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Welcome to the **tenth** update of Trent Lakes Council activities. Please share with me your comments and feedback. **Contact**

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Councillor's Message:

The weather has warmed up, the sun is shining, the vaccines are here, and there is hope for some relief from COVID. DO get vaccinated when it is your turn; help us all stay safe and see our friends and family again!!

NEWS:

- The Buckhorn Community Centre has signed up to be a vaccine site for PTBO County. Please watch for announcements of their opening in April.
- Better Cell coverage is coming. Rogers was awarded a contract to upgrade all the 300+ cell towers in Eastern Ontario for 5G and expanded reach. Another 350 cell towers will be installed over the next 4 years.
- Cottage Associations in Cavendish are planning a road cleanup day Saturday, April 24th. JOIN US ALL! Go to:

https://m.facebook.com/507-Spring-Cleanup-105122661662346/?view_public_for=105122661662346

COUNCIL UPDATE

Highlights of Trent Lakes Council Decisions: **Jan - Mar 2021**



COUNCIL DECISIONS

- Defer a decision on regulating Short Term Rentals until September 2021. Allow for more fulsome public consultation once the pandemic situation is under control.
- Award the full budget allowance for community grants (0.5% of prior year tax levy) of \$52,000 to ten not-for-profit community organizations. Support the contributions made by volunteers to improve the quality of life for our residents.
- Engage Peterborough Public Health to conduct discretionary septic inspections in 2021, for the sixth consecutive year. 300 sites will be selected, and owners notified.
- Engage a consultant to assess the feasibility and cost of upgrading the Buckhorn Sports Pad, in its current location, to provide a more reliable ice surface. Options to be explored include maintenance of natural ice, addition of a refrigeration unit, and synthetic ice.
- Hold a mattress collection day in September 2021 at the Bobcaygeon waste transfer site. Disposal fee is tentatively set at \$20 per mattress.
- Request additional information from Dewdney Mountain Farms as requirement for deeming their quarry application complete.
- Explore the feasibility of installing a dock in Buckhorn for future resident and tourism opportunities.
- Approve funding for enhancements to the Ode Naang Park in Buckhorn – Gazebo, Kawartha chair, Garden, Bike and Kayak racks, Bike repair station, new Buckhorn sign.

UNDER REVIEW BY STAFF

- Possible changes to 2022 waste transfer site hours to better protect the safety of attendants and the public.
- Voting methods to be offered for the 2022 Municipal election.
- A viable mechanism for by-law enforcement and issuance and prosecution of parking tickets on both County and Municipal roads.

NOTE: These are updates selected by me to keep the public informed. Any errors or omissions are mine alone. See www.trentlakes.ca/council/meetings-agendas-minutes/

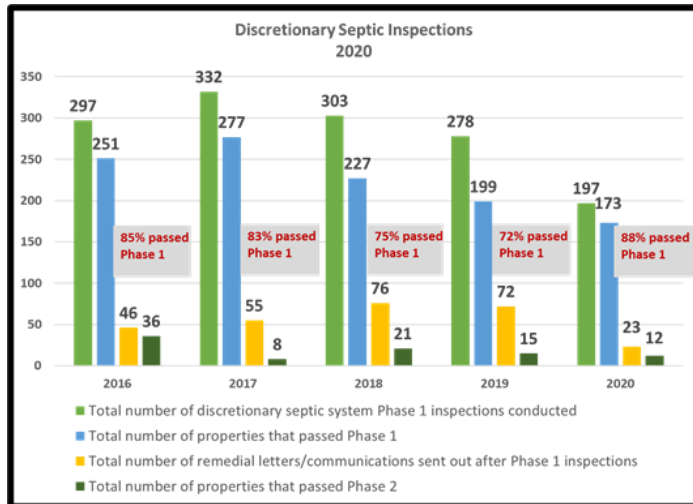
DISCRETIONARY SEPTIC INSPECTIONS

Trent Lakes has implemented discretionary septic system inspections since 2016.

WHY??

In addition to maintaining a natural shoreline, the most important action you can take to protect the water quality of your lake or river, is to properly use and maintain your septic system.

