

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Thursday, July 18, 2013				Report Date	Wednesday July 3-13			
Decision Required		Yes	X	No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction Only		Information Only		x	Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed

REPORT TITLE
Clerk's Report - For Information Only #18/07/13/801

1. I have followed up on the issue of Reeve Henderson of Jocelyn Township who had plans to ratify a recall by-law as reported at the Ontario Landowner Association meeting attended in February. This municipality was to have a referendum to ratify the recall by-law. According to Myra Eddy of the Township on June 11, 2013, the Township has not yet passed the by-law, only a resolution. The meeting to be held this July has not yet been called.

They have had no response from MMAH or any other provincial agency. As with other actions of Councils and activities contrary to current legislation, until it is contested and goes before a judge, I don't believe that much will be done.

2. The Letter to OPG was sent as directed at last meeting; thank you Councillor Gibson for your assistance.
3. Mr. Richardson has been informed of Council's decision to sell the property across Logger's Road. I have not received a response from him to date.
4. A letter has been forwarded to CP rail requesting assurances that the clean-up will be completed as they have contracted. The only response is that it is agreed that the cleanup is taking longer than expected.
  - a. I have received a ratepayer complaint about poles and pole ends being stored on private property and expressed that there is no recourse for Council if an individual should want to stockpile the material on private property. The only time that Council would have that authority is where/if the material posed a fire hazard. This individual has been directed to make a complaint to the MOE and has done so. The MOE will follow up but as expressed previously, there is nothing that Council can do other than consider a Property Standards by-law.
  - b. As you may have read in the recent North Renfrew Times ours is not the only municipality with concerns about railway waste with Laurentian Hills demanding that bundles of ties are removed from the centre of their town. Robert Labre our Community Fire Safety Officer is very much aware of this issue and has requested assistance from other staff, Council members and the public (as indicated in the latest Newsletter) to inform him of stockpiles of materials along the railway. Once made aware he will take steps similar to those taken by Laurentian Hills and ensure that the material is removed. Anything on private property is outside of our control again, unless Council would like to consider a property standards by-law.
  - c. Upon speaking with our MOE representative I learned that although cutting, burning and burying these materials are not encouraged MOE does promote the use of used railway ties as landscaping material. They have not found a problem with groundwater contamination through this type of use. Obviously common sense should prevail and these materials should not be used near running water or

vegetable gardens but as retaining walls etc. they are approved. As for burying, the challenge is that burying anything now is not recommended by MOE be it ties, poles or water bottles. It is the act of burying which would be the infraction, not burying the ties or poles.

- d. Of further interest is the fact that waste materials such as those removed from a construction site or insurance claim clean up etc. cannot be stored on private property. This would be considered illegally disposing of the waste material on property other than a landfill and the MOE will investigate. If the material is there for short term with the intent of the property owner to salvage and then dispose materials, there is no recourse.
  - e. Finally, as a reminder, stores of used vehicles do not fall under the jurisdiction of the MOE and again, would fall under a property standards by-law. For those areas which have a larger volume of material than some would like to see, there is nothing that can be done until and unless Council passes a property standards by-law.
5. The province has mandated annual energy use reporting commencing July 1, 2013. HCM's first report has been completed and submitted. A copy is available in the office for your review and interest. Due to its size, it did not make sense to print one for everyone. Also, our next phase is the creation of an energy use/conservation plan which is required by mid-2014. Again, the challenge for HCM is the required expertise and detail and the actual benefit due to our limited facilities and actual useage. As an example, the initial seminar being held to discuss the plans has a price tag of \$400 without considering travel costs etc. It is not recommended that much be spent on this plan, that staff will use on-line resources and association guidelines to complete the minimum requirements. We are already doing all we can to cut costs in our two buildings.
  6. New Horizons Seniors Program grant application for leveling and recovering the existing floor has been completed and mailed.
  7. Canada Day celebrations were finalized and held. Staff worked with volunteer organizers to get equipment and supplies where they were needed to make the day a success. A final meeting was held July 9, 2013 and staff will now submit a final report to Heritage Canada. Photos of the historical display along with the article in the Newsletter were provided to the NRT for background in time for last week's paper but were not included.

Talks have already begun for next year's celebration as well as the 150<sup>th</sup> Canada Day to be held in 2017. This might be something that Council can provide input on and consideration to additional funding to ensure a large event – it has been suggested perhaps a type of “homecoming” and multi-day event.

