

Trent Lakes Council Meeting

September 1, 2020

Attending this meeting after a few days away I found three topics on which to focus.

Facility Working Group Recommendations – The recommendations suggested by the facility working group made up of Mayor Clarkson and Councillor Lambshead plus the CBO and CAO were put forward.

For a detailed description of these recommendations regarding the Buckhorn Depot and its replacement see the agenda for today's meeting which provides all the details.

The recommendations put forward were over a ten year period to ensure continuation of critical operations and the safety of staff and the public.(from the recommendations) The report states that they attempted to utilize previously prepared consultant work whenever possible.

In 2021 design was the featured activity.

49 site – design, tender preparation and contract administration for a Dedicated Mechanics Facility that includes 2 double bays, 1 double wash bay, 2 double equipment bays and required office space

Buckhorn Fire Station/Public Works Facility – design for 5 bays for Fire and 2 double bays for Public Works

Galway – design for new depot that has 2 bays

2022 – Build Dedicated Mechanics Facility at 49 Depot Location and move all mechanic operations to this new facility. Move Recreation and facilities into existing 49 Depot and undertake necessary renovations to allow for effective operations

2023- tenders for Buckhorn Fire and Public Works and Galway Public Works

2024 – Build Buckhorn Fire Station/Public Works

2025 – tender for Cavendish Fire Station/Pubic Works

2026 – build Cavendish Fire Station/Pubic Works

2029 - tender for Galway Fire Station

2030 – Build Galway Fire Station

Immediate need for protected structure for winter use by Cavendish plow driver with a temporary indoor space for putting on and off chains

Mayor Clarkson thanked everyone for their dedicated work on this. Councillor Armstrong also thanked Mayor Clarkson for her work. Councillor Armstrong suggested moving up Galway to 2021 or 2022.

Motion by Councillor Lambshead to move forward as recommended. Friendly amendment by Armstrong – If funding becomes available Galway to be moved forward. – accepted.

Filling Council Vacancy

To fill the seat left by Kim Letto council may appoint a person to fill the vacancy or pass a by-law requiring a by-election to be held to fill the vacancy. Should council decide to appoint a council Member, the person who received the next highest number of votes in the previous municipal election, a person who was nominated for any race in the previous election or call for interested, eligible persons to fill the vacancy.

Staff recommended to appoint candidate with the next highest number of votes which is Peter Franzen, the next Councillor from Harvey ward.

Digital meeting with Cottage Associations

Ratepayers groups from Cavendish, Crystal Lake and Salmon Lake are in favor of continuing the Cottage Association/Ratepayer meeting.

Councillor Lambshead believes that the format is a problem. He said it is all about transferring information and everyone should be involved.

Mayor Clarkson believes that it is limiting. Many people gave an opinion but are not members of a ratepayers or cottage association .

Councillor Armstrong is in favor of a digital meeting with these groups. She stated that these meetings have been held for the past three years.

Motion – Ask staff for a report as to how and when it could be staged. Motion carried.