

Minutes of Cottage/Ratepayers Association Meeting

June 5, 2021

CEO Teggart welcomed everyone. She thanked staff for formatting and organizing for this event and throughout the year.

She explained that there would be survey questions at times during her presentation.

There was a slide regarding Municipal Services available. This overview is on the website.

Next was an overview regarding Department responsibility.

Agenda would include as budget, cost savings, waste management, capital projects and Covid 19 management, Upcoming Events and New Changes, staying informed all year long.

Budget - \$1,632,615.44 10% less than last year. The budget decrease was primarily due to lower capital costs - last year included Beaver Lake Road reconstruction

Total per \$100,000 of Residential Assessment – Includes Municipality, County and Education. Increase of \$9.70 \$7.00 of that increase came from county. Education stayed the same. MTL taxes to average homeowner increased \$54.74

Household waste – Increase because families have been at home

A survey question interrupted her report at this point – Have you subscribed to any of our website pages or calendars? It is possible to do so as many indicated that they did. You are able to receive updates on many different aspects of municipal life.

Projects – 2021 Capital Roadwork • Fulton Lane • John Street • Main Street • William Street • Mystic Point Road (approx. 1km)

Capital Spending: 2021 • Dedicated Mechanics Facility – Current: preliminary design phase – Next steps: following completion of a shared space study (to include Recreation and Facilities Dept), is the detailed design and engineering phase • New tandem and pumper trucks • Addition to Cavendish dome • 10 year facility replacement plan approval in 2020 • Work at Ode’Naang Park

COVID-19 Pressures Potential Impacts • Uncertain financial impacts and future grant assistance • Increased number of residents staying all year resulting in: – More Fire Department calls – Increased materials brought to Transfer Stations • Increased Volunteer Fire recruitment, expenses and costing with a need to adapt training methods • Electronic meetings and recording requirements • Increased tax arrears

Upcoming Events and New Changes

Mattress Collection Dates – Bobcaygeon Transfer Station during station hours, Sept. 24, 25 & 26, a \$20 fee per item •

Mobile Household Hazardous Waste – Cavendish Community Centre, July 10, 2021, 9am-1pm

- Cloudpermit: implemented an online building permit process. Key features are as follows: – Submit, track and pay for permits online – Upload all required documents – Schedule building inspections online

New compost facility in Ptbo on Bensfort road. Will be operational the end of 2023.

Stay Informed All Year Long

Check out new website. www.trentlakes.ca

Select 'Subscribe Today' to receive the latest information directly into your inbox on one or all of the following categories: – News: Burn ban, Economic Development, COVID-19, Garbage and Recycling, Road closures and more – Alerts: Emergency alerts – Community events: Cavendish Hall, Galway Hall, Lakehurst Hall and Sportspads – Municipal events: Municipal closures, Public Information, Recycling and Waste Events – Council Calendar: Advisory Committees, Council, Library Board, Police Services board and Property Standards Committee

Survey question: Would you like to see online surveys? 93% of viewers said yes.

Delegations

Ed Leedham – Kawartha Lakes Steward Association. Mission is to monitor water quality of lakes, educate public and conduct research in areas of public concern. Ongoing projects - testing for eColi annually. Water is tested at Lakefield lab. -Invasive species monitoring (starry Stonewort) – Lake water temperature monitoring – Natural Edge Program in partnership with Watersheds Canada

KLSA published Lake Water Quality Report – 20th anniversary edition avbl on website and at municipal bldg.

Questions –

Councillor Armstrong – What is the status of Eurasian milfoil? Leedham – still a problem but doesn't spread as fast as Starry Stonewort. Not actively looking for it at moment.

Councillor Franzen – Is there any talk about introducing other species of fish? Leedham – no information

Mayor Clarkson – expressed concern re "addition of rice to lakes surrounding Curve Lake." The Mayor labeled it an "invasive species" and she believes it is responsible for this spring's fish kills as the rice is raising the water temperature. Leedham – "I don't know how to respond..... Interesting that you call it an invasive species. I know that it is being planted is it or is it not an invasive species. Re the fish kills – not aware of a link to wild rice. Will take your concerns back to our Board and the scientists."

Christine Brickman – Vice President, Crystal Lake Community Association Thanked staff and council for their time in preparing this meeting. Talked about language used. They have adopted the use of Residence, waterfront or Community and not “cottager.”

Topics –

Short Term Rentals – CLCA has created Guidelines and Etiquette handbook which they will be distributing as opposed to restrictive by-law.

Trent Lakes Transfer Site Sunday Hours

East Clear Bay – Hard Top

Multiple fires in Crystal Lake in 2021 – need portable fire pumps to be available while waiting for volunteer firefighter’s arrival

Questions

Councillor Armstrong – over 1000 Facebook members. 250 paid members. How do you increase the number of paid members? Brickman – some of the Facebook members are from the same family.

Gary Jarosz – Cavendish Community Ratepayers Association Incorporated

Associations are the ambassadors to and from the Municipality.

Concerns

Transfer hours changes – turning hours back appears to be problematic for some of our constituents. Ask for fact based data, Associations would help.

Ask for update on master facilities depot.

Dedicated Mechanics Facility – expense has increased steadily. There are two mechanics in the municipality. Suggested that the mechanics travel. Believes that Parks and Rec could share mechanics facility

Short term Rental – Many depend on this income. Please include Associations in gathering the info.

By-law Enforcement – the night time and weekend call in number was not enough. Great but more is needed. Needs a working group to look at it.

Warren Dunlop – President, North Pigeon Lake Association

Mission of association is the protection of the local environment and promotion of sustainable development. Encouraged municipality to form partnerships with outdoor natural environment initiatives.

Mentioned Big Island to which the Municipality made a sizable donation and the John Earle Chase Memorial Park to which the municipality also made a donation.

Questions – Clarkson mentioned parking at Chase. Dunlop suggested parking is by those fishing at causeway.

Delegations finished.

Mayor Clarkson was not at the start of the meeting because of internet difficulties. She proceeded at this time to give an update on County activities. However, I lost connectivity at this time.

I look forward to a Buckhorn Ratepayers Meeting in the fall. I am keeping a list of topics which I think are reasonable for a meeting of this type. Some items are old growth forests and logging (Cavendish Old Growth Forest) Fireworks, Short Term Rentals, Cleanliness at Causeways , facilities depot. In addition, I would like to invite our Councillor for Harvey and the Mayor. If you have any ideas for meeting topics please let me know. Marlys