

A/H Council Meeting Summary - Thursday, March 4, 2021

1. MINUTES - February 18, 2021 Council Meeting. No business arising.

Motion to approve. CARRIED

2. BUILDING - CBO/MBEO Daryl Hall - Permits for 2 months Jan & Feb 2021

DARYL HALL: This is the typical report that I do do...complete. It's done for January and February, because we didn't have any permits issued in January. Right now we stand at 7 issued, and I believe that 4 of them are single family dwellings, which is a good start to the year. 13 out of the ones being processed, actually that's gone up because I received a couple more in the last couple of days, but out of that 13 that I have down here, I think another 4 or 5 of them are dwellings as well, which is good. People are carrying on even with COVID, and the cost of materials is crazy right now, so it's good for the economy that people are still carrying on with their projects and building. So that's a good part. You will see on the first page, I did add this on my summary reports last year, or the other years, but I did add the County wide Development Charges, just so you can see that part that we do take that in as well. It all does go back to the County, but it is something we take at building permit time here, for new single family dwellings/residential. We don't get much non-residential use, but that's just an added extra that we have on our spreadsheet now for the building permits. I can answer any questions if Council has any with respect to that report.

MAYOR GAIL LATCHFORD: Daryl, I was at a meeting this week, and there was a report from Dwayne Campbell on the county comparisons. Do you get them?

HALL: No I don't, not comparisons. I know we send our spreadsheet to the County at the end of the year, so they can do those comparisons, but I've never seen one from them – no.

LATCHFORD: Well it's quite interesting. It will be on the next County Council Agenda. I will give you a copy of that and any Council Members that want it. That's coming up on the March County Council Agenda. It was quite interesting, and we did well.

Motion to receive & file report. CARRIED

3. GRAFTON TOWN HALL - NEW FURNACES

HALL: As per Council's request, after my February report with replacing the furnaces, I did finalize and reach back out and get the three quotes back in. One quote is from the original company that we reached out to, but as Council suggested there is one from the local contractor across the road. The three quotes are on here. They were a little bit

less actually than what we originally figured out, so I don't know if you want me to go through the numbers on the quotes.

LATCHFORD: We see them here, but the final costs, yeah.

HALL: Yeah, so the final cost, I mean with a bit of repair and we will have to do a little drywall work. I think we could do it in house, so I added \$2,000 in for that, so final costs I would suggest we still keep with allocating \$10,000 from the General Reserves for that project.

LATCHFORD: We were talking Modernization Funding.

HALL: Right, and that's something I have to talk with Carol about. I'm not sure if this falls in the Modernization Funding or not.

LATCHFORD: Okay, but if it does, and we're getting a little bit more, so I'm going to speak to that later.

HALL: So as you can see on this, I did recommend to go with Quote #1, just because you know, the company we do use here for the old furnaces, we have a good rapport with this company, they treat us well, and we used them in our other buildings. They're the same ones that installed the ones at Fenella for us last year. That's my recommendation.

(I am showing the 3 quotes from Daryl Hall's Report, so taxpayers can see the process followed. GK)

1: Northumberland Climatic Solutions: Install 2 new Weather King 85kbtu, 2 stage, NG furnaces. Replacing venting to code and converting existing ductwork. Cost: \$6,800.00 + HST \$884.00

Total= \$7,684.00

#2: Stadtke Plumbing & Heating: Install 2 new Rheem 85kbtu, 2 stage, NG furnaces. Replacing venting to code and converting existing ductwork. Cost: \$8,655.00 + HST \$1,125.15

Total= \$9,780.15

#3: Cold Creek heating and Air Conditioning: Install 2 new Continental 85kbtu, 2 stage, NG furnaces. Replacing venting to code and converting existing ductwork. Cost: \$6,250.00 + HST \$812.50

Total= \$7,062.50

LATCHFORD: And on top of that is going to be the dry walling cost.

HALL: Yeah, and I added \$2,000 in for that.

COUNCILLOR GREG BOOTH: Daryl, can you tell us what would be the warranty period for all three of them? Are they the same, or are they different for the install and the equipment?

