

Trent Lakes Council

August 11, 2020

The meeting opened with the usual call to order, roll call, moment of reflection, disclosure of pecuniary interest, approval of agenda and adoption of minutes of Council and Committee(s) and Boards.

The first delegation was Nick Larson, Senior Project Manager, Ontario Clean Water Association (OCWA) regarding the Municipality of Trent Lakes Asset Management Plan (AMP) for Water Assets. A couple facts from his presentation – watermains are expensive to replace but inexpensive to repair. Most are managed in a “wait until it breaks” model. Lifespan is three breaks which is usually over 100 years. He recommended establishing a minimum reserve balance to ensure funds are available for replacement of watermain segment. Debt could be leveraged.

After a power point presentation many points were made clearer. Councillor Armstrong asked what the approximate replacement cost of a watermain would be. Larson said that estimates of replacement were based on \$800 per meter. Further clarification of the question was what would it cost to replace Alpine and Buckhorn. Larson said Alpine would be \$3 million and Buckhorn \$2 million.

Councillor Letto asked that if the lifetime is 100 years what the municipality should be putting aside in reserve. Larson’s answer was enough to replace 100 meters. There may be one area which breaks a lot.

Mayor Clarkson asked if Municipal’s reserve is adequate for a system for Trent Lakes size. Larson said they were healthy and reasonable.

Julie Young – Lakehurst Hall air conditioner – she was not in attendance.

Dominique Kelly – SUS Global Energy of Belleville Company Organics Program Presentation and Waste Transfer Proposal

Wanting to divert organics from Landfill – currently diverting 70,000 tones

Option A – Take Home Bucket System which is a Peterborough business. It is currently collecting organics from Peterborough restaurants. 1.5 Degrees – company name – operates on small scale so that it is possible to monitor what goes into the buckets.

Option B – Molok containers

Odours are an issue. Solid liners are used to withstand liquids and weight of organic material. There are 2 Molok units at Buckhorn site. Proposing that 3 containers are added for each landfill with bear proof lids. Total including installation \$21,114.87 assuming installation costs \$2500.

Questions – Letto asked if we are to still separate household organics. Speaker replied that paper products on household scale are fine.

Armstrong asked if this has been presented to the County. Dominique replied that the County is already bringing material to them right now after they reach capacity.

Clarkson asked how often organics are not clean enough. Dominique replied that if they are completely covered in plastic it is all sent back. Education is needed.

Discussion of bio bags brought forth by Letto.

Armstrong – suggestion seems to have potential but it is necessary to look at economics and where the County fits in the picture.

Staff Reports –

Public Works – Suzanne Lane Request for “Slow, Children Playing” signs and speed limit reduction on Ken’s Road Hill Drive. Discussion focused that children are always playing and that should always be in the mind of motorists.

Armstrong – motion to reduce speed limit and deny sign requests. Motion carried.

Matt Perkins – request for Lakehurst Hall air conditioner. Air conditioner will stay as is.

Request for use of Ode’Naang Park by Mom Market Company on September 5 featuring 50 unique vendors. Staff recommended to not allow. Believes that there is a lot of risk because of number of people needed to set it up and not local people. Mayor Clarkson said that some are local people and most were basically moms with mom stuff. She felt that it was important to realize that many markets were in operation such as the Lakefield Market and Peterborough Market(s) It would be important to follow protocols such as masks necessary and clear entry and exit areas. She also added the crowds at Sandy Beach. Lamshead agrees that regulations are important to follow. Armstrong mentioned that articles would have been touched and exchanged multiple times. Work on the walkway was mentioned and that would create more possible obstruction. Donna Teggart said that work on walkway will start August 27. Letto said criteria must be provided that must be followed. Clarkson said you can have all kinds of guidelines but look at Sandy Lake. It all goes out the window. Motion put forward – Have staff confer with organizing group and if all concerns are met the staff grants them ability to hold market. Recorded vote – Armstrong – no. Clarkson – yes. Windover – yes. Lamshead – yes. Letto – yes

Donna Teggart – reopening of Community Halls

The reopening will happen slowly to municipal staff, Board Members and tenants only. This would include the food bank and the Historical Society as they are tenants. Armstrong commented that it makes sense and it is a phased approach. Councillors voted to proceed.

Ann Rooth – Rehabilitation of Sumcot Drive Three bids were received - \$375,000 in budget. Overruns are covered. Staff recommends Coco Paving. Permission granted to contract Coco.

Jessie Clark – Recommendation by staff to cancel Ratepayer/Cottage Association meeting on Saturday, September 5 and Roundtable Discussion scheduled for September 12.

Lamshead – motion to cancel due to Covid. Make sure that people understand that lines of communication are always open and ask for specific feedback. Armstrong – hears inconsistency. Mom Market is open by Ratepayers Associations are being cancelled. Clarkson – unless we have a big tent it is a different venue. Windover seconded the motion. Voting recorded. Armstrong – No Clarkson – yes Lamshead – yes Letto – yes Windover - yes

Jessie Clark – Highway Traffic Amendments related to Off-Road Vehicles. Amendment made to Highway Traffic Act would allow dirt bikes and six wheeled vehicles on Trent Lakes roads. Recommended to refer to Police Services Boards. Motion carried. Application to purchase unopened road allowance adjacent to Deputy Mayor Windover's property. Windover left the meeting. Motion – Lamshead moved to follow the recommendation of staff and allow. Motion carried.

Before the closed session Mayor Clarkson thanked Councillor Letto for her service on the Council. Letto is moving to New Brunswick. This was her last meeting.