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Report on Council

Mayor: George Cornell
Deputy Mayor: Steffen Walma
Councillors: Cindy Hastings, Richard Hinton, Gibb Wishart

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- March — Jackson Park Public Boat Launch Closure (Public Works is making all the necessary arrangements to clear sand from the ramp)
- May 1, 2018 to July 27, 2018 — Nomination Period for 2018 Municipal Election
- May 26, 2018, 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. — Recreation Master Plan Open House, Tiny Township Community Centre, Meeting Room
- May 26, 2018, 10:00 a.m. to noon — Town Hall Meeting, Tiny Township Community Centre
- July 13, 2018 — Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament, Brooklea Golf and Country Club

STAFF:

Tony Mintoff, Fire Chief, retired on January 31, 2018.
Ray Millar (Tiny's Mayor from 2010-14) was appointed Fire Chief on March 12, 2018.

REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTALS:

In October, Council directed staff to continue to operate a zero-tolerance mandate related to short-term rental properties. This empowers By-law to issue a warning to renters upon receiving and verifying a noise complaint. Subsequent noise violations by the same renter then trigger escalating fines. If a different renter is at fault, the owner will receive a written notice of the likelihood of being charged for permitting noise.

LAFONTAINE CAMP/TRAILER PARK EXPANSION:

The Lafontaine recreational park at 240 Rue Lafontaine Road East had a 1984 site plan that permitted 150 camp/trailer sites, a comfort station, an office/residence for the manager, a swimming pool, and a ski chalet. In 2010, the owners applied for a site plan amendment that would allow 296 camp/trailer sites, a comfort station, an office residence for the park manager, swimming pool, a ski chalet, a recreation centre/comfort station/office/store, an arcade/equipment/storage building, and three permanent rental cabins. Since 2010, the three permanent rental cabins and one street have been removed; the number of sites for seasonal recreational vehicles has been reduced to 279; setbacks from the wetland at the north of the property have been instituted; township standards have been imposed on internal roads; Lafontaine Road has been widened; and accessibility upgrades have been added.

SENIOR SPEAKER SERIES:

After successfully applying to the Ministry of Seniors Affairs for an \$8,000 grant to develop a Senior Speaker Series, the municipality hired Laura Condren to work with Maggie Off (of the Recreation Department) to set up seven free workshops concerning

- safe driving and transportation
- wholesome eating and active living
- self-care and healthy minds
- budgeting, banking and estate planning
- in-home services
- seniors living in Tiny; launch of the Senior Directory
- senior safety and self defence

The municipality supplied another \$1,000 and made an in-kind contribution of another \$1,000. Speakers came from the Ministries of Transportation and Finance, the OPP and Crime Stoppers, and included a dietitian, a chef, fitness and health experts, area service providers, and representatives of local volunteer groups, seniors clubs and associations. A directory of senior services is to be distributed at the Township of Tiny Senior Symposium this June. It is available as an attachment to Recreation Report REC-004-18 in the April 9, 2018 Committee of the Whole Agenda, Staff Reports to Council, Administration and Finance.

INVENTORY TO BE DONE AS BASIS FOR A LOCAL CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN:

Council agreed to Sustainable Severn Sound's request for support for the completion of a community-wide greenhouse gas inventory.



Summer is almost here...

BICYCLE/WALKING LANES:

According to Tim Leitch, Director of Public Works, the Township's practice is to consider the suitability of bike/walking lanes when roads are reconstructed.

In November Council was told that 15 share-the-road signs depicting a car, bike and pedestrian are to be installed between the Penetanguishene town line and Kettle's Beach, but no rebuilding and no lanes as yet. If this project proves to be effective, such signs will be erected elsewhere in the township. The anticipated cost for those on Champlain Road is \$1,500.

PARKING PROGRAM:

In November, Steven Harvey, Tiny's Chief Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, reported that a number of minor adjustments to the previous year's Pilot Parking Program had proved to be effective. Improved signage, for example, resulted in many fewer parking infractions.

In January 2018, Council decided that the 2017 boundaries, permit parking hours (8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.), dates (May 15 to September 15), cost of resident parking permits and number allowed per household would remain the same for 2018, as would the fees for Non-Resident Parking Permits and the leeway allowed for those at garage sales and auctions. Paid and permit parking is to remain at Bluewater Beach Park. An additional accessible parking spot is to be installed at Trew Avenue as is signage indicating that tennis court parking in the Bluewater Beach Park area is for tennis court users only.

The 20 or so streets covered by the parking program that attracted the most parking tickets in 2017 are to have improved signage, mostly to clarify existing parking regulations: in two instances the No Parking area is being extended to improve road safety.

The streets with the greatest number of parking tickets are Nicole Blvd (43), Trew Avenue (31), Jackson Park (29), and Pennorth Drive (75). Apparently, many people bought a parking ticket from a machine on Trew Avenue then drove to Nicole Blvd to park, so some of the new signs will make it clear just where a paid parking ticket can be used. The new signs are to be installed before the end of May.

MAJOR PARKS:

On January 5, 2018 the Township purchased the beachfront portion of the Surf Restaurant property in Balm Beach for \$550,000.

Thanks to the hard work of the Balm Beach Community Association, the Business Association of Balm Beach, Balm Beach residents, and township staff, plans are well advanced for a Balm Beach Family Fun Day on August 12th from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It is to include vendors, displays and exhibits, entertainment, activities for all ages, refreshments, and a silent auction. Council has agreed to provide "in kind" sup-

port valued at \$3,808 and financial support of \$4,200. Monies from sponsorships and the silent auction are to be used to help fund children's recreational equipment at Balm Beach; vendor fees are to support Busk Til Dusk, and recreational equipment.

For an update on activities of the Lafontaine Beach Park Master Plan Advisory Committee, see the article on page 13.

On April 30, Council decided to devote half a day in May to a discuss issues concerning Major Beach Parks such as the size of Bluewater Park and encroachments.

CLIMATE CHANGE:

After hearing a report from Sustainable Severn Sound, Council decided that Tiny Township should join the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Partners for Climate Protection Program and carry out its "five-milestone framework" within 10 years and report on progress at least once every two years. This involves endorsing the Government of Canada's commitment to the Paris Agreement.

Details appear in the Report from the Committee of the Whole Meeting for January 29, 2018, which appears as item H) in the Complete Regular Agenda, February 12, 2018.

WYMBOLWOOD BEACH PHRAGMITES:

After hearing a presentation from Lynn Short about the impact that her spading technique had on Phragmites in the period from 2016 to August 2017, Council agreed to supply in kind support for 2018. This includes:

- continued use of tools
- assistance in locating volunteers
- an updated sign to inform the public of the research
- 100 paper bags to contain cut plant debris
- collection of bagged stalks and thatch
- 2 parking passes for use at the research site

BUILDING ACTIVITY:

Building activity in Tiny continued to be vigorous in 2017. In 2016 the total construction value was \$46,940,000. In 2017 the total rose to \$52,799,000. Building activity continues to increase this year.

STREETLIGHT POLICY:

Council decided to accept the recommendation of the Public Works Manager that Dark-Sky Initiatives be incorporated with existing practices, standards and guidelines when reviewing street light requests.

TELECOMMUNICATION TOWERS:

Xplornet will be erecting two wireless towers, one at 4145 Crossland Road, the other at Concession Road 19 West and Sandy Bay Road. The northern one will serve 1,500 homes.