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REPORT ON COUNCIL

Mayor: George Cornell

Deputy Mayor: Steffen Walma

Councillors: Cindy Hastings, Tony Mintoff, Gibb Wishart

WEDDINGS ON PUBLIC BEACHES:

In May, Council supported staff's recommendation that weddings not be scheduled or endorsed on public beaches.

WIND TURBINE BY-LAW/POLICY:

Staff consulted Sarah Hahn of Barriston LLP about the effectiveness of the newly adopted Township of Tiny Official Plan statement: "D.14.2 The Township is not a willing host for industrial wind turbines." Her review concluded that "the Township's current by-law is adequate in preventing wind farms in the Township."

ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY PROJECTS:

The Township received \$1,034,508.00 additional funds through Gas Tax Refund and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The many ways the money will be spent are detailed in PWR-021-19 (see Committee of the Whole Agenda for May 13, 2019).

BLUEWATER BEACH / RECREATION MASTER PLAN:

In response to a May 13 deputation from Frank Dunnigan on behalf of the Bluewater Community Action Group, Council discussed the boundaries of Bluewater Beach Park (the strip of beach from the edge of the dune park to Cleopatra) and noted that there is no change in this regard and that it is township property zoned Open Space. Also, Council still supports resolution 601-01 attachment C, to the effect that this beach strip will not become a Major Beach Park and that parking arrangements will protect the traditional use of the beach by Tiny Township residents.

REGIONAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW:

After the Town of Midland made its submission regarding the Regional Government Review, CAO Doug Luker reviewed it and, in Report CAO-018-19, declared that the "submission of the Town of Midland does not represent the position of Township of Tiny Council, nor is it consistent with the submission provided to the Provincial Advisors by the Township." He then made the following points:

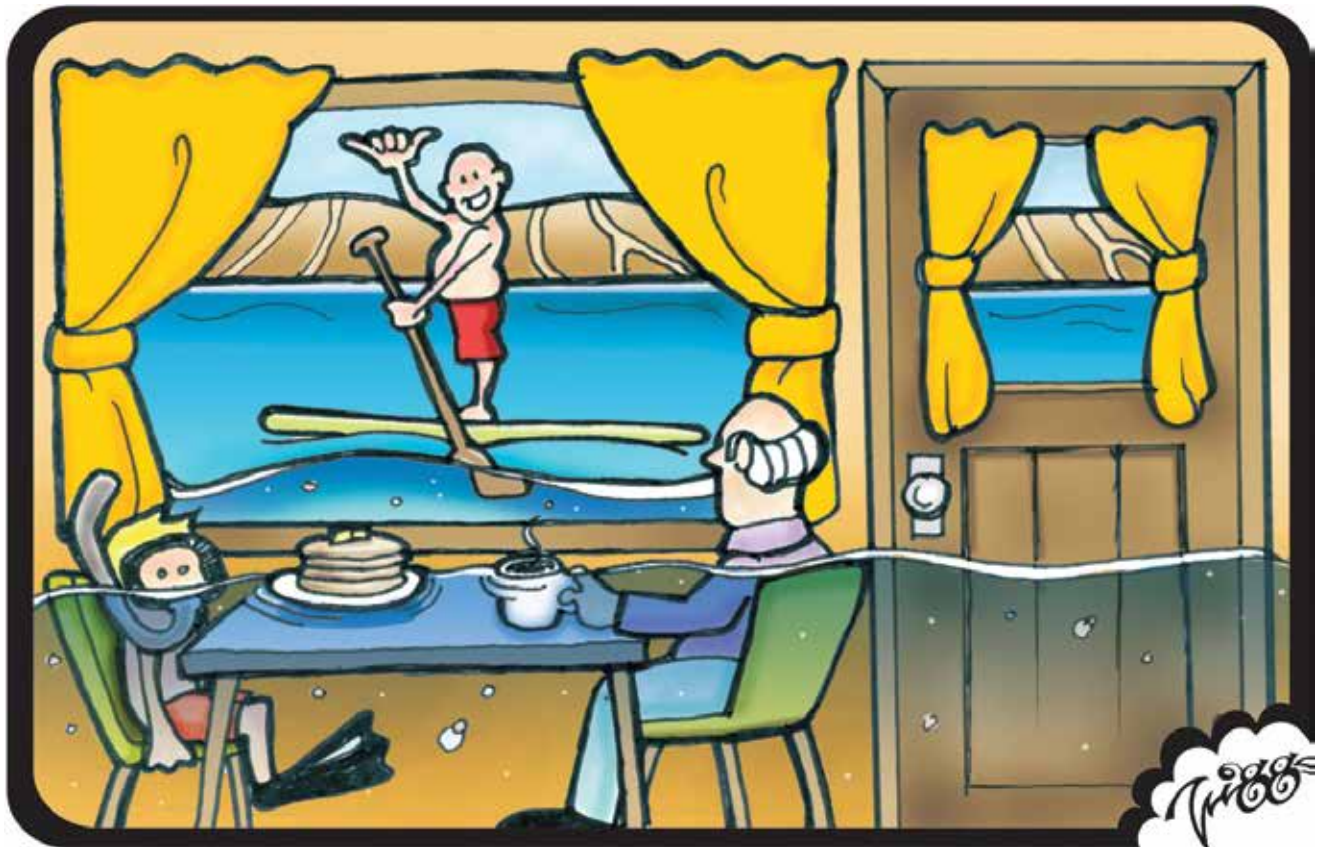
- "The Township **does not support** municipal amalgamation as proposed in the report ...
- The Township of Tiny **does not support** the proposition that a specific critical mass/population is required or essential to the delivery of cost-effective services and programs at the municipal level.
- The Township of Tiny **will continue to explore and participate** in service and cost sharing opportunities with its municipal partners to find efficiencies wherever possible.
- The Township of Tiny **is very concerned** that forced amalgamation will result in increased tax rates to its residents through harmonization of operational and capital costs across municipal boundaries and area.
- The Township of Tiny **is opposed to any action** that would diminish local autonomy and decision making."

