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REPORT ON COUNCIL

Mayor: George Cornell

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Visit the Township's COVID-19 webpage at tiny.ca/coronavirus for municipal service impacts and updates.
- Tiny Connect - Sign up now at www.tinyconnect.ca

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING:

A report about an ad hoc committee that considered options for the Township's municipal administrative building during the previous Council's term, appeared in the Committee of the Whole Agenda for September 30, 2019. A tour of township facilities and visits to municipal buildings in municipalities similar in size to Tiny Township — some new, others renovated — led the committee to conclude that existing township buildings are insufficient for current and future needs and a new building was preferable to renovations.

Due to the uncertainty posed by the Regional Government Review, Council decided to do things not involving capital costs, among them creating an "Owner's Statement of Requirements," which would update and expand upon a 2012 building program prepared by Ted Handy and R.J. Burnside. This document would be presented to short-listed design-build firms participating in a competition. For details, see Public Works Report PWR-040-19, Committee of the Whole Agenda, September 30, 2019.

A new committee — The Corporation of the Township of Tiny Building Needs Assessment Committee (often called the Building Needs Committee) — met on November 27, 2019. Its members are: George Cornell (Mayor), Tony Mintoff (Councillor), Doug Luker (CAO), Doug Taylor (Treasurer), Tim Leitch (Public Works), Jean-Francois Robitaille (Engineering), Ray Millar (Fire Chief), Sue Walton (Clerk), Joceline Roi-Pattison (Building), Shawn Persaud (Planning), Cassidy Bonneville (Public Works Admin. Assistant). This group of key township figures will be considering the Township's largest expenditure ever, which will put Tiny in debt for a considerable time.

At this meeting, the Committee heard a presentation on how to fund the new building using Infrastructure Ontario's Loan Program. It decided to devise a communications strategy about the new building and learned that the County of Simcoe requires the building to be within or adjacent to an existing settlement or on property elsewhere with appropriate zoning.

On March 9, 2020, Council adopted the proposed strategy, including the use of a Township webpage for items like the project charter, reports, committee meeting minutes and photos. It also approved a proposed site selection process and agreed that the Committee should start looking at the "Owner's Statement of Requirements" (space requirements for the new facility, features to be included, required standards and the like).

The Committee appears not to have met in April or to have posted a new webpage.

TRANSPARENCY?!

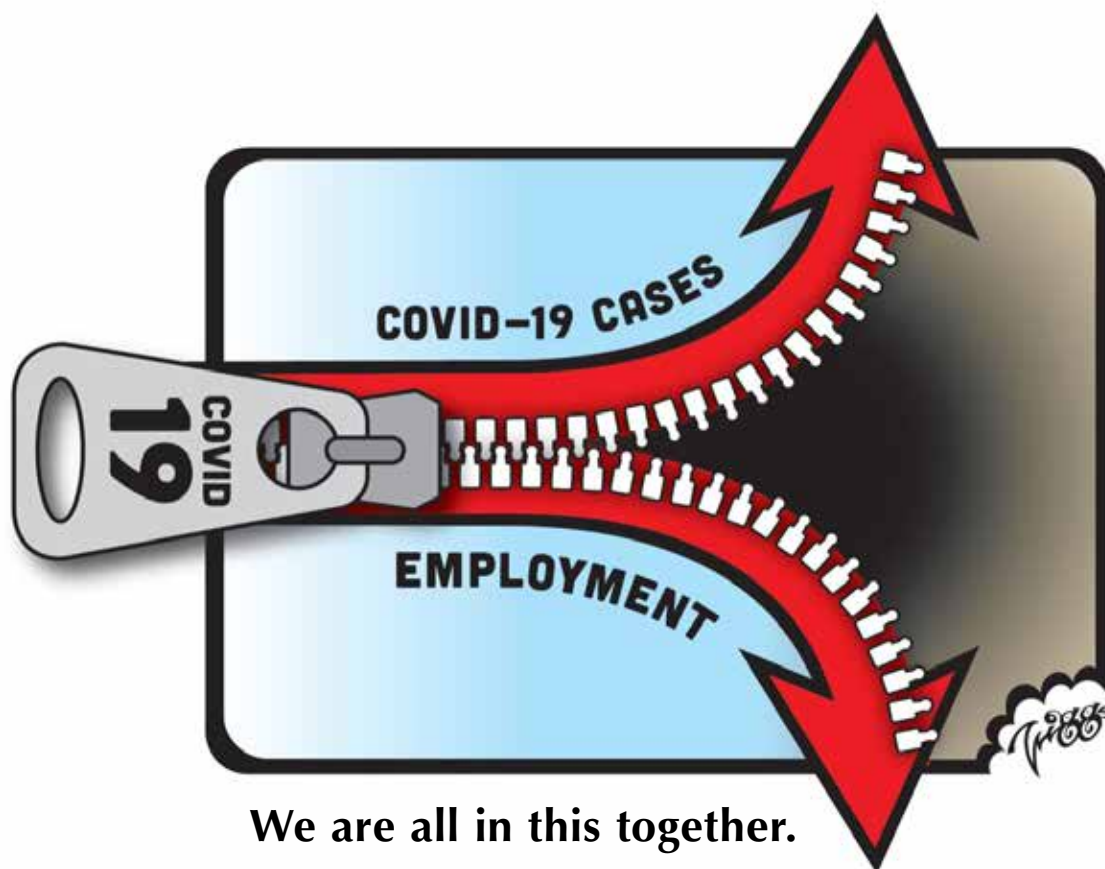
On September 30, 2019, Mark Vanderheyden, representing Plan 763 owners of the Wahnekewening Beach Association, asked Council for additional information regarding its legal opinion on the easement over the beach portion of Block A. Vanderheyden was asked to provide his legal opinion, deed and title information in anticipation of a review of the township's legal opinion in a closed session on October 16 held to determine if it would be released to the public. The outcome was that the legal opinion would remain confidential.