HALL: Okay, I do have that down here, and I guess I should have put that in my report, my apologies for that. Quote #1 and #2 from Northumberland and Stadtke, they have a lifetime warranty on the heat exchanger. They both have 10 years on the parts and 5 years on the labour. Quote #3 just in his quote he mentioned that there's 10 years on the parts, nothing on the labour, but also has the lifetime on the heat exchanger warranty. They're roughly all the same. That lifetime heat exchanger is crucial, so they all have lifetime for it.

BOOTH: We've had no issues with Fenella, right? Everything's been good.

HALL: Yeah, everything's been good.

COUNCILLOR MIKE FILIP: I just wanted to thank Daryl for going through the process. I was pleased to see that he did get 3 quotes, and it's always his professional discretion to try to evaluate who is going to do the best job. I'm just glad that the process was followed, thank you Daryl.

Motion to approve Quote #1 Northumberland Solutions, and that the funds come from wherever we can get it from. CARRIED

4. PUBLIC WORKS - 2021 ROADS CONSTRUCTION REPORT PW 2021-03

PW MANAGER TROY GILMOUR: As Council can see by my charts, these are the roads that we are considering to do in 2021. I do this every spring, and give Council and the public a really good idea of where we're spending the money. Keep in mind that we still have to tender out for some gravel and stone and stuff, but these numbers are based on previous year's actuals with a little bit of an increase, so they should be pretty realistic. Regardless, we'll make sure that we stay within our \$750,000 Budget. We may have to play around with something like Vernonville, instead of 2.4, maybe it will be 2.2, but that's just an example. All the tenders will be going out shortly. I just wanted Council and the public to know what the list is anyways, and go from there. I'll answer any questions.

FILIP: Wondering about the time frame for the work down by the water? I know that's a big one for you this year, and I was thinking that it might impact the tourist season down there, and just wondered if you could comment on the ramp and the usage. What you see coming there.

GILMOUR: I will say that Wicklow Road and that entire area will be busy this year with construction and possibly dredging, which we will get into probably into in the April report. That's a road that's going to be tendered out, so it's almost like I have to go by what the construction company will provide as far as timing. We will try and recommend it at a time where it's maybe not so like mid-summer busy type thing for the boaters, but regardless, if it is in mid-summer, we will have a traffic plan, and Wicklow Boat Launch will still be accessible for all. It will just be a little bit of an inconvenience, but all areas down there will still be accessible.

BOOTH: Troy, just a quick question for Bowmanton Road. What is a fog seal?

GILMOUR: Fog seal is when we do a top layer of surface treatment. It is basically a liquid asphalt that we'll put on it to seal it. We do this in the areas that may not see a lot of sunlight, or get a lot of wind. For example, last year we did it on King Road. And really it's just a sealant to keep the moisture and water out of the road, so it prolongs the life. And that particular area on Bowmanton Road right around the donkey farm, it's an area where it's shaded all the time, so if it does get wet, it takes forever to dry out. So, if we put a sealant on it, the underneath, the main core of the road won't get saturated.

BOOTH: Thank you very much for the information. When I read it last night, just for us to do all the asphalt, it would cost us \$3.6 Million at today's dollars. Very informative, thank you.

GILMOUR: All the roads in the Hamlets are hot-mix asphalt, so as you can see it's a big number. On Clitheroe Road, we put that off because of financial reasons over the last number of years, but we're committed to do it this year, and you see that basically it's 1 km. and it's over \$200,000. What we often forget is that we have to tie in all those driveways, and that's over 30 driveways that we have to tie into the road. That alone is a large expense, but we're committed to do it, and we need to do it this year.

LATCHFORD: And that's good that we're going to do Clitheroe Road because it needs done, and the neighbours will be happy there that it's finally completed.

Motion to receive & file. CARRIED

LATCHFORD: One question I would like to ask you Troy regarding Public Works, is how far along in the building process are we with the future build of Public Works Building.

GILMOUR: Just so you know, I will be providing a report on the 18th to Council and the public regarding it. I have been in discussions, and we have had some plans together. I've just received the last little bit of information from the Engineering firm, so we are quite far in the process, and as said I'll provide a full report on the 18th.

5. RECREATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE UPDATE – Jennifer Steen, Facilities / Booking

JENNIFER STEEN: So this report I give you an update on the draft Terms of Reference. I made the changes that were discussed at the Feb 18th meeting, and those changes are in yellow on the draft Terms of Reference, as well as an update on the community feedback received on Let's Talk. As you can see there for this Committee Consultation, 31 are aware of the project, 14 members of the public are informed, so that means they clicked on the project, and 4 engaged with that consultation project, so that means we received 4 comments, and those comments are attached to the Report.

For the applications for the Recreation and Culture Committee, an online application form has been created and is available on the Website, as well as you can download it and print off an application form, and I have left application forms at the Community Centres as well. To date we've received two applications, and I've been reaching out to local user groups and volunteers to just inform them of the new Committee, and to encourage applications.

The recommendation in this Report is to upload the updated draft Terms of Reference, to Let's Talk and encourage feedback once again from the community on these changes. I can then bring those comments to the next Council Meeting, and just to continue to promote the Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee and encourage applications.

BOOTH: I just wanted to thank Jennifer. There was a member of the public a few weeks ago that asked about the possibility of filling out the application online, or coming to pick one up, and Jennifer made arrangements so now you can do it all online, so thank you very much Jen for the quick action on that. A lot of people don't want to leave their houses for any reason other than groceries.

DEPUTY MAYOR SHERRY GIBSON: Thank you for clarifying some of those items that we requested. I just want to make sure on Page 22, so the third bullet on #2 The Objectives, the last line is request of support from organizations will be reported to Council through the larger Committee, so we're talking specifically about requests for funding or special project money.

STEEN: Yes.

LATCHFORD: I had a little discussion with Jennifer prior to the meeting. I was happy to see comments from the Public, but quite a few of them are negative. These negative comments stem back to February 2019, and that was prior to Jennifer even getting

here. You know, I told her this, some of those comments aren't anything to do with her, and the work that she's been doing.

And Council still needs to, in my opinion, somehow correct this. So Jennifer and I had quite a little discussion on how maybe we could do that, and whether when things open up, we just call for some public meetings at the different halls, and just let people come in, and encourage people to come who would like to volunteer. If that would work, have a board maybe, that you know, we just write down what it is that you really want. Jennifer's put a lot of work into this and COVID got in the way, so the comment that she hasn't been doing what she was hired to do basically isn't fair, because there's no way anybody's been doing what they usually do, including probably the person who made the comment.

One thing that I would like to see is, and I would like to see, but this is just my opinion and it's probably a discussion for later on as well, whether we set a committee or whatever, but I think it's really important, I like the idea of a Recreation and Cultural Committee overall and what they can do, and that they're jobs would be to do the big events across the municipality. But I still think it's important that Friends of the Committee need a more defined definition, and I believe they need to be appointed by Council. That way, I mean any group could come in and say "we're Friends of the Vernonville Committee" or "we're Friends of the ACC Committee". But I think we need a community structured committee that are the Friends of Committee. They would be the ones that would do fundraising events for the community and work with the Recreation & Culture Committee and have representatives, we're supposed to have representatives from them on that Committee, and even if we start out that way, it may just evolve into something different. But I think to start, that's what people are looking for. Talking to people out there and the criticism about how this Council has treated volunteers, which isn't fair...I just think that we can mend some bridges there and do both of these at the same time to the benefit of the communities and the whole.

That's just my opinion, and that way you're not going to have Friends of the Committee having their own bank accounts. The Friends of Committee would be part of the municipality, and you know the R & C Committee is advisory, so it could work hand in hand. I think it would be a great relief to a lot of the committee members that usually did a budget and were concerned about fundraising for Raising the Roof and putting a new roof on or whatever, would still want to fundraise, but they're not burdened with taking on the whole cost of big expenses. That's just my opinion if anybody wants to have anything to say about that, or another idea.

FILIP: I can see that you've churned that around in your noggin quite a bit. A couple of things that I would comment on, the most important one is that not all community centres are equal in terms of the people that are interested in volunteering. So my

question to you would be, you know, are you okay with the fact that it would be inequitable, because we can call the situation for real. I mean Vernonville for example is very well supported by its community, and then we have other centres that aren't supported at all by active community members. So, are you okay with that inequity, because I see that as, you know they're not going to have a delegate at the R & C table necessarily, and Vernonville for example, that committee and its positivity is going to have two! So at least at this point in time there's two people from Vernonville that are interested in sitting on the R & C Committee. So, I am just challenging the idea that it might not be equitable because of the community input, so I just want to throw that one at you and have you respond to that one.

