

Trent Lakes Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 2022-03-21

Richard Steinginga, Partner, Baker Tilly
Re: Annual Report for 2021

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[Presentation](#)
[2021 Trent Lakes Reporting Letter](#)
[Draft Financial Statements](#)

Review Minutes of Council
Substantive Testing
Systems documents and related control testing
Staff was supportive

Cash is largest financial asset

Reserves increased by 1.9 million

-Financial liabilities

Payables and deferred revenues are two biggest items

Equity is not tied up in capital

Salary and benefits are biggest expenses as usual.

OPP is most expensive service. Franzen and seconded by Lambshead.

Staff does a good job of putting information together to allow for my presentation. Everything being well taken care of.

Armstrong – Slide 13 – Gas tax – why nothing in 2021 actuals. No gas tax actually used.

Motion to accept – Franzen and Lambshead

9.1. Katie Krelove, Wilderness Committee and Janet Klein
Re: Gravel Mining Reform Campaign

[Gravel Mining Reform Campaign](#)

Works for the Ontario Wilderness Committee. Most recently worked with Old Growth Forest

Now is involved with the gravel mining reform campaign.

Asking province to put a temporary pause on new gravel licenses. It has been an issue for decades. Communities every year face a lopsided system when it comes to issues about gravel licenses on sensitive area.

5000 gravel sites and quarries in Ontario scraping off the topsoil. Can't really see them when drive by. Just piles of dirt on the side. A further 5000 acres is lost every year to the industry. The industry has 13 times more than what is needed in Ontario annually. Gravel filters ground water. It is needed.

Municipalities get stuck in the middles of these battles but municipalities have zoning capabilities. When it comes to Crown Land the municipalities have no power. Property taxes on gravel mines. A single family home pays more in taxes than a 100 acre gravel pit.

Suggestion - Impose an immediate moratorium on all new gravel mining license applications. Not permanent but provide time to study. No one knows how much we need and how much there is.

Four municipalities have endorsed the resolution for a moratorium.

Janet Klein – has learned about aggregate extraction over the last ten years. Trent Lakes has abundance of Crown Land. MNR decides how much is given to aggregate extraction. Moratorium is to stop and take a breath and discuss with all groups involved.

Franzen – attended two Town Halls. Will bring forward at next meeting their ancestral hunting ground.

Lamshead – believes that it should be reviewed. First nations are affected as much of the Crown Land is their ancestral hunting ground.

Karen Shearer, Citizens for Alternative Transportation in Trent Lakes (CATTL) Citizens for Alternative Transportation in Trent Lakes
Re: Alternative Transportation

[Alternative Transportation](#)

Here with you that to say I have started citizen's group in Trent Lakes – Citizens for Alternative Transportation in Trent Lakes

Ultimately want to be able to ride my bike more than drive my car.

Looking to support active transportation which people think of as walking or biking but can also be snowshoeing, ride shares and bus links.

Asking council to help spread the information to get off the gas. Such as information to apply for grants.

CATTLpath@gmail.com

Armstrong – Great initiative. Very timely for many reasons. I would like to see that you touch base with our PRCAC committee as they will be putting out an RFP for green spaces particularly with trails.

Peter Franzen– Great initiative. Can we put it on our Website?

Clarkson – do we have an electric charging station? Yes at Catchacoma Marina

Have you ridden our roads on a bike? I don't think our shoulders are safe.

Shearer answered that she has. Issue with aspects of the trail is mostly vegetation.

Some of the private pieces make it difficult.

Many areas of the limestone have large open spots.

Cycling lanes work well in some situations but it depends on your confidence as a cyclist. The safer people feel that more they will use it.

Windover moved to receive.

10.1.1. Evan Grieger, Director of Public Works
Re: ORV on County Roads

[ORV on County Roads](#)

Peterborough County is in the process of completing an update to their Transportation Master Plan which includes direction for allowing Off-Road Vehicles (ORVs) on County Roads. Included in this review is establishing a network for ORVs to utilize County roads and for this, they have established a Quantitative Road Segment Assessment. The factors used by the County can be seen in the below table.

Factor	Comment
Connectivity to Existing ORV Network	Access to other segments of the ORV network from the roadway
Connectivity to Trails/Nature	Access to ORV trails, hiking trails, and parks
Connectivity to Population Centres	Access to (but not through) settlements and communities
Avoidance of Noise Sensitive Land Uses	Limiting ORV use through conservation areas or settlements
Report to Council	2 Driver's Road Violation Expectation
Roads where automobile drivers might anticipate encountering other slow-moving vehicles along the roadways, such as tractors	Avoidance of Sidewalks/Multi-Use Paths
Limiting ORV use on roads with high pedestrian/cyclist activity	Presence of Suitable Road Shoulders
Wide road shoulder to support safe ORV use	

FRanzen make a motion in support of that resolution.

Windover seconds.

Armstrong – What happens when they get into another municipality that doesn't support the ORV on the County roads? Grieger – There is work in place so this doesn't happen.

Clarkson – Why did we not make this a year long pilot project?

Lambhead says that he believes that the idea is to use the roads as connectors to other trails.

Clarkson – doesn't believe that is always happening.

Motion carried.

