

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY

2nd Quarterly Town Hall Meeting

Veteran's Memorial Hall

June 27, 2019

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR: Virginia Rook

COUNCILLORS: Barbara Anne Haitse Nancy Wirtz
Jim Rook John Dimitrijevic

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR: Michael Reider

DISCLOSURE: Nil

STAFF: Clerk-Treasurer – Candy Beauvais
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer – Gilles Legault
Public Works Superintendent – Tony Nuziale
Administrative Assistant – Angie Nuziale
Project Manager – Kelly Champaigne
Events Program Planner – T.J. Zeglen

MODERATOR: Rob Campbell

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: 11

Clerk-Treasurer Candy Beauvais welcomed everyone to the 2nd Quarterly Town Hall meeting.

Mayor Virginia Rook introduced herself and members of Council.

Mrs. Beauvais then introduced Rob Campbell as the Moderator for the meeting.

Mr. Campbell introduced himself and briefly outlined the procedure for the evening.

Mrs. Beauvais then proceeded to discuss the following items listed on the agenda:

- A) Financial Update**
1. Final Tax Bills Issued for 2019

Budget approved a 2% increase to the 2018 tax rate.

**All final bills were sent out at the end of May 2019.
Instalment dates are July 2, 2019 and September 3, 2019.**

Assessment increases vary on every property, so you may or may not experience a 2% increase or it may be more. The back of the tax bill will indicate the increase due to assessment change as well as municipal levy change.

The year of 2018 ended with a minimal surplus due to the prudent use of taxpayers dollars by Council & Staff.

No questions from the general public or staff.

- B) Community Improvements**
1. MTO doing work on Charles Street at no cost to the municipality as Charles Street is part of Hwy 637 which is a provincial responsibility.

Completion date slated for the end of September 2019

No questions from the general public or staff.

2. Water By-Law Restrictions

Even street numbers permitted on even numbered days of the month between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Odd street numbers permitted on odd numbered days of the month between 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

We have copies of the by-law for those who want one.

No questions from the general public or staff.

3. Clean up Week Reminder for Cottagers ONLY – July 12-21, 2019

The Public Works Department has it under control.

No questions from the general public or staff.

4. Main Street Upgrades – Channel St. Paving

We have budgeted to asphalt from the easterly end of Channel Street to the Tilley Street intersection. Public Works Department is working on getting quotes. A grant has been set aside for this project.

Q: Will you be replacing the culverts along Channel Street?

Yes, Public Works will be replacing the culverts with PVC to prevent rusting and will be utilizing our equipment to do this portion of the work.

5. Hartley Bay Road Upgrades

We have applied for a grant of \$1.9 million for safety upgrades and repairs to the road and bridge. 90% would be covered by the government & 10 % would be covered by the Municipality. If unsuccessful, we have budgeted \$500,000 for the upgrades and will finance the work with a ten-year loan.

No questions from the general public or staff.

6. Hazardous Waste Day 2019 - Killarney & Hartley Bay

Public Works is in the process of setting a date in September 2019 for Killarney (MTO yard) and Hartley Bay (landfill).

Q: Do we have a battery drop off?

Yes, you can bring your batteries to the school, the Killarney Health Centre or to the Public Works Department where there are disposal bins.

Q: Is there a possibility to have more than one hazardous waste day?

We need to start with one event and see how it turns out as this is very costly project. Some items we can actually get money back, but we need to try it out first.

If it's well advertised, people will take advantage. Public Works Department can put out more than one flyer leading up this important date.

C) Opportunities for Public Participation/Input

1. Killarney's 200th Anniversary

The Committee is working very hard to promote the event, book performers and organize other functions to make the 200th Anniversary very successful.

The Committee is always looking for volunteers to help organize events and assist in any way to make this an event for all to remember and be proud of.

There will be a Public Open House on July 14th, 2019 at 11 a.m. and the Committee is looking to have another one in the Fall.

So far, various musical artists have been booked for the Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A kitchen party and fiddlers is planned for Sunday.

We are looking into a bus to travel to and from Ward 2. Also, to take people around Town during this week-long event.

