstrong said she was nervous about book lending right now because of possible contamination.

Recommendation passed.

Staff Reports

Ivan Coumbs – additional parking in Buckhorn. County has given permission to park on road allowance available in front of church in Buckhorn.

BCC – overflow parking for craft festivals is available.