

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY

3rd Quarterly Town Hall Meeting

Alban Community Centre

August 21, 2019

AMENDED SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: MAYOR: Virginia Rook

COUNCILLORS: Barbara Anne Haitse Michael Reider
Jim Rook John Dimitrijevic

ABSENT: COUNCILLOR: Nancy Wirtz

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

MODERATOR: Rob Campbell

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC: 10

Clerk-Treasurer Candy Beauvais welcomed everyone to the 3rd Quarterly Town Hall meeting and introduced Mayor Rook.

Clerk Beauvais informed the group that Councillor Wirtz sends her regrets for not being able to attend due to illness.

Members of Council and staff introduced themselves.

Mrs. Beauvais then introduced Rob Campbell as the Moderator for the meeting stating that Rob recently retired after 34 years with the Ontario Government. During his time with the government, Rob worked at the Ministries of Northern Development & Mines, Environment, Labour and Health.

Mr. Campbell briefly outlined the procedure for the meeting.

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

- A) Financial Update
1. Final Tax Bills Issued for 2019
 - Instalment due dates are July 2nd, 2019 and September 3rd, 2019.
 - Budget was approved with a 2% increase to the 2018 tax rate.
 - Assessment increases vary on every property, so you may experience an increase greater than 2% -- it just depends how much your assessed value has increased.
 - On the back of your final tax bill it indicates the increase due to assessment change as well as municipal levy change.

Q: The tax increase is 2% of what?

A 2% tax increase was added to the 2018 tax rate.

B) Community Improvements

1. Hartley Bay Road Upgrades

- The Municipality applied for an OCIF Grant for \$1,900,000.00 (Feds providing \$1.3 million) for safety upgrades and repairs to the road and bridge.

The OCIF program was cancelled and the funding agency gave us the opportunity to reapply under the ICIP program. As you have heard from our MP Marc Serre this afternoon we were successful in obtaining this significant grant.

Q: When will the work on this project start?

A request for proposal will need to be sent to engineers for quotes etc. The project will most likely start in the Spring of 2020.

2. Hazardous Waste Day 2019 - Killarney

- Public Works is in the process of setting a date in 2019 for a hazardous waste day. Killarney village site allows such an event but not the Hartley Bay site as per the Certificate of Approval. Public Works is checking on the Key River landfill.
- It was mentioned that we can possibly hold in conjunction with another Municipality, but it would have to be researched.
- Hopefully this hazardous waste day will be held prior to the end of the summer season. Public Works Department is trying to arrange a date with Toxic Taxi. This day will also require the assistance of staff and volunteers.
- Ratepayers from Ward 1 and Ward 2 are welcome to drop their hazardous waste off in Ward 1 when the waste day is held.
- Notice will be given to both Wards once the date has been determined.

Q: What about creosote ties? Will you take it on this day? Where could we drop off?

This type of waste is hard to dispose of. It was mentioned that Day Construction would take it, for a charge. You would have to contact them directly to find out the cost.

It was stated that the Municipality of French River would take the creosote ties... we will check. It was also mentioned that there is a special waste dump in Cartier, not sure if they would accept ties.

3. Clean Yard By-Law No. 2018-36 is in effect

- The Municipality has a clean yard bylaw which is complaint driven. If you have any issues about a property you must complete the complaint form which can be found on the website and forward to the Municipal Office who will then forward to our By-Law Enforcement Officer Kevin Benvenuti.

No questions from the general public or staff.

4. Sudbury East Building & By-Law Services (SEBBS)

- The Municipality shares this department with municipalities of French River, St. Charles and Markstay-Warren.
- Andrea Tarini – Chief Building Official, Bruno Roy – Building Official and Kevin Benvenuti – By-Law Enforcement Officer
- Building without a permit is against the law and the person is subject to be charged under the Provincial Offences Act. If you are unsure if you require a permit for your project, contact SEBBS at 705-507-1177. Also, you need to obtain a permit from the Public Health Sudbury and Districts (705-522-9200 ext. 398) for your sewage system. This information is available on the website.

No questions from the general public or staff.

C) Opportunities for Public Participation/Input

1. Killarney's 200th Anniversary

- The Committee is 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. Applications are available online. The next meeting will be in Ward 1 the first week of September.

No questions from the general public or staff.

2. New Horizons Grant

- Aging well in Killarney – congregated dining program for Seniors.
- Employment and Social Development Canada (Service Canada) has provided funding in the amount of \$22,372.00 for the senior congregated dining program. 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.
- With the funding the Municipality was able to hire a coordinator for the program, purchase a BBQ, shuffleboard and games, and provide nutritious meals twice per month. There is a nominal charge of \$3.00 per lunch as the ultimate goal is to have the volunteers and seniors continue the program after the funding period is over.

