

Trent Lakes Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 2025

8.1.

Dave Smith, MPP Peterborough-Kawartha
Provincial Updates

Mobile mental health possibilities. Second bus has been purchased. Can be used in privacy of own home.

Limit to number of Doctors – takes five years of training. Six years of education to be teacher. Cannot reduce the amount of education that a doctor would require.. We have added training possibilities in universities. We now have more doctors graduating from Ontario universities than doctors retiring. With 402 doctors retiring we have more graduating than retiring.

Brought on this past year – Peterborough Street Medicine out of Brock Mission. 64% of doctors graduating want a salaried position. After six years they want a family practice. In this way they can actually make more certain salary. Ptbo Street Medicine we are paying a salary for a doctor to come in.

There will be five full time doctor positions and well as Nurse Practitioners in the Ptbo Street medicine

This will attract one new doctor every year

Smith sees bringing physicians into the city of Peterborough and they will fall in love with all the County has to offer and will stay.

On point of economy we need to bring back a lot of the higher end businesses that have left. Many of our Trent graduates have to leave community to find a job.

Proposal for golf course with aprox 40 homes....that concept had to be put aside because of rules.

There are concepts outside of the box such as vertical farming that could be used here!

Railroad that runs in Ptbo County

Airport here.

Infrastructure is here.

Rules and regulations have stymied us.

Committed that the province not be the barrier if standard of living is being stymied by an idea. I will make it possible to happen. My(Smith's) approach over the next four years.

Local issues – OPP Services Board is no longer in each municipality. There is now one in each County. Some difficulty in finding a member in each County. I have been asked by Laurie Scott in providing the third member as she has had some difficulty in finding one.

Deputy Mayor Armstrong question – represent County on committee

for long term care – waiting list of 1026. All admissions in last two months have been crisis admissions which they are obliged to take.

Can you provide us with any information on long term care?

Smith - We have awarded 28,000 beds in total

Havelock construction began just over a year ago. 128 new beds
Extendicare 172 bed, 228 new beds in new facility adding 64 beds there.
256 bed facility in Ptbo County. Will be ground broken soon with that facility
People Care with Trent. Land has been cleared on Water Street. Foundation later this summer.
224 beds in total.

Help is on the way when it comes to long term care.

Staffing is improving – i.e. nurses

Fairhaven didn't have water and waste water capacity right there. That deficiency is being
addressed. Proposal will provide underground infrastructure this spring which will move it into
category which is much easier to approve. This will make it far more likely to approve.

Lambshhead - Believes mental health issue is becoming more "acceptable" part of discussing in
society.

Armstrong makes motion to receive. Cadigan seconds. Picture taken.

10.1.1.

Matt Wintjes, Supervisor of Waste/Public Works Coordinator
Agricultural and Marine Plastics

Background:

The storage of boats and certain agricultural products requires that they be wrapped in a
weatherproof plastic. This Agricultural and Marine (A&M) plastic can be made up of a number of
different plastics (PVC, LDPE, LDPP, etc.), making it difficult to recycle. Furthermore, large
quantities are usually required, leaving the consumer with a cumbersome product that is difficult
to dispose of.

In order to accommodate residents, A&M plastics will be accepted for a limited time at the
Cavendish Transfer Station. For 2-3 weeks, residents will be able to purchase a bag within
which they can place their used A&M plastic which will be stored on-site. Residents will be
charged a fee of \$10 to offset the cost of the bags and processing of the plastics. When the
event is finished, the stored plastic will be hauled and processed by a qualified recycling
company. This process will ensure that enough plastic has been accumulated so that
transportation and processing makes sense economically. If the program is successful there will
be another collection event at Crystal Lake Transfer Station in 2026.

This initiative will reduce the amount of plastic created using virgin materials. It will also reduce
instances of residents littering any unwanted plastics.

Recommendation: That Council receive the report from the Supervisor of Waste/Public Works
Coordinator regarding the collection and diversion of Agricultural and Marine plastics for
information.

Financial Implications: Costs incurred by this initiative are covered within the 2025 Public
Works Budget.

Cadigan – glad to see this happening. What else do you do?

Wintjes – Bring it back to the marina but then what??

Franzen moves to receive motion. Armstrong seconds with friendly amendment (which I did not hear.)

Approved.

10.2.1.

Dylan Cosh, Director of Recreation and Facilities
Proposed Buckhorn Food Pantry Feasibility

Recommendation: That Council receive the report from the Director of Recreation and Facilities regarding the Buckhorn Food Pantry Feasibility for information

The report is 12 pages long and contains lots of information,

Armstrong – Good idea. Wrong location but at least five barriers to implementing it there.