After considering the Report on May 27, 2019, the Committee of the Whole authorized Mayor Cornell and CAO Luker to consult with Penetanguishene and Tay regarding a joint submission. [This was done in June.]

NITRATE FERTILIZER IN LAFONTAINE/GEORGIAN SANDS AREA:

In June, Melissa Carruthers, the Township's Risk Management Official, presented a plan for dealing with elevated nitrate levels in the Lafontaine/Georgian Sands township wells. She recommended sending explanatory letters at the end of July to affected residents [270 were sent] in the wellhead protection area recommending that nitrate fertilizers not be used because of the elevated level of nitrates in township wells in that area. The letters would be followed by an explanatory open house session in August in the Lafontaine Community Centre about alternatives [it was held on August 24]. In 2020, inspections are to take place to assess compliance. A prohibition of the use of nitrate fertilizers will probably follow.

Council agreed with this approach, viewing it as a pilot project, which could be followed by a township wide prohibition of the use of nitrate fertilizers.



Water levels — some adjustment still required.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER AT 1445 CEDAR POINT ROAD:

Rogers proposes to install a 75-metre-tall steel lattice structure near the intersection of Cedar Point Road and North Shore Drive to remedy the minimal to no internet coverage in Cedar Point.

The tower would be erected on the southeast corner of 1445 Cedar Point Road. The location is 700 metres from the nearest residence. Area residents would be alerted to the installation by signs and the township's Tiny Connect system, and Rogers will call a meeting at which residents may ask questions and express concerns. If there is enough opposition to the height of the tower, it is possible to install two, less conspicuous, camouflaged, shorter towers to achieve the same coverage.

AWENDA PARK BLOCKADE:

On June 21 (National Indigenous Peoples Day), Johnny Hawk, a 34-year-old Christian Island resident, dropped trees across the main entrance to Awenda Park and set up camp to protest the Williams Treaty land claim settlement agreed upon by seven area First Nations including the Beausoleil First Nation. The Township received regular updates from the Southern Georgian Bay OPP and Ontario Parks. The blockade was lifted on July 28.

BROADBAND AND CELLULAR ACCESS:

In response to Treasury Report TR-006-19 regarding improving Broadband and Cellular Access in Tiny, staff was directed to prepare a Request for Expressions of Interest to Internet Service Providers, to apply for external funding, to contract out a project manager position, and, in due course, to submit a final report to Council.

SPEED LIMIT ALONG WESTERN SHORELINE OF TINY:

After Andrew Chomentowski told Council about the work of the Personal Watercraft Committee in the early years of this century and the resultant decision of the coastguard to set the distance for slow speeds at 300m (rather than 30m) out from the western shore of Tiny, FoTTSA surveyed its mailing list. Over 50% of 300 responses supported marker buoys. In July, Public Works recommended (with the support of Transport Canada and the OPP) that

- 2 signs be installed at each Beach Park with a Master Plan (including the public ramp at Jackson Park). The signs would present a map of the affected area and indicate the maximum speed as 10 km/hr within 300 meters of shore
- Township Social Media be used to inform the public of this requirement
- OPP do enforcement
- Transport Canada, rely on the OPP for enforcement and the Township for notification/signage

Council accepted the recommendation.

PROPOSED TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER:

Fontur International on behalf of Signum Wireless has been authorized to proceed with public consultations regarding the siting of a tower at 771 Champlain Road.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWNSHIP OF TINY AND THE SARJEANT COMPANY:

In 2011 the Township and the Sarjeant Company entered into a road improvement agreement regarding French Road, which Sarjeant intended to use as a haul road for the operation of two licensed pits in Parts of Lots 78 and 79 Old Survey (south and east of the Teedon Pit), in Concession 1 of Tiny. The only user of the road would be Sarjeant since there are no dwellings on it. The improvements were not made, and the pits were not used.

In 2019, Sarjeant decided to make the pits operational and approached the Township about executing an Amending Agreement to the French Road Improvement Agreement so that it could bring the road up to haul road standard and gravel could be trucked out to County Road 27. Requirements for the haul road were updated. The public works department assumed that once the road had been brought up to standard, it would ensure that it met the required standard, and that it would examine the road a second time two years later to see if it still met the required standard. If it did, then French Road would be added to the township's road inventory for regular maintenance, the procedure followed for new subdivision roads.

In August, Councillor Mintoff recommended a different way to proceed. Since Sarjeant was the sole user of the road, he suggested that the Amending Agreement require Sarjeant to maintain the road to an appropriate standard throughout the period when it was needed as a haul road and then turn it over to the Township in good condition. The other members of Council decided to go ahead with the Amending Agreement as it stood. But then at the 9 September Regular Meeting of Council, they discussed the matter again, this time supporting Mintoff's idea. Public Works Report PWR-032-19 re: French Road Improvement Agreement – Amending Agreement was pulled from the August Report on the Committee of the Whole Meeting, the matter was reconsidered, and the decision taken to revisit the Amending Agreement to include a clause regarding the ongoing maintenance and care of the truck haul route by the Sarjeant Company.

We note that this road is the only control this municipality has over the Sarjeant gravel pits: the zoning is aggregate, the license to take gravel is in the hands of the province, and if washing of gravel is contemplated, the PTTW is also controlled by the province.

BALM BEACH FUN DAY:

On September 9, Diane Leblovic, Chair of the group that

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