Trent Lakes Council Meeting Tuesday, November 5, 2024

10.1.1. Evan Grieger, Director of Public WorksRe: Traffic By-law Update

Traffic By-law Update

The areas of inconsistency that are required to be added were within Schedule D 50 km/h Speed Limit: • Galway Road from 438 Galway Road to Allens Alley • Ranch Road from County Road 49 to Moon Line North Staff are proposing to replace the existing Schedule D, of the Traffic By-law B2022-037, with an updated schedule reflecting 50km/h speed limits on sections of Galway Road and Ranch Road.

Staff feel that reducing the speed limit will increase safety.

Armstrong moves to support the amendment. Cadigan seconds.

Armstrong thanks Evan for focus on this. Town halls emphasized concerns re speeding and safety.

Braybrook thanks also. Mayor thanks as well.

Carried.

10.1.2.

Evan Grieger, Director of Public Works New Dedicated Mechanics/Recreation and Facilities Project Update #6

Recommendation: That Council receive the report from the Director of Public Works regarding the New Dedicated Mechanics Facility Update for information.

Construction for this project commenced in late August and work has been progressing well. The work completed since the last update includes completion of epoxy flooring, propane tank installation, continuation of site services including paving and septic work, electrical, mechanical and plumbing work. The project is anticipated to be completed in fall of 2024, in time for the 20242025 winter season.

Plan is to be in the building the first week of December.

Grieger is very impressed with the contractor. Everyone has worked together for a good result and to be on time. Very excited to bring everyone through. Hope to take a tour through the building.

Braybrook wants to add the anomaly as to coming in under budget as to something this size. The fficiency is great as to how you respected use of hard earned tax dollars.

Franzen – What is the progress on the foundation walls of sand domes?

Grieger – whole crew is from New Brunswick. Should be done at the end of the week. Weather has been a blessing.

Armstrong – Motion to receive. Franzen seconds. Motion carried.

10.4.1.

Donna Teggart, CAO/Treasurer, on behalf of the Short-Term Rental Working Group Short-Term Rental Working Group Update with Options for Council Consideration

Recommendation: That Council receive the report from the CAO/Treasurer, on behalf of the Short-Term Rental Working Group, regarding Short-Term Rental Working Group Update with Options for Council Consideration:

and further That Council approve Option 1, being a Mandatory Registration Program for Short-Term Rental Accommodations;

and further That Council direct the Working Group to prepare a draft registration by-law for Council's consideration.

The Working Group revisited the issues initially raised by the public around STRs that led to the Working Group being established. The main issue was noise, followed by trespassing, fireworks, dogs, parking and a general disrespect for neighbours. The Working Group critically reviewed whether the solution proposed, an STRA Licensing By-law, is the appropriate next step in addressing these issues.

The recommended approach is to develop and implement a mandatory registration program (Option 1). An alternative for Council to consider would be to essentially maintain the status quo, with no new regulations, and instead direct focus, resources and funding to increased bylaw enforcement (Option 2). Lastly, if Council still wanted to proceed with the proposed STRA Licensing Bylaw, modifications would need to be made prior to presentation, passage and implementation (Option 3).

As part of the 2025 budget process, staff will be requesting a full-time By-law Enforcement Officer. Building and Planning staff have identified this as a need to enhance its capacity for overall by-law enforcement. This is independent of any decision Council makes on this report regarding STRAs. Because of this, the costs for a full-time By-law Enforcement Officer have not been included in any of the costing outlined in the options and have been assumed as part of the existing staff complement when discussing resources.

Option 1: Mandatory Registration Program The first option proposed, which is recommended by the Working Group, is a mandatory registration program. Would require all STRA owners to register with the Municipality with some basic information about their property. This information has not yet been determined but would be such things as a name that would be on property within 60 minutes, number of bedrooms,.....Registration would be between \$200 and \$500 .Other options would be much more costly.

Cadigan – Generally in favor of Option 2. In retrospect I do think that we do need some sort of registration and therefore would agree with Option 1.

Franzen – I think that Option 1 is a good compromise. I would like to make that a motion. Second – none.

Lambshead – we need to do something and I think this is a something. This was always to be self funding. It doesn't show over reach that number 3 does.

All in favor. Motion has carried. Number one it is.

10.5.1.

Rachel Stark, Economic Development and Communications Officer Rebranding

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Option 1: Rebrand

Option 2: Rebrand with Familiar Elements

Option 3: Keep Current Logo and Create Guidelines

Donna Teggart asked that it be deferred. Braybrook moves. Cadigan seconds.

Carried.

10.5.2.
Donna Teggart, CAO/Treasurer
2024 Q3 Summary Reporting

Operations continue to be busy in all departments.

89% of all payments came electronically.

722 tons of garbage taken which is up slightly from last year.

Cadigan to receive. Armstrong seconds. Carried.