Braybrook – appreciate Deputy Mayor's comments. Spoke with Janet at proposed location. Both Peter and Janet had attended two other locations and taken pictures. One in Orillia. One was a 6 x 8 that when you open the door to access it the freezer was right there. No chance of entering the building. He envisions taking out some of the barriers. Suggests starting fresh with a small 6 x 8 structure built off site and put it in front of building for which the proposal was made.

As it is a pilot project and there could be a problem with site it could be moved. The BCC was in favor of renegotiating the lease. Kawartha Food Share also shared comment but I didn't hear Councillor Braybrook's comment.)

Regarding people knowing who is using this Braybrook believes that people can pick and choose their time when they go. He is in favor.

Lambshead is heading to Uxbridge to look at another one of these projects. It is not a food bank. It is a food pantry. He believes that it is a good asset. As a pilot project we could do it for a year. Has talked to people in community re using it and it is receiving positive response.

Armstrong – doesn't know what next steps are.

Lambshead – this proposal that we had originally is not going to work because of the regulations. I will bring back information from other areas. A new proposal needs to be formed.

Braybrook – Can we have people working with staff to have information shared between us?

Lambshead – I would work with staff.

Armstrong – ask staff to use new information?

Lambshead - Yes

Cadigan – Motion to receive. Armstrong seconds.

Franzen abstains

Motion carried.

10.3.1. Steve Brockbank, Director of Emergency Services
Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement

Recommendation: That Council receive the report from the Fire Chief regarding Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement; and further That Council support entering into a new Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement. Financial Implications: Total estimated increase cost of \$2,700.48 – funds already included in the M.N.R. Forestry Agreement budget line in the 2025 Budget.

Background: The Municipal Fire Management Agreement with the Ministry of Natural Resources is for the prevention, control and extinguishment of fires within the limits of the Municipality. The last revisions were in 2015 and the agreement was last reviewed in 2020.

Changes to the agreement discussed during this year's review, include modifications to the existing Municipal Protection Area (MPA) and Crown Protection Area (CPA) fire management zone which was requested to include the following: 1. Transfer of the MPA of Loom Lake Area to CPA. MPA to keep a 600' corridor off Crystal Lake Road as shown in Diagram 1. 2. Transfer of the MPA of the Fire Access Road to CPA. The Fire Access Road goes from County Rd 507 to Crystal Lake Road as shown in Diagram 2.

Cadigan – Brought up concerns of Loom Lake residents.

Brockbank explained.

Armstrong – Is there any impact to response time in those area.

If it is in their fire season they have fire fighting capabilities there. It should be the amount of time.

Franzen moves that Council receive. Second Cadigan. Carried.

10.7.2.

Jessie Clark, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Alternative Voting Methods for the 2026 Municipal Election

Recommendation: That Council receive the report from the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk regarding Alternative Voting Methods for the 2026 Municipal Election; and further That Council direct staff to prepare a by-law authorizing the alternative voting methods of internet and telephone voting for the 2026 Municipal Election for Council's approval, as required by Section 42(1b) of the Municipal Elections Act. Financial Implications: For the 2022 election, staff budgeted \$60,000.00 and spent \$44,739.37 on the Municipal Election. The remainder, \$15,260.63, was put into an election reserve and \$9,000.00 has been budgeted annually for 2023, 2024 and 2025 for the election reserve. A minimum of \$9,000.00 will be budgeted in 2026 for a total minimum budget of approximately \$52,000.00 for the Municipal Election.

Staff is recommending electronic only for next election. Positives - Effective and rapid count of vote, Availability in the case of something like Covid. Much less expensive than paper.

Franzen believes election is very important. Even though we only had 100 + people voting by paper possibly they wouldn't vote electronically.

Braybrook – Councillor Franzen took words out of my mouth. I think it is important that we still offer in person voting. Aging population may not have benefit of operating computer.

Franzen- I am in favor of hybrid sort of voting.

Armstrong – To be more efficient I would okay moving to electronic voting only. In some time we need to move forward with it.

Franzen – Move to support hybrid voting which includes telephone, computer and paper.

Second Braybrook. Recorded vote. Franzen Yes , Lambshead Yes, Armstrong No Braybrook yes, Cadigan Yes

10.7.3.

Jessie Clark, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk
Mid-Term Procedure By-law Review

Recommendation: That Council receive the report from the Director of Corporate Services/Clerk regarding Mid-Term Procedure By-law Review; and further That Council support the proposed changes to the Procedure By-law.

Financial Implications: There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

Armstrong – Would like to defer this. This basically dictates how we run committees, meetings, etc and is very important. I haven't had time to critique.

Braybrook supports deferring.

Armstrong - Moves to defer to the next meeting and the Council is provided a hard copy. Braybrook seconds.

Motion carried.