

Trent Lakes Council Meeting

February 16, 2021

Report from Kawartha Conservation - Mark Majchrowski

Excerpts from report –

Our Implementation Action Plan achieves several strategic targets including expanding our funding model, engaging with community and municipal partners, implementation of the Lake Management Plans, instituting a forest regeneration program, and the creation of a new Stewardship Strategy.

Future plans - Some of those achievements include securing \$99,750 in OMAFRA funding to support agricultural implementation projects over 2 years. Securing \$75,000 in Environmental Damages Fund support to support fish habitat restoration projects over 2 years. We were successful in becoming a Program Delivery Agent for the 50 Million Tree Program which will provide some funding to support an increased focus on tree planting across the watershed.

In late 2020, we invested in the development of the Talking Forest App. This new program is set to launch in early 2021 and will also support remote learning opportunities for our community. Our Forest Therapy program was very popular in 2020. Supported by a corporate sponsorship, this program saw 115 participants over 7 different walks.

Due to Covid-19 we had to put a hold on our citizen science programs, however we were successful in receiving \$17.5K of funding from Employment and Social Development Canada to support a Seniors Citizen Science Climate Action Project which we will now be delivering in 2021.

Budget - An overall 2.5% increase in municipal levy, (\$39,900) supporting operating expenditures• Increase of 1.01% for Trent Lakes (\$685)

Creation of New Lots -

Dylan Cosh – Because township is currently in yellow, rinks could be opened. Asked the council if they had such wish. Clarkson and Lamshead stated it was too late in the season to do so. Clarkson said who knows whether we will go back into lockdown. Rinks will not be opened.

Adele Arbour - Parking

Recommended the council direct staff to monitor parking obstructions during the winter months and report back if there are issues. Gannon's Narrows bridge will be shut down during June because truck hit some of the upper structure. Hope to close it down during daytime.

2021 Budget

2021 municipal budget \$14,380,735.02 lower than 2020 mainly because of Beaver Lake Rd.

2020 \$16,013,350.46

Tax rate increase of 0.64%

Over \$180,000 funds avbl because of Covid. Not knowing the length of pandemic there are no specific plans for spending at this time. They will keep communication open with Council.

Costs of OPP down \$18,242 in 2020.

Resurfacing roads in Buckhorn planned and Mystic Point Road to be reconstructed.

Each departmental budget was presented.

Report approved and carried.

Notice of Motion –

Mayor Clarkson – Surplus Properties

Councillor Armstrong suggested that it be passed without predisposition as to what we do with this property– we may want to use it for parks, or other recreational purposes - it is appropriate to gather this list.

Motion carried.

Closed meeting.