

B. Deputations / Presentations

B.1 Denis Martinek, Tyrolean Village Resorts Limited

Re: Installation of a low pressure sanitary sewer line on Arlberg Crescent in order to provide sanitary sewers to the Chalets on Arlberg Crescent

Committee Chair Councillor Gamble welcomed Mr. Denis Martinek to the meeting. Mr. Martinek provided Committee and Council a brief history on the chalets located on Arlberg Crescent noting that the chalets were constructed in the early 1970's, they are all connected to municipal water.

Mr. Martinek explained that the chalets on Arlberg Crescent are located on a sand ridge and although the septic beds have been functioning very well over the years, there have been some septic problems with one of the units recently.

Mr. Martinek indicated to Committee and Council that it would be to the advantage of the Town to invest money in a sewer line rather than having each individual owner repair and upgrade their existing septic beds.

Mr. Martinek noted that he has spoke with the residents of the area and the majority agree that a sewer line installation is favourable as it would be a permanent solution.

Mr. Martinek then explained to Committee that the road is over 40 years old and in need of repair. Mr. Martinek suggested that road upgrades be done at the same time as the sewer line installations. Mr. Martinek noted further that he has participated in a local improvement process through the Town of Collingwood and informed Committee that the residents of Arlberg Crescent are willing to pay the cost of the work back to the Town over several years with interest.

Deputy Mayor Duncan McKinlay reminded Mr. Martinek that there will be other costs associated with the trunk sewer line and the residents should be aware that the cost in total is not necessarily the cost presented in full by C.C. Tatham.

Councillor McKean asked Director of Engineering and Public Works, Reg Russwurm if any work on Arlberg Crescent was in the 5 year Capital Budget plan.

Reg indicated that Arlberg Crescent has not been identified for improvements in the next 5 years, noting that if Committee and Council wish to entertain Mr. Martinek's ask, then Staff would have to look at the Capital Plan and juggle other projects around accordingly.

Mr. Martinek then asked Staff if any future work has been planned for Arlberg Crescent. Reg explained the budget is set out 5 years, and at this time it is not in the 5 year plan.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay asked Reg if there are any other force main projects coming up and Reg noted that the Hoover Lane / Tesky Drive area was on the books for future work in the near future.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay asked Staff if there was the opportunity to go out for joint tendering of similar work. Reg said that there are opportunities to do this.

Reg noted to Committee and Council that the sewer is a low pressure system and it will only require a small trench and that should be taken into consideration with respects to road repair.

Committee Chair Councillor Gamble requested that Staff consider this work in the near future, and provide Committee and Council a summary on how Staff can move this project forward working it into the 5 year plan.

C. Staff Reports as circulated

C.1 DOR.13.04 Bayview Park Parkland Use Proposals

Shawn Everitt

Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt indicated to Committee and Council that the proposals for parkland use presented in Report DOR.13.04 have been reviewed by Senior Management and it was determined that both a Labyrinth and a Dog Park are permissible uses at Bayview Park. Shawn added that the park land is very important to the Town and the Report presented provides Committee and Council with some options to consider moving forward.

Committee Chair Councillor Gamble noted that there has been a request from Mr. John Corrigan, Dog Park Representative, to speak to Committee. It was moved by Deputy Mayor McKinlay and seconded by Mayor Anderson that Mr. Corrigan address Committee at this time.

Mr. Corrigan explained that he has been working with Shawn Everitt since 2006 when the dog-leash bylaw came into effect in order to find a space where dogs can run off leash.

Mr. Corrigan noted that the current park is used by 10-15 dogs at a time and that the park brings in people from Meaford and visitors who are on holidays. Mr. Corrigan referred to a "hand-shake agreement" between the Recreation Department and the Sports Club, in that when the baseball diamond is needed for baseball games it is not used as a dog park and that Bayview Park has been an alternative place to meet.

Teresa Matamoros, Women of 12 representative, also a member of gallery, questioned if a dog park needs to be fenced in, noting that in her research a dog park should be an acre large, suggesting that it should have more open space with less trees.

Shawn indicated that when the location was put under review, the size was considered and determined to be adequate.

Shawn then noted that between a Labyrinth, a Dog Park and open space, the area is equally adequate for any of those three options.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay asked Shawn if the Dog Park would be better situated in an open area closer to the Georgian Trail. Shawn noted concern with having a Dog Park close to the trail as there will be a lot of pedestrian traffic, and with a number of dogs, it might cause a problem with them barking or running along the fence. Shawn further explained that the location proposed has a berm with significant vegetation separating the dog park from the trail. Shawn further noted that the berm with vegetation would benefit the Labyrinth as well.