No questions from the general public or staff.

3. Senior Bala Bus Excursion – October 18, 2019 Ward 1 & 2

- The municipality has applied for a grant to cover this excursion and the trip will go forward only once funding is approved. If no grant, then the excursion will have to be cancelled. But if you are interested, sign up now as we brought forms here today. The proposed excursion will also include pick up for residents of Ward 2 who would like to participate. The pick-up point has yet to be determined.

No questions from the general public or staff.

4. Vulnerable Persons Registry

- The Vulnerable Persons Registry is a service that is funded through the Algoma District Services Board, Sudbury-Manitoulin District Services Board and the United Way and managed through the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre. It was created as a result of an incident in which a young man, Lewis Wheelan, died tragically during the 2003 Ontario blackout. After carrying out evacuations during the Parry Sound 33 fire, the Municipality feels that this program is invaluable should there ever be another such emergency in the community.
- It is a free and confidential service aimed at improving the safety of vulnerable persons during emergencies and disasters. There are applications available (here and on the website) and you can get more information about the program by contacting the VPR Coordinator (Amanda Sheppard) at info@soovpr.com, or on the website at www.soopvr.com.

No questions from the general public or staff.

D) Other

1. Fire Smart Program

- FireSmart Presentations have been held in Ward 1 as well as in Ward 2.

- 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. The presentation can be viewed on our website.
- Along with \$7,500.00 from MNRF (*with \$7,500 more to come*), we have received additional funding from Henvey Inlet Wind \$5,000 and CN Rail \$5,000 plus a donation of brochures from Insurance Bureau of Canada. Funding is to be used for community education and mitigation efforts.

No questions from the general public or staff.

2. New Noise By-Law

- By-Law No. 2019-26 was passed at the June 12th, 2019 Council Meeting.
- We share a by-law enforcement officer with French River, St. Charles and Markstay-Warren. So, if you have any noise complaints which contravene the by-law, please fill out a complaint form (located on our website) and forward to the municipal office for action.

No questions from the general public or staff.

3. Landfills at Key River and Hartley Bay

- A resolution was passed at the July Council meeting imposing a two bag per day limit at each of the Ward 2 landfill sites. Further all ratepayers are encouraged to recycle in an attempt to extend the useful life of our landfill sites.

Q: What is the difference if I bring in 2 bags per day or 6 bags at the end of a weekend?

This change stemmed from someone tried to drop off 13-14 bags of garbage in one day. When the landfill attendant opened the bags, he discovered items that should have been paid to dispose of, but instead of paying, they tried to hide it in their garbage bags.

Items need to be disposed of in garbage bags to keep debris from blowing around. Once the attendant collects enough garbage, he buries it. His landfill is very well maintained.

The landfill attendant is aggressive in doing his job, but he is simply trying to extend the life of the landfill for everyone. He wants everyone to make an attempt to recycle.

The resolution regarding the two-bag limit will be posted on the municipal website as well as at the two landfill sites.

It was suggested that we have a message board at the landfill sites to notify residents of any changes, recyclable materials accepted as well as a municipal news/notices etc. as this is a central location for those living in Ward 2.

Q: Do you have a list of items that are recyclable etc.?

Yes. It is available on the website and will be posted on the message boards at the landfills.

4. Proposed New Meeting Location for Ward 2 Meetings

- Due to the low lighting, sound and temperature issues at the French River Visitor Centre, Council is proposing to move the venue to the Alban Community Centre and is considering this as an option. No final decision has been made at this time.

Q: What is the cost for both venues?

Alban has a minimal charge of approximately \$30-\$40 per hour, while there is no charge at the French River Visitor Centre.

A comment was made by a member of the public to keep it at the French River Visitor Centre as there is no cost and it is closer for a lot of residents rather than them having to travel to Alban.

5. Donations to Cottage Associations

- Council may consider providing donations to interested cottage associations for the purchase of fire pumps and accessories so the equipment is available in the event of a cottage fire, etc. On the advice of our insurance company a donation by the Municipality is recommended in order to avoid liability.

Q: Would this be coming from the FireSmart money received?

Nothing has been decided as yet, but it would most likely come from FireSmart funds as opposed to tax dollars.

Q: Who designates you as a formal cottage association?

It's an organization made up of a group of people. Current Associations are the Northern Georgian Bay Association, the French River Delta Association, Carlyle Lake Cottage Association, not sure if the Tyson Lake group is still active or not.

Q: Who would be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the pump? Would the association be liable?

The Cottage Associations would be responsible for the upkeep. Likely anyone assisting in a fire would not be liable as it would most likely fall under the Good Samaritan Act.

