

Trent Lakes Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Awards to employees for years of service

5years – Derek Bertram, Shelley Kinsman

10 years - Mario di Marchi

9.1. Matthew Helfand, Aird & Berlis LLP
Re: Request to Purchase Unopened Road Allowance - Bob Macgregor (Item 10.4.1)

[Request to Purchase Unopened Road Allowance - Bob Macgregor](#)

Macgregor Island has been used as a recreational property by Mr. Macgregor and his family since 1971. In 1995, Mr. Macgregor sought to secure access to Macgregor Island by constructing a driveway on the northern half of the Road Allowance, and a retaining wall and dock on the shoreline. These improvements were sanctioned by the Municipal Council and other appropriate authorities. Use of the Road Allowance as a parking lot by short term tenants of 23 Oakridge Court, who, unlike Mr. Macgregor, are not permanent members of the Township community, poses a demonstrable risk to the ability of Mr. Macgregor to access Macgregor Island. Selling the northern portion of the Road Allowance containing the permitted driveway, retaining wall, and dock to Mr. Macgregor will secure access to Macgregor Island in the long term, therefore preserving the Island's use for recreation, and enhancing the fabric and character of the community.

We understand that an underlying rationale for the refusal to grant Mr. Macgregor's Application was the risk of setting a negative precedent. Given the specific facts underlying Mr. Macgregor's Application, we submit that there is little risk of setting a precedent – Mr. Macgregor's situation, as described in the Background section of this letter, is highly unique.

For the foregoing reasons, it is our submission that Mr. Macgregor's request to purchase part of an unopened road allowance is well grounded in law and policy, represents good land use planning, and would not set a negative precedent in the municipality. We recommend that the municipality approve Mr. Macgregor's Application, as it provides a practical solution to a legitimate ongoing issue.

Aird & Berlis LLP - It is our position that the sale of this land is fully in line with Municipal sale of land policies.....Unique set of circumstances.

Franzen – I have been to property last spring with Mr. MacGregor. I think this application makes sense.

Lambshhead – I am concerned about the entire road allowance being purchased by one owner.

Answer – It is an application to purchase that portion of road allowance necessary to access his dock.

Windover – We have always made a statement that public right of way is not saleable.

Clarkson – If this is sold how does it affect parking?

Answer – clarify if it is for Macgregor or for the other. 1995 was granted permission to construct driveway. Over the years that has been parking problem.

Armstrong – reluctant to make a call until we have an idea of how it fits into larger picture.

Clarkson – he has been using this for a long time.

Franzen – believes this is much different than many of the situation. Parking has been a difficulty for neighbor.

Lambshead – we can sell this according to provisions.

Armstrong – receive report and listen to next delegation.

Delegation from Andy Flexo regarding request to purchase unopened road allowance

In favor of sale of transfer to Macgregor and myself – has actually been only one issue where someone parked in his drive. It was rectified within five minutes. Other than that he has been doing renovation and big equipment has blocked road. He wants them to sell 33 feet not 66 feet. Believes that is plenty of room for him to put in dock and access island.

Lawyer– Mr. Macgregor is the only one with an application. It should be dealt with through the process. If council does direct it should go according to process.

Flexo – I will make application.

Adele Arbour brought in to report. Planning staff revisited Mr. Macgregor's request. She reached out to Andy. She wanted to make sure that he was in agreement with purchasing southern half of road allowance. Staff recommends both land owners to buy equal portions of unopened road allowance based on previous actions by Macgregor and municipality.

Franzen – makes recommendation to support what Arbour recommends.

Seconded and carried.

10.6.1. Lynn Holtz, Economic Development Officer
Re: Economic Development 2021 Q3 Report

[Economic Development 2021 Q3 Report](#)

-To better understand how COVID-19 had been impacting Trent Lakes small businesses, a survey was created and distributed by the following means: • **Trent Lakes website.** • Trent Lakes social media platforms.

*Many businesses during the third quarter were still operating with limited capacity restrictions impacting their recovery

*Several of our businesses reported having difficulty with obtaining staff or additional summer season staff. This was not unique to our area.

-Trent Lakes Website The Municipality of Trent Lakes launched its new website on April 27th, 2021

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-Businesses Assisted • 4 Businesses were assisted this quarter. 1 Agri-food, 1 retail, 1 art retail, 1 financial service. pg. 3 • Developed Small Business Survey for Trent Lakes businesses, to launch in October. • Participated in the Kawartha Chamber 2021 Awards of Excellence in recognition of businesses in our region. • Assisted EDAC initiative Passport to Local Dining

Applications

• Ode`naang Park Dock • Ode`naang Park Playground

Trent Lakes Business Network Facebook Group • Currently 42 members with extremely low activity. • Continue to promote economic development initiatives and programs through Trent Lakes Businesses Network Group and municipal social media accounts.

Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)

• The Committee approved an OMAFRA First Impressions Community Exchange with Sharbot Lake.

• The Committee launched a Passport to Local Dining program that closed Thanksgiving. The Committee will be reviewing the program in Q4 and conducting a draw from any submitted ballots for a dinner for two. • COVID-19 delayed the supplier delivery of an oversized Muskoka style chair for Ode`naang Park this season. • The Committee and Parks and Recreation Director continue to collaborate on greenspace improvements for Ode`naang Park. • The Committee is beginning to formulate its budget and workplan for 2022.

Partnership Activities of Economic Development Officer.

Initiatives Supported or Promoted in Q3: • O`de Piitaanemaan Pledge o Helped to promote the Peterborough & Kawarthas Tourism visitors pledge and campaign

• 2021 Awards of Excellence – Accepted an invitation to participate in the 2021 Kawartha Chamber and Tourism Awards of Excellence for businesses in our region.

Report received.

10.7.2. Jessie Clark, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Re: Accountability and Transparency and Public Notice Policy Review

[Accountability and Transparency and Public Notice Policy Review](#)

The Municipal Act, Section 270(1) requires the Municipality to adopt and maintain policies with respect to: • circumstances in which the municipality shall provide notice to the public and, if notice is to be

provided, the form, manner and times notice shall be given; and • the manner in which the municipality will try to ensure that they are accountable and transparent to the public.

Motion – received for information. Carried

1.4. Randy Law
 Re: Dewdney Mountain Planning Application

[Dewdney Mountain Planning Application](#)
[Letter of Intent \(Included in Planning Justification Report dated July 17, 2020\)](#)

Having had discussions with regard to potential noise impacts that the proposed Quarry Haul Route along Ledge Road may have on the Hunt Camp located on Lot 25, concession 15 (Harvey) Mr. Randy Law, the Hunt Camp Owner and Mr. Paul Ritchie, President of Dewdney Mountain Farms LTD. Agree to further discussions regarding the demolition and, if required, the reconstruction or new build of the Hunt Camp with the understanding that it would be relocated a minimum distance of 50 metres and preferably a 100 metres from the front lot line these lands along Ledge Road

Dewdney Mountain Farms, Inc. as the owner of the proposed quarry, is prepared to bear all costs associated with the owner's permission to demolish and if requested relocate/rebuild the Hunt Camp beyond the minimum 50 metre and preferably 100 metre noise impact setback resulting from Ledge Road being designated a future Haul Route.

Armstrong – how is this submission being handled?

Adele Arbour – We are going to have the reports updated with the removal of this agreement. Peer reviewer will also review. Waiting for their response.

Franzen makes motion to receive. Seconded and carried.