Mayor Anderson asked if Staff have taken into consideration the parcel of land down by the tennis courts as an option for either the Labyrinth or the Dog Park, noting that it is a nice open space.

Shawn indicated that Staff did look at that location, noting that one of the key features of Bayview Park is that it is secluded, and although the area by the tennis courts is a good location, Staff would have to plant trees and discuss the option with the residents who are used to a quiet neighbourhood along Bay Street.

Councillor McKean indicated that he feels a decision on the use of the land is premature, and suggested to Staff that a Public Meeting should be held to engage the members of the Town and look at other ideas for the use of the area at Bayview Park.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay asked for clarification on what exactly Councillor McKean is suggesting. Councillor McKean clarified that he is not sure that the general public is aware that the Town is considering making these changes and that he is thinking of other groups of people who have other interest in the area, and he wants to ensure that all options are on the table.

Mayor Anderson indicated that because it is park land, and the Town is not changing any zoning that she does not see holding a Public Meeting as a necessity.

Shawn added that through discussions with the Planning Department a public meeting is not required for permissible use of the area.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay asked Shawn if any infrastructure is required for either the Labyrinth or the Dog Park. Shawn explained that the infrastructure involved with the Labyrinth could be taken down in a few days if Council directed Staff to discontinue use. Shawn explained that the Labyrinth is non intrusive with little infrastructure and the Agreement would be clear that it would always remain Town property and if the Town needed their land back, they can obtain it at any time.

Shawn then explained that the Dog Park has significant infrastructure, such as fencing and an elaborate gating system. Shawn indicated that the fencing for an area the size which was proposed in the Report could run \$23,000 to \$28,000.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay asked Shawn to confirm that there has not been a site plan created for the two individual uses proposed in the Report. Shawn noted that no specific site plans have been made. Deputy Mayor McKinlay then asked Shawn about the agreements moving forward. Shawn clarified that the recommendation is asking for direction from Council if Staff should move forward with a Labyrinth, a Dog Park or maintain the area as open space.

Councillor Ardiel noted that she believes both uses are great options, and in having a large dog herself, other area municipalities dog parks are not much larger and she would like to see something different in the location at Bayview Park, suggesting that perhaps the dog park could be located closer to the tennis courts where water and washroom facilities are accessible.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay moved that Committee allow members of the gallery to address Committee and Council. Ellen seconded the motion.

Sue Penny, resident of Heathcote and land owner in the Town of The Blue Mountains, indicated that she would be personally disappointed seeing a piece of land on the waterfront become a dog park. Ms. Penny noted that she believes the land is valuable to the Town and that a dog park does not have to be on the water, in a place that people play tennis, have church picnics and take quite time to enjoy the area. Deputy Mayor McKinlay corrected Ms. Penny, clarifying that the area in question is the area of the park where the old campground used to be.

Ms. Matamoros addressed Committee and Council passing along 100 signatures which she collected from residents in favour a Labyrinth.

Committee then dealt with the following motion,

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.13.04, "Bayview Park Use Proposals",

AND THAT Staff be directed to research and provide Council with a review of the possibilities, both positive and negative, regarding the location of a dog park, in the tennis court area, to determine if it is a feasible site providing appropriate shelter for the dogs with appropriate screening of the area.

The motion was moved by Ellen Anderson and seconded by Deputy Mayor McKinlay. Committee Chair Councillor Gamble called for the vote and the motion was then carried.

Committee then dealt with the following motion,

THAT with respect to Staff Report DOR.13.04, "Bayview Park Use Proposals",

AND THAT Council does hereby authorize the development of a Labyrinth at Bayview Park as outlined in this report, it being agreed and understood that the Labyrinth will be funded and maintained by the "Women of 12" and will be for use as a public amenity.

The motion was moved by Ellen Anderson and seconded by Deputy Mayor McKinlay. Committee Chair Councillor Gamble called for the vote and the motion was carried.

C.2 DOR.13.08 Ravenna Hall Board of Management Membership

Shawn Everitt

Moved by: Ellen Anderson

Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 13.08. "Ravenna Hall Board of Management Membership" for information purposes,

AND THAT Council does approve the appointment of Anna Patterson and Roberta Cleary to the Ravenna Hall Board of Management for the remainder of the Boards Term, **CARRIED.**

C.3 EPW.13.006 Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan Development Strategy

Adam McMullin

Environmental Initiatives Coordinator Adam McMullin explained to Committee and Council that the Local Authority Service (LAS) offers free energy auditing services for Municipalities and if the Town of The Blue Mountains utilizes this consulting service the Town would be able to conduct energy audits for fifteen facilities.