8. A schedule has been completed for the CIF Blue Box Communications Plan. Work is underway to consider which types of activities and products would help to create awareness and increase participation in the Blue Box plan by summer visitors, in the campgrounds and throughout our cottages.
9. July Newsletter – a special edition was created with some repeat information concerning Waste Management, Emergency Management and Emergency Response for summer visitors and residents with copies delivered to the campgrounds and businesses for distribution.
10. As the correspondence has suggested, the pipeline has advertised an “open season” for the transfer of the existing gas pipeline to an oil pipeline. They want to transfer crude/tar sand oil from Alberta to the east coast for processing reducing the need for overseas oil and rail transportation. Councillor Antler had requested additional information about this

process; we have made available all that has been received. Recently we have been advised of the open house which has been set for Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at the Bear's Den in Deep River. Additional details will follow and will be forwarded.

11. County salary surveys were completed. During this process we were once again made aware of the discrepancies between HCM salaries and benefits and those of the rest of the county.
12. Completed an on-line survey on Municipal Policing Costing Recovery where I took the opportunity to outline the challenges and unfairness of comparing costing between the needs of a rural sparsely populated municipality such as ours and the needs of a larger centre such as Pembroke who are both serviced by the OPP. The methods of costing and fairness have been in review with all municipalities being given the opportunity to respond to this survey. Different options are being considered including costing based on per capita or use.
13. OGRA's Ontario Roads Survey was completed. This is an annual survey of number of kms and types of road maintained and their associated costs. OGRA then uses this data to lobby the provincial and federal governments for funding specific to roads and bridges infrastructure.
14. Submitted data to Stewardship Ontario for MHSW cost recovery. Data has been submitted for phase 1 materials, phase 2 materials will be completed soon, once new process has been learned. Rebates normally amount to approximately 50% of costs however; with our increased volume this year, I would assume that we would be refunded more than 50%.
15. I have followed up with Ornge air concerning the state of our helipad and our lack of contract. Hopefully this will be resolved soon.
16. Follow up with request to house a defibrillator in Deux Rivieres. I did not receive an answer from the contacts that I had even though I followed up three times. The application deadline has long since closed and the email contact is no longer active with follow up emails being returned undeliverable.
17. The goose deterrent program has continued with mixed results. The geese are visiting the park but not as frequently as previously. Volunteers have also been collecting droppings to maintain a safe/clean area for play.
18. Terry and his crew are working to complete the steps at Old Mackey Park. Pat has been hired to level the slope and reinforce with stone covered with sand to again, make the area safe for children to use. The slope has been graded – attention needs to be given to covering the soil to avoid being washed away until grass takes over. Although not budgeted, purchasing sod may be the best option.

**WHEREAS** sod placed on the newly sloped bank at Old Mackey Park would protect the current investment until further landscaping can be completed and allow the park to be used immediately;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approve up to \$1,000 for the purchase of sod to protect work already completed.

19. It is my understanding that the dock has been replaced in Deux Rivieres.
20. Most staff have had an annual WHMIS review. With holidays it has been difficult to continue bi-weekly staff meetings. Will resume in September.

21. There are continued challenges with the drainage from Highway 17 into the driveway of the Baril property in Deux Rivieres. Terry and I met with representatives from the County on Thursday; a couple of options were discussed.
- a. The first is closing the road at the highway to create a ditch where Dunlop Crescent is. The flow would then be from a snowplow turnaround which would need to be created there.
  - b. The other option would be to close the driveway on the Baril property at the top of Dunlop as there is a second entrance from the lower side of the property. This would allow a ditch along Dunlop Crescent at the west/top end and allow water to flow along the existing ditch.
  - c. Changing the slope of the highway or the top of Dunlop Crescent are obviously not options.

22. On personal time I attended a meeting in Deep River of area organizations (with representation from Laurentian Hills) concerning a “pro social inclusion” strategy to be developed for the area as a pilot project led by the Phoenix Centre. Representation at the meeting provided evidence of buy-in from many health, school and community organizations to partner together to create a program to promote acceptance, diversity and social inclusion for all.

A second meeting is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> from 3 – 5 at Mackenzie Community School to brainstorm ideas and next steps so that as many local organizations as possible can share the same message providing consistency in purpose. Anyone interested in this project is invited to attend, either as an individual or representing area organizations or workplaces. Additional representation from HCM would be appreciated as I am attending in a personal capacity.