300 + properties are inspected per year. To date, failures after the first and second inspections have averaged 20% and 13% respectively. Clearly the program is working to find and fix deficiencies.




2020 was a different year, impacted by COVID. 301 properties in the Cavendish area were selected for inspection. 59 were exempt (built within the last 10 years) and 45 were deferred to 2021. As a result, only 197 properties were inspected. 88% passed the first inspection; another 6% passed the second. 11 properties are still in follow up. Inspectors prescribe corrective actions for any deficiencies that may jeopardize the sewage system, and follow up to ensure compliance.

MUNICIPAL BUDGET NEWS

The 2021 Trent Lakes Budget is \$14.4 million. Grants, Fees and Reserves will fund 30% of expenditures. The remaining 70% (\$10.1 million) will be funded through Municipal taxes. The year over year tax levy increase is **1.40%**. Residential taxpayers will pay \$388.67 for every \$100,000 of assessed value.


Homeowner Impact Trent Lakes Tax Rate Only

\$1,541.81




2020

\$17.05



\$1,558.86



2021

Average assessed value for single family detached, single family detached on water and seasonal dwelling on water provided by MPAC in 2021 is \$401,045.60 (up from \$399,224.97 in 2020). Above total does not include County and Education amounts.

Thanks to Staff for the above chart.

Reminder: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MPAC has postponed the 2020 Assessment Update. Property assessments for 2021 will continue to be based on the fully phased-in January 1, 2016 current values. This means your property assessment for the 2021 property tax year will be the same as the 2020 tax year, unless there have been changes to your property.

BUDGET KEY MESSAGES

- Capital Investments:
 - Addition to Cavendish Roads dome for equipment shelter and assembly
 - New fire pumper truck for Cavendish
 - Mystic Point road reconstruction
 - Sidewalks and ped crossings in Buckhorn – deferred from 2020
- Service levels maintained, despite significantly increased number of residents during COVID. Pressures on waste, roads, fire, building and administration departments.
- Cost reductions though improved digitization and process efficiencies.

Tax Levy Services Received by Trent Lakes Residents Based on \$1,558.86 Paid by Average Property Owner

Excluding County and Educational Services

<p>Government and Administration</p> <p>Council and legislative administration General administration Financial, audit and property tax services Human Resources and payroll Communications Medical Centres Community Improvement Plan New Website</p> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; color: white;">\$154.36</p> <p style="color: white;">annually</p>	<p>Protective Services</p> <p>Policing costs Bylaw enforcement Preparation of Official Plans and Planning Policies Professional recommendations on land use Building permits and ensuring compliance with Ontario Building Code Animal control Conservation Levy Septic Inspection Program</p> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; color: white;">\$301.17</p> <p style="color: white;">annually</p>	<p>Roads, Bridges and Culverts</p> <p>181.59 km surface treated roads 105.35 km gravel roads 11.25 km asphalt 7691m culverts 7m bridge Winter control services 4 transfer stations Fleet repair, fuel and maintenance Roadside mowing 3 depots Costs insurance/legal</p> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; color: white;">\$560.03</p> <p style="color: white;">annually</p>
<p>Fire and Emergency Planning</p> <p>54 staff (4 full-time and 50 volunteers) Fire occurrences, prevention and training 4 fire stations Emergency Planning 17 emergency vehicles CKL Agreement Fire equipment Dispatch and communications Public education events</p> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; color: white;">\$182.97</p> <p style="color: white;">annually</p>	<p>Parks & Recreation & 911</p> <p>911 system maintenance 4 beaches 2 outdoor rinks 4 community halls 2 libraries Parks Boat launches Cemeteries Community grants Water testing Facility inspections</p> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; color: white;">\$133.44</p> <p style="color: white;">annually</p>	<p>Capital Programs</p> <p>Infrastructure funding for roads and facilities Renewal and replacement of fleet Renewal and replacement of technology Streetlight upgrades Building and land improvements Asset management</p> <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; color: white;">\$226.89</p> <p style="color: white;">annually</p>