Adam explained that if the Town conducted energy audits through LAS, then Staff would be able to identify potential energy efficiency measures and be able to provide Committee and Council detailed information when asking for approval on the creation of a 5 year project implementation schedule.

Adam noted that the LAS offers a software program which can be used to adequately benchmark and assess progress and the expert advice provided will allow the Town to adequately fulfill its regulatory requirements.

Councillor McKean thanked Adam for the work he has done on this, asking Adam about the gas tax funds, ensuring that it will be Council's decision as to where the gas tax is allocated.

Director of Engineering and Public Works, Reg Russwurm indicated that Staff will present options to Senior Management, Committee and Council regarding use of the gas tax allocation.

Mayor Anderson noted that she is happy to be presented with this Report and feels it is a good move forward.

Moved by: John McKean

Seconded by: Duncan McKinlay

THAT Council receive Report EPW.13.006 entitled “Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan Development Strategy” and;

THAT Council endorse the recommended approach as outlined in Report EPW.13.006 to develop an energy conservation and demand management plan, **CARRIED.**

C.4 EPW.13.009 Trail Woods Development Status Report

Reg Russwurm

Director of Engineering and Public Works Reg Russwurm noted that Staff Report EPW.13.009 was written at the request of Committee, resulting from a deputation from Mr. Dan Guay at the previous Infrastructure and Recreation Committee meeting.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay moved the following motion:

THAT Council receive Staff Report EPW.13.009 entitled “Trail Woods Development Status Report”;

AND THAT Council endorse the Trail Woods Development Agreement as executed and direct Staff to implement the terms of the Agreement;

AND THAT Council decline the request by the Trail Woods Corporation for the Town to cost share in the preparation of Records Drawings;

AND THAT this decision does not exclude Trail Woods Development in any future discussion of amendments to executed Agreements as a result of adopting a new Development Agreement Template.

Councillor Gamble seconded the motion.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay asked that it be made clear that Mr. Guay and the Trail Woods Development is welcome in future discussions regarding the Town’s Development Agreement and that they are not excluded based on the recommendation presented in the Staff Report.

Councillor McKean noted that due to the economic climate of the times, Committee is seeing developers coming to the Town asking to lessen their burdens and that in the end it will be the tax payers of the Municipality who will be picking up the bill.

Reg noted that Deputy Mayor McKinlay's amendment to the recommendation is agreeable.

Committee Chair Council Gamble called for the vote and the motion was carried as revised.

C.5 EPW.13.010 Temporary Access Agreements for the Wensley Drive and Peaks Road Reconstruction

Reg Russwurm

Councillor Gamble noted an error on page 54 of the Infrastructure and Recreation Committee Package in which the Temporary Access Agreement reads: "The Club of the Town of The Blue Mountains".

Staff noted the error and ensured Committee and Council that the correction would be made.

Moved by: John McKean

Seconded by: Duncan McKinlay

THAT Council receive Report EPW.13.010 entitled "Temporary Access Agreements for the Wensley Drive and Peaks Road Reconstruction";

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the Temporary Access Agreements upon the recommendation of the Director of Engineering and Public Works and the Town's solicitor, **CARRIED**.

C.6 EPW.13.011 Sewer Discharge By-law

John Caswell

Manager of Water and Wastewater, John Caswell introduced Katherine Dabrowa to Committee and Council. John explained that Katherine has been hired to fill in for Liz Saunders' maternity leave.

John then briefed Committee on his Report. Deputy Mayor McKinlay questioned how the word "septage" is defined in the by-law, referencing Page 61 of the Infrastructure and Recreation Committee Package. John indicated that the word as defined should not confuse the issue.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Staff Report EPW.13.011 entitled “Sewer Discharge By-law”;

AND THAT Council direct Staff to hold a Public Meeting to receive input from the Public regarding the Sewer Discharge By-law;

AND THAT Council direct Staff to finalize the Sewer Discharge By-law with consideration of any Public comments, **CARRIED.**

D. Information Reports / Correspondence

D.1 DOR.13.03 Curling Club update

Shawn Everitt

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay

Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 13.03. “Curling Club update” for information purposes, **CARRIED.**

D.2 DOR.13.05 Northwinds Beach Washroom

Terry Green

Director of Recreation, Shawn Everitt briefed Committee and Council on Terry Green’s Report as the Manager of Parks and Trails was not present at the meeting. Shawn noted that he has worked with John Caswell, Manager of Water and Wastewater and the project has been incorporated into the 2013 budget.