Q: Will there be an official application?

Council has not progressed that far as yet.

E) Questions/Concerns Submitted Prior to the Meeting:

Q: There was a request from a ratepayer that the Municipality consider implementing Regulation 326(1) of the Ontario Municipal Act for the Municipal Airport to be a Special Service and all expenses to be paid solely by all the property owners of Ward 1.

It was stated by a member of the Public that the Municipality already has special services under Regulation 326 – Water & Sewer for Ward 1 Residents only, however it is compulsory that Ward 2 residents cannot be charged. The municipal Airport has been in a deficit every year – a continual deficit. Under this Regulation, residents in Ward 2 shouldn't have to pay for this service. Theoretically, it's available but realistically, it's unavailable. A \$10 landing fee is ridiculous.

All gas tax rebates for the last 8 years have been spent on the airport. Ward 2 has contributed a lot of money since amalgamation in 1999. The municipality is too small to be a landlord, give it to the businesses to take care of.

This concern is legitimate, but this is not the time for Council to make a decision. The municipality needs to investigate further to decide if there is a way to make the airport self-sufficient. This will take some time to investigate by both Council and the Airport Committee.

The airport was paid 100% by the Provincial Government – it did not cost the town a cent. Can businesses in Ward 2 benefit from this somehow? The municipality now pays for the upkeep. The airport is not only used by Ward 1, but also by tourists, by the coast guard, the OPP and air schools for training exercises, etc. A high percentage of Ward 1 ratepayers do not use the airport either. We are all part of one community and need to share in all the expenses of our municipality,

There are many taxpayers in other municipalities/cities who do not use arenas, airports, libraries etc., but they still pay through their taxes. There are permanent residents in Ward 1 who do not use various services but are still required to support paying a portion of the expenses. Any taxpayer in Ontario will tell you they pay for services they cannot access or do not use but all still contribute.

Council addressed the issue of selling the airport in 2018 and the motion was defeated.

Q: How do we (Ward 2) benefit from the airport?

Airport brings in tourists and the ripple effect is jobs, businesses prosper, residents have jobs and can pay taxes, businesses pay taxes – revenues are coming in. The Municipality does not have to borrow money to offset uncollected taxes. When Ward 1 prospers – Ward 2 benefits in a round about way as interest expenses etc are not incurred - keeping costs down.

Q: Request that the Municipality consider using a moderator from Ward 2 for future Ward 2 Town Hall meetings.

What's the policy on this? All administration staff live in the village. Why can't we choose a moderator from Ward 2 for meetings held here? Ward 2 residents are always taking orders from Ward 1. We have a ratepayer from Ward 2 who was interested but was told by one of the councillors that he wouldn't be needed.

Mr. Campbell has an extensive background working with the Ontario Government for over 30 plus years. We think he is an excellent moderator and we are going to keep him.

It was suggested if someone from Ward 2 wanted to apply, they would choose the best person for the job. Council indicated they would prefer to have the same moderator for Ward 1 & 2 meetings. Further, it is a volunteer position.

The audience thanked Mr. Campbell for a job well done.

Q: A request that the Municipality consider reinstating a toll free line so ratepayers do not have to pay for long distance calls when phoning the Municipal Administrative Office.

What is the cost of having a toll-free number?

The Municipality had a toll free number in the past and discovered it wasn't being used much. Not only that, it was stated that our number was being hacked and hundreds of dollars in charges were incurred that the municipality had to pay.

If residents call collect, the Municipal Office would accept the charges.

Council will consider the request of reinstating a toll free line.

F) Question Period

Q: How did these Town Hall meetings come about? Who started them?

A few of the councillors had this idea during the last election and promoted it in their campaigns while running for Council. It's a great way to interact with the community and to get feedback or comments from the public.

Q: What about bulletin boards at the landfill sites in Hartley Bay & Key River?

This item was discussed earlier in the meeting and improved signage will be provided at both landfills in Ward 2 so notices and other pertinent information can be posted so Ward 2 ratepayers are better informed.

Q: Is there any plans coming up in the near future for families in Ward 2 with small children? Perhaps a playground, although we need to consider costs/liability etc.

Nothing at this time but Council can investigate possibilities.

Q: Any news on the Travel Trailer By-Law?

This is still in the hands of the Sudbury East Building & By-Law Services. They are putting a package together for municipalities to vote on.

**Mr. Campbell asked if there were any further questions.
There were none.**

The Clerk indicated that the next Town Hall meeting will be held in Ward 1. The date will be determined by Council at the October or November Council Meeting. The Clerk invited the attendees to attend the next village meeting to come and meet residents from Ward 1.

The 3rd quarterly Town Hall meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.