

# THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF KILLARNEY

## 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Town Hall Meeting

Veteran's Memorial Hall

January 29, 2020

6:30 P.M.

**PRESENT:** *DEPUTY MAYOR:* Nancy Wirtz

*COUNCILLORS:* Barbara Anne Haitse      Michael Reider  
Jim Rook      John Dimitrijevic

**ABSENT:** *MAYOR:* Virginia Rook

**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

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Clerk-Treasurer Candy Beauvais welcomed everyone to the 1st Quarterly Town Hall meeting of 2020.

Members of Council introduced themselves to the public.

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

Mr. Campbell briefly outlined the procedure for the evening.

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

- A) **Financial Update**
1. Highlights of 2019 Grant Funding Received

**The Project Manager read a brief description of all grant monies that were received in 2019 by the Municipality of Killarney which totalled more than \$2 million.**

2. Interim Tax Bills issued for 2020

**2020 Interim bills have been printed and are ready to be mailed out by the end of next week.**

**Instalment dates are March 2, 2020 and May 1, 2020.**

3. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarterly Utility Bills printed

**1<sup>st</sup> quarterly utility bills have been printed and are ready to be mailed. Instalment due date is March 2, 2020.**

**The Tax/Utility Clerk is waiting on stamps and both bills will be mailed the first week of February.**

4. Budget Process is underway

**Budget process is underway. The Municipality is hoping it will be finalized by the end of February.**

No questions from the general public or staff.

**B) Community Improvements**

1. Emergency Management Plan – Public Input

The Community Emergency Management Co-ordinator (CEMC) is seeking assistance from the public to gather information to update mapping, critical infrastructure, cell towers, etc.

Our HIRA (Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment) is updated every year and in the event of an emergency, the Emergency Management Control Group (EMCG) would need the most up to date information to protect the people, municipal property and enable the municipality to continue to provide services to its residents.

The EMCG consists of all department heads: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer, Public Works Department, Fire Department & Health Centre as well as administrative staff. This control group works closely with whichever agency they need to in order to resolve the emergency.

Any information the public can provide would be most helpful.

No questions from the general public or staff.

2. FireSmart Community Preparedness

There will be a one-day event in the community for volunteers to help in cleaning up around the homes of properties of those who sign up. Volunteers would be clearing potential hazards (fuels) that may catch fire or cause damage to your property (pine needles, wood etc).

This FireSmart Community Preparedness Day relies on volunteers and is contingent upon funding being received.

If anyone is interested in having their property cleaned or in volunteering, they can sign up at the Municipal Office -- watch for further details.

No questions from the general public or staff.

3. Snow Removal By-Law No. 2015-14 remains in effect

Just a reminder regarding the snow removal by-law which regulates the placing of snow remains in effect. We have copies available and it can also be found on the municipal website.

No questions from the general public or staff.

4. Clean up Week Dates (Ward 1 & Ward 2)

Clean up week dates are as follows:

Within the Village – Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Outside the Village – Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>.

No questions from the general public or staff.

5. Updates on Hazardous Waste Day

The Public Works Department is working on setting up a hazardous waste day in June. Further information will be provided as it becomes available.

Hosting such an event is expensive, so we want as many residents as possible to take advantage of this opportunity. Public works will be sending out a flyer with a list of waste that will be accepted.

**Q: Back to the snow removal, can the Public Works Department plow the sidewalks to keep people from walking on the road?**

**Charles Street does belong to Ministry of Transportation. The Public Works Department indicated that they believe MTO is responsible for snow removal on Charles Street sidewalks.**

**Q: Does the Ministry of Transportation have a smaller plow?**

**One snow plow driver drops the extra wing on the plow and clears the sides of the road, the other driver does not.**

**The Public Works Department will look into the matter further to see who is responsible for the removal of snow on the sidewalks along Charles Street (Hwy 637).**

- C) Opportunities for Public Participation/Input**
- 1. Killarney Community Centre Board Vacancies**

**The Killarney Community Centre Board still has 2 vacant seats available. This year is very busy with upcoming events like Canada Day, the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary so if anyone is interested in joining, they can submit a letter to the Municipal office.**

- 2. Upcoming Carnival Weekend – Volunteers**

**Upcoming Carnival is this weekend – January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. Anyone interested in volunteering in any way can contact the committee. More hands make light work.**

- 3. 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – New information, Volunteers & Community Input, Christmas Lights during the week of celebration**

**The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is fast approaching. We have many events planned for this week-long celebration July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Events such as:**

- Tea & Fashion Show**
- Motorcycle Show**
- Thursday is Indigenous Day – Crystal Shawanda is performing**
- Friday is Country Legends concert & Taw Connors**
- Saturday is ABBA/Bee Gees Tribute & Gavan Rousseau Tributes**
- Sunday is Family Kitchen House Party**
- Fireworks at opening ceremonies on Thursday evening**
- An Amazing Race is being planned**
- Gossip in the Graveyard**
- Surpassed our target sponsorship.**

**We received 3 different grants (\$90,000) which will support this event. Volunteers are always needed. There is a form on the website to fill out if you are interested in volunteering in any way.**

**Q: Is there anything planned for the children during this week?**

**The Committee member indicated there will be a bouncy castle, obstacle course, cotton candy, and games.**

**There is also a shuttle bus which will follow a route through town. People can get on and off (no charge) so no one has to drive. It will also be picking up and dropping people off from Ward 2 during the festivities.**

**It was suggested that people in the village leave their Christmas lights on during the week-long celebration.**

**Q: Is there a meeting planned anytime soon? I volunteered and no one has contacted me. Nothing has been communicated as to when the meetings are.**

The Committee member indicated he would pass this on to Gary Michalak and they would be in contact to notify him of the next meeting which is February 24<sup>th</sup>.