We have 18 Committee Members/volunteers so far but are always looking for extra hands to assist in any way possible. Anyone with their SmartServe and willing to assist, please contact the Committee.

No questions from the general public or staff.

2. New Horizons Grant

Aging well in Killarney – congregated dining program for Seniors.

The Municipality has received a grant for \$22,372 for this new program from Service Canada. The objective of the funding is to help in creating and maintaining a healthy senior community, both mentally and physically. Socialization through interaction and volunteerism plays a major part in everyone's wellbeing, as do the planned activities.

We have hired a coordinator for the program, purchased a shuffleboard and other games, and provide nutritious meals twice per month at \$3 per meal. A BBQ will be purchased next.

There will be a Senior and Family BBQ on Tuesday, August 6th, 2019. Please confirm your attendance prior to August 1st, 2019.

There is no set age for the program. They are always looking for volunteers to assist and are hoping this program will continue after the funding period is over.

We are looking to coordinate a BBQ luncheon in Ward 2 in the near future.

No questions from the general public or staff.

3. Petition & Letters – MTO Highway Improvements

Council passed a resolution at the June 12, 2019 meeting regarding the poor/unsafe condition of Highway 637. Letters and pictures have been sent to Ministry of Transportation, Mike Mantha, Frances Gelinis, Marc Serre etc. Petitions are around town for anyone to sign so we can send this in also. Town letters are also available for those who wish to send a letter.

Q: Has anyone thought to involve Wikwemikong in signing the petition or providing a letter of support as the condition of Hwy 637 could prove to be detrimental to the operation of Point Grondine Park?

This is a fantastic idea and Wikey will be contacted tomorrow. Comment from the moderator that the highway needs a complete overhaul and needs to be refurbished. Send information to new Minister Rickford at Ministry of Northern Development & Mines as they fund a 10-year plan for all highways in Ontario.

D) Other

- 1. Fire Smart Program – Killarney Mountain Lodge (Ward 1) –
July 13 - 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
Fire Smart Program – French River Interpretive Centre (Ward 2) –
July 19 - 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**

There are 2 FireSmart Presentations scheduled for July with a short presentation, discussing the principles of becoming a FireSmart community and providing simple and practical steps that homeowners can take to greatly increase the safety of their property in the event of a wildfire. Everyone is welcome to attend.

We have received funding from Henvey Inlet Wind, CN Rail and a donation of brochures from Insurance Bureau of Canada. Funding is to be used for community education and mitigation efforts. Prevention is key in becoming FireSmart.

No questions from the general public or staff.

2. Amended Noise By-Law

Amended by-law was passed at the June 12, 2019 Council meeting. We share services with Markstay-Warren, French River and St. Charles to reduce costs for all four municipalities – By-Law enforcement being one of them.

We have copies for those who want one.

No questions from the general public or staff.

E) Question Period

Q: When will the streets in town be worked on as culverts are popping up everywhere?

Public Works will be looking at doing the work within a few weeks and they have the equipment to fix them. Meeting has been set for July 10 to discuss and obtain quotes from Interpaving to see if we are able to asphalt Channel Street (from the east end to the intersection of Tilley Street).

Q: Can we setup a timer for the lights on the rink surface for people to use the facilities during the evenings?

Public Works will have to get in touch with an electrician to see if this is an option.

Q: With everything that is going on in the Veteran's Hall, why is there no fire sprinkler system?

The architects and engineers never designed the Hall to include a sprinkler system. The Building Code only says they have to be in the kitchen which they are. It would have been an additional expense added onto the building.

Q: Next year is the 200th Anniversary, will the signs be up at the Veteran's Hall/Sports Complex as its been 4 years now?

Killarney Community Centre have purchased temporary signs to be posted. They are all framed and ready to go, the Public Works staff need to dig holes and install them.

Mr. Campbell asked if there were any further questions.

There were none.

The Clerk indicated that the next Town Hall meeting may be held in Ward 2 as suggested by Councillor Dimitrijevic. This will be determined by Council at the July or August Council Meeting.

The 2nd quarterly Town Hall meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.