In October, Council decided that the legal opinion of March 29, 2011 related to the Zoning By-law on Rental Cottages would remain confidential.

In March 2020, Barriston LLP submitted a report in a confidential closed session regarding Plan 691 Beach, Plan 779 Beach, Wahnekewening Beach and Silver Birch Beach. Council voted that the confidential correspondence from Barriston regarding the status update on beachfront property matters be received, and that Barriston and staff proceed as directed. In other words, the information remained confidential.

INTERNET SERVICE:

Since last fall, a number of privately held companies have approached Council with proposals for improving internet service.



In October 2019, after hearing a presentation on Fontur International's proposed telecommunications tower in Toanche Park, Council raised questions about camouflaging and use of the tower by the Township and additional carriers. In the end, Council instructed staff to provide the enabling Letter of Concurrence and a lease agreement. In November, it was decided that the tower should be painted sky blue to minimize its visual impact.

In January 2020, after hearing a presentation by Bell Mobility, Council decided that a telecommunications tower to be erected at 2 Winterset Ave. in Balm Beach would receive the necessary Letter of Concurrence about the tower siting. It is to be disguised as a pine tree.

In February 2020, Viasat, a high-speed broadband internet service provider catering to rural customers, proposed a facility near 297 Concession Rd 15 E that could be operational by the end of November. Its satellite antenna would be 11 meters high and require supporting equipment. Council received the proposal "as information."

In addition to considering proposals from private companies, Council has a Broadband Ad Hoc Committee that investigates potential funding and partnerships. Council has decided that the Township would partner with the Beausoleil First Nation and identify vendor(s) to improve broadband transport infrastructure and asymmetrical high-speed internet service delivery in unserved/underserved areas as identified in the Canada Radio-Telecommunications Commission Broadband Fund Guide, and to then complete an application to the CRTC Fund.

Read more about Township efforts to bring efficient service to Tiny in Deputy Mayor Walma's article on page 10.

SARJEANT'S WAVERLEY PITS 1 & 2:

In 2019 the Sarjeant Company decided to make its two licensed pits (one permitting excavation below the water table) in Concession 1 operational and asked the Township to amend its 2011 French Road Improvement Agreement. Requirements for its construction as a haul road were updated. Then, Councillor Mintoff raised concerns about maintenance and Council had R.J. Burnside & Associates Engineering review studies and site plan notes related to hydrogeology, aggregate excavation below the water table and new regulations. The result: Burnside's July 9, 2009 opinion remained unchanged: everything was in order. Council went ahead with the Amending Agreement.

The Sarjeant Company then amended its site plan by removing the reference to "asphalt" as one of the recyclable materials that "may be imported on to the site." This move may have been an attempt to gain public approval.

SITE PLAN APPLICATION BY OROK ENTERPRISES INC. (STUBBS) FOR GEORGIAN BAY PARK, PART LOT 25, CONCESSION 2 WEST:

In March 2020, Council passed a Site Plan Agreement for phases 1 and 2 of this seasonal trailer park development. Phase 1 includes 56 seasonal trailer sites, a comfort station

and an in-ground swimming pool in addition to the existing barn and sheds. Phase 2 encompasses 44 seasonal trailer sites, 10 four-season cabins, the use of part of the comfort station as a medical clinic, and additional parking.

GREAT LAKES WATERFRONT TRAIL:

Since the first section of the Great Lakes Waterfront Trail — from Trenton to Stoney Creek — was established in 1995, it has grown to roughly 3,000 km in length along Lakes Ontario, Erie, St. Clair, Huron and Georgian Bay, as well as the Lake Huron North Channel and the St. Lawrence, Detroit and St. Clair Rivers. This cycling trail uses local, district and provincial roads and trail routes that follow the shoreline as close as reasonably possible.

In April 2020, Council advised the Waterfront Regeneration Trust (WRT) that it wishes to participate in the extension of the Trail through the Township. It directed staff to work with the WRT "to identify, map and implement" expansion in Tiny. The Township is to supply hardware and labour for the installation of signage on township roads. Council also decided to support the County's participation, including an annual contribution by the County of \$3,500.

Information about the Trail is available at www.waterfront-trail.org/. The founding chair of WRT (and still a Director) was David Crombie, a resident of Tiny and former Toronto mayor and federal cabinet minister.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOX AT BLUEWATER DUNES:

In a November 20, 2019 letter to Council and Public Works, the Bluewater Dunes Ratepayers Association asked that a Community Library Box be installed on Township property in its area. The association would bear the expense and maintain the box and its contents.

While researching the feasibility of this request, Public Works came across an organization called "Little Free Library," which sells library boxes and tracks their location through a registration process. The township would have the right to remove or relocate a Little Free Library box from Township property if issues develop. Public Works estimated the cost to the Township for a Little Free Library Box as roughly \$440. Council rejected this option, instead recommending that staff advise Bluewater Dunes of the Little Free Library organization's information. There are currently two library boxes in Tiny, at 100 Tall Pines Drive and 959 Marshall Road.

MODIFICATIONS TO TINY'S OFFICIAL PLAN:

The Township's Official Plan was formally adopted on November 26, 2018 and submitted to the County, which made a few modifications. Since then, Township staff and MHBC Planning worked with County Planning staff to develop a modified version that complies with all applicable legislation and Simcoe County's planning policy. The Adopted OP showing the County modifications is available in Reports of Consultants, Committee of the Whole Agenda, April 27, 2020. Here are the main changes:

- *Natural Heritage System mapping (Greenlands and ... continued on next page*