4. Multi-year Accessibility Plan

The Ontarians with Disabilities Act mandates that municipalities have an accessibility plan for the identification removal and prevention of barriers. The Plan is to be reviewed yearly. We need to identify any barriers and correct them (ie: wheelchair accessible, customer service in regards to therapy dogs and support workers, offices not being accessible, handicapped parking etc.). The Municipality needs to make our buildings accessible.

Again, we are seeking public input regarding this matter. If you notice any barriers around our community, please contact the municipal office and let us know.

**Q: Does accessibility include travelling around town? Ambulance staff constantly park in front of the building which blocks the sidewalk. People on scooters and those walking, need to go onto the road to get around them. Why can't they use the parking lot behind the municipal building or park beside (east side) the ambulance building?**

DSSAB has been notified numerous times regarding this matter. It seems like it is corrected for a short time and then it reverts back. Staff will follow up again.

**Q: Can people who park their vehicles on the sidewalks be fined?**

It was noted that people do the same down by the Pines Inn on Channel Street. There is no curb, so everyone ends up parking on the sidewalk.

The Municipality does share a by-law enforcement officer with Markstay-Warren, St. Charles and French River. Staff will check out policies / bylaws etc. to ensure the proper enforcement is followed and that the staff at the Ambulance building park in the parking lot and do not block the sidewalk.

**D) Other**

1. Reminder re: KCC Fees

Just a quick reminder that anyone using either ice surface (rink/curling) at the Killarney Community Centre must purchase a 2020 yearly pass at the Municipal Office.

2. Update on New Horizon Seniors Lunches

The New Horizons for Seniors program is over in February 2020. However, the seniors are organizing a committee to keep this program going as it has been very successful in the community. They are looking for volunteers.

On Tuesday, February 4th, the program co-ordinator has arranged for a pharmacist to attend and answer any questions the seniors may have.

The final lunch is on February 18, 2020 with a meeting right after. Everyone is invited to attend.

Thank you to the Project Manager for all her hard work getting this program going and for organizing the Bala Trip.

**E) Legislative Requirements**

1. Smoke Free Ontario Act – How the Act affects Community Recreational Facilities

Smoking Regulations on the Community Centre grounds was discussed. These regulations took effect two years ago stating that smoking and vaping is not permitted on the grounds of any community recreational facility within 20 metres of the perimeter grounds.

All ashtrays have been removed from the KCC premises (including the Veteran's Memorial Hall) by the Public Works Department and signage has been placed at strategic locations to ensure those who smoke must do so off the property.

**Q: Who will be enforcing these regulations?**

At this time, no one really. You can notify the municipal office if you see someone smoking on the property. It will take time to adjust to these regulations.

Staff will check with the By-Law enforcement Officer that we share with the municipalities in Sudbury East. Someone suggested a mailout to notify the public.

**F) Question Period**

**Q: Who is involved in dumping snow at the end of the boat ramp? That is a lot of salt going into the water.**

The Public Works Department indicated they had no idea who it was but will check into the matter.

The Public Works Department was also complimented on a superb job for their snow removal in 2019.

The Public Works Department was also asked if a pathway on the sides of the streets could be sanded (every street) for pedestrians to walk on rather than having them walk in the middle of the road.

The side streets need more attention and Public Works Superintendent said his crew would be sanding/salting them.

A comment from a member of the public concerning the future of the Town of Killarney. Is there any vacant land available for new housing? The only accommodations workers have are with KML. If workers wanted to stay in the Town or wanted to start a family here, where would they reside. It's important to look into housing development as there is nothing available. It was suggested that zoning has to change to allow the division of vacant property into more smaller lots.

In 6-7 years there will be no more children in the school. There was a request for Council to look into any available lands. We need to create jobs to encourage people to stay here to support the village.

Council acknowledged that this is a very important issue.

**Q: It was read in an article that the municipality was building a wharf for the cruise ships.**

A councillor replied that was interpreted incorrectly. It's not the Municipality building the wharf, it is Killarney Mountain Lodge (KML). KML has applied to the Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry for a permit to build a wharf in front of Canada House. The cruise ship would anchor out at the east end and they would shuttle the passengers to this new wharf.

Transport Canada has strict regulations surrounding such structures.

Recently there was a press release that announced Viking Cruise Lines will be offering expeditions in the Greats Lakes beginning in 2021/2022 with a stop in Killarney.

Mr. Campbell asked if there were any further questions.

There were none.

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarterly Town Hall meeting of 2020 was adjourned at 7:36 PM.