Moved by: John McKean

Seconded by: Duncan McKinlay

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR.13.05 “Northwinds Beach Washrooms” for information purposes, **CARRIED.**

D.3 DOR.13.07 Ravenna Hall Water Supply

Shawn Everitt

Director of Recreation Shawn Everitt noted to Committee that Report DOR.13.07 is a preliminary report written to keep the Infrastructure and Recreation Committee up to date on the Water Supply at Ravenna Hall.

Shawn explained that there were some adverse water samples which came through at Ravenna Hall, causing the facility to shut down for 3 or 4 weeks as potable water could not be provided. Shawn noted that the work involved at Ravenna Hall has not been identified in the Capital Budget.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted that he appreciates Shawn's efforts moving forward on this.

Shawn acknowledged an error in the Report in which he indicates that the Ravenna Hall system is regulated as a Regulation 316 water system, when in fact it should be Regulation 318. Staff noted a change will be made to the Report.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 13.07. "Ravenna Hall Water Supply" for information purposes, **CARRIED**.

D.4 EPW.13.012 Water Section Operations Update – September to December 2012
Meg Boyd

Moved by: John McKean Seconded by: Duncan McKinlay

THAT Council receive Staff Report EPW.13.012 entitled "Water Section Operations Update – September to December 2012" for their information, **CARRIED**.

D.5 EPW.13.013 Capital and Development Status Report
Mike Campbell

Committee Chair Councillor Gamble asked Staff about the EMS Building, as the Report indicates that Town certification has not been received. Construction Coordinator Mike Campbell addressed Committee indicating that the Town is still waiting on certificates from the County. Councillor Gamble asked Deputy Mayor McKinlay if he could take up the matter with the County in order to get the process moving forward. Deputy Mayor McKinlay asked Staff to confirm that there are no outstanding issues, and Mike confirmed that it is more of a housekeeping issue. Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted that he would look into the matter.

Moved by: Duncan McKinlay Seconded by: John McKean

THAT Council receive Staff Report EPW.13.013 entitled "Capital and Development Status Report" for their information, **CARRIED**.

E. New and Unfinished Business

E.1 Update on Frazil Ice in the Beaver River **Jim McCannell**

Manager of Roads and Drainage Jim McCannell updated Committee and Council on the Frazil Ice in the Beaver River. Jim explained that between January 23rd and January 27th there was a substantial amount of ice on the Beaver River and the river came up 2 to 2.5 meters threatening some of the lots in Clarksburg.

Jim noted that the Town has a contract with Harold Sutherland and a long reach excavator brought in to work at the river 24 hours a day for 5 days straight. On January 25th, with the break in the weather, the ice in the River held off and the river started to clear itself out. Jim noted further that the excavator has been left on site but will be removed in the near future.

E.2 Negotiated Purchase of used Backhoe

Jim McCannell

Manager of Roads and Drainage Jim McCannell explained to Committee and Council that the Roads and Drainage Department is planning to replace their old back-hoe and Jim was considering the option of purchasing old stock while they still have them at the dealership.

Jim explained that after researching this option there is no substantial price savings.

Jim indicated that moving forward, the best route is to tender for a back-hoe and work within the regular purchasing process.

E.3 Highway 26 EA Status – Craigleith Area

Reg Russwurm

Director of Engineering and Public Works Reg Russwurm updated Committee and Council on the Craigleith Highway 26 Environmental Assessment.

Reg indicated that David Finbow, Director of Planning and Building, is in contact with a local developer to obtain the \$120,000 required to proceed with the Environmental Assessment. Reg noted that the Town has not had much success with the developer, but indicated to Committee and Council that there is a firm commitment on the funding from the County and the MTO and that the money is ready for the Town to use when the project is ready to move forward.

Deputy Mayor McKinlay noted that the funds will be there as long as they are not pulled from the budget. Reg noted that there is no sunset in the agreement.

Reg indicated further that before the work is awarded he will ensure that the cost sharing agreement is still in place.

F. Next Meeting Date(s)

Tuesday, March 12th 2013, 3:00pm, Town Hall, Council Chambers

G. Adjournment

Moved by: Ellen Anderson

Seconded by: John McKean

THAT the Infrastructure & Recreation Committee Meeting of Tuesday, February 12th 2013, is adjourned at 4:48pm **CARRIED.**