10.2. Recreation and Facilities


10.2.1. Dylan Cosh, Director of Recreation and Facilities
Re: EDAC Recommendation - Ode'naang Park Improvement Priorities

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[EDAC Recommendation - Ode'naang Park Improvement Priorities](#)

Recommendation: That Council receive the report from the Director of Recreation and Facilities regarding EDAC Recommendation - Ode'naang Park Improvement Priorities; and further That staff be directed to proceed with the procurement of the playground for Ode'naang Park; and further That

Council refer the matter back to the Economic Development Advisory Committee to determine other 2022 Ode'naang Park improvement priorities within the remaining \$25,000.00 budget. Windover move to support resolution. Motion carried.

10.4.3.  Barbara Waldron, Director of Building and Planning/CBO
Re: Buckhorn Sports Pad - Ontario Building Code and Planning Implications to Proposed Construction

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Buckhorn Community Centre (BCC)
Re: BCC Buckhorn Sports Pad Response
E maximum occupant load must be adhered to.

[Buckhorn Sports Pad - Ontario Building Code and Planning Implications to Proposed Construction](#)
[BCC Buckhorn Sports Pad Response](#)

Roof and boards of present arena were not installed according to code requirements including washrooms needed and barrier free requirements. Construction of another building would require a new septic and correct number of washrooms. Unevaluated wetlands may require EIS study. New parking may be needed to make sure driving is not done over new septic.

Occupant load is always calculated according to occupant table. Maximum occupant load must be adhered to.

Option 1 – Work with existing building and add washroom and lighting.

Option 2 – existing building plus addition of artificial ice. Two washrooms must be added. Sprinkler system must be added and a new septic be installed. Relocation of ball diamond. Parking needed to be relocated.

Franzen – Is there enough land there for washrooms and parking? There is enough land but it depends on how much BCC wants to provide.

Lambhead – Is there enough land there as is without activating the need for sprinkler system. Waldron - Building size itself 1096 square meters. Believes that there would be 400 square feet avbl for washrooms. Does believe that we could get it under 1500 square meters so it wouldn't trigger sprinkler system.

FRanzen – What would it take to make the sports pad compliant? How much money to comply to our by-laws? No particular figure. Code requires you two have washrooms. Try to work with what you have by using porta potties.

Would that would work with insurance? CAO says that this has been discussed with insurance.

Exiting off of ice surface and emergency lighting are two major problems. But if you add a building on to it to have a space for ice making equipment then you have to do washrooms and septic systems. If you start down the road of renovation then you have to do everything needed and continue down the road.

Clarkson – grants are available. Has to be shovel ready.

Armstrong – willingness of BCC to provide additional land is the elephant in the room. We are still in this cat and mouse dance. Definitive boundaries are needed for us to make decision.

Clarkson – Piece of land avbl up the road. Go back to BCC and say what land are you willing to give us?

Windover – is it free or does it have to be bought?

Clarkson – It is no longer free. He was wanting some benefits for giving the land. That didn't work with the municipality.

Franzen – Makes a motion that we do the lighting immediately so that it is compliant to the Ontario Building Code.

Armstrong – Add portapotties with barriers removed for one. Yes.

Motion carried.

Clarkson – that done is the BCC willing to sell land? In my view, we will probably need entire ball field.

Franzen – remind council that there is a process to follow for discussion.

Armstrong – recalls that discussion but we still have to determine whether BCC is willing to sell this land?

Teggart– we can certainly make that request.

Armstrong – moves that staff member talks with BCC regarding how much land their Board is willing to permit the municipality to use for the purpose of refrigeration of the existing rink ball park area and land needed to support all the requirements needed. Are they willing to selling that land to the municipality?

Lambshead seconds. Carried.

Waldron anticipates that they will want to know the exact amount of land needed. Waldron believes that she could come up with a size for that. Getting a concrete number for septic and the parking would be the next thing.

10.6.1. Lynn Holtz, Economic Development Officer
Re: COVID-19 Small Business Survey Results

[COVID-19 Small Business Survey Results](#)

Objective was to be able to create a data set in order to understand how businesses did during Covid. 26 businesses participate in first survey from a wide background. Hospitality and Entertainment, leisure were first two sectors.

Pandemic has really brought to life the difference in internet connectivity between urban and rural. It has influenced the education of our children.

What is the single biggest challenge of participants of the survey? Connectivity came up again. Anxieties of keeping up morale.

What is the biggest challenge that they have overcome? 22 of 26 businesses answered. Creating new virtual events. They came out alive. They are awesome.

Vaccination rates are the major reason with where we are now within the pandemic.

Inconsistent internet biggest problem even prior to COVID-19 outbreak.

Tourism and tourism related sectors were one of the hardest hit and will be one of the last to recover. Both levels have been offered grants and low interest loans.

Armstrong – thanks Lynn. Great job in interpreting input. Context – 2016 survey said that we had 316 businesses and only 26 responded. I don't think that we want to rely too much on this when we only had a 7% response rate.

Holtz – we have never had communication with our businesses. You are right it is not really a true representation of what is going on out there. I hope that it will open the door to true communication and they will feel more comfortable coming forward to us.

Motion to accept – Windover and Lamshead. Carried.