LATCHFORD: Well, I've thought of that as well, and when we go back to what happened with all those committees, I think there's still people with interest, and you know, it isn't equal right now. But you have to also remember that previous Council passed a Motion to close Vernonville Community Centre. As soon as we did that, the next meeting we had this Council Chamber full of people, and they got together and they got it back up, and they got community interest and they are doing excellent. I don't want to see that happen in the other areas, but I think we have a bridge to get across to either apologize to these people, or give them other opportunities to, you know, volunteer within their communities. These are our assets. These are their assets. They don't want them closed, but and hopefully when we get through COVID, there will be more interest.

Sherry and I stopped and had a look at Fenella last night. It just looks fantastic. And I know staff did those floors, Tim did an excellent job on polishing up the tile floors and the two floors upstairs in the hall and the little buffet room. I couldn't believe how good they looked, and if we have some open houses, once we can get COVID back up, or get away from COVID, we could then have people come in and check them out. That's also going to spark some interest, and I think people are going to be ready to come back out and help. They haven't had it for over a year now, and they're missing what did go on in their communities. I just don't want to close the door on the villages so to speak, because we need them. Not everybody wants to be on a committee that serves the whole Township. For me, I see the R & C Committee doing the Santa Claus Parade, Canada Day, maybe a great big – Jennifer and I were talking – “Touch the Truck” show, and bringing all that in. I see them doing that kind of thing, but I still think you need eyes and volunteers right in the communities.

GIBSON: Just in response, probably to both you and Councillor Filip. Both of you have made worthy comments, and I don't disagree with either of you, but I'm just wondering if we are tying the hands of the committee by defining it too much. Should we task the committee with going out and further broadening these definitions. So it will be the committee's responsibility, as opposed to Council, so it's community involvement, you

know, it'll be these volunteers recruiting other volunteers to work, kind of like I see it as sub-committees and ad hoc committees. I just think it would be a lot more interesting and fun for the R & C Committee to be able to go in and offer some clarification to some of the roles and work their way through it, as opposed to us giving them advice, because I think from what I hear and read of those comments, is that the community doesn't want it from the top down, you know this is how it will be. You know they want it from the bottom up, this is how we want it to roll out. And I think, you know, we went into this not knowing if it would work, but let's give it a try, because we'll never know if we don't try. This is an opportunity now to say to that advisory committee, there you go make it work.

LATCHFORD: Okay, but we've got to get the Advisory Committee up and running first. I get that end of it too, but one of my biggest concern is Friends of the Committee. So that would be Friends of each community centre would be a committee. I don't want 3 friends of that community centre, three friends of that committee, like three different groups coming in and saying we're Friends of the Committee. So, we're rent free or we're paying a minimal amount of rent, and we're going to fundraise, or whatever their project is going to be, and then that money goes out of the Township. That's my concern, and one Friend of the Committee per community centre. They're working for that and the fundraising that they do stays with that particular hall.

GIBSON: Gail, I'm just not sure that we can control anybody doing fundraising for any particular means, and I think typically if somebody was doing it specifically on behalf of a community centre, then I think that they would need to submit an application for that event, so that they've got the support of our social media, our Staff and the Advisory Committee to help promote, support and roll out that particular event. So I think we're saying the same thing, but just in a different process.

LATCHFORD: But I'm wondering where's the incentive?

GIBSON: The incentive to raise funds, or be involved?

LATCHFORD: I don't like the term "Friends of the Committee" and it being so open ended, that it could be a group from somewhere else. I think at least that way, I've been on community centres for years and years and years. There has to be in my opinion, there has to be a group there that knows what's going on and works with the community. I mean Jennifer's going to work with the people who are going to come in and rent that facility for some of the other reasons. That's her job. She's putting on the programs for the community, trying to get them all in each hall, and you know the cost to use those hall programs are just going to be basically revenue neutral. They're not out there to be a profit, they're for socializing and service to our ratepayers.

GIBSON: But Gail, I'm sorry Mayor Latchford, I think it's well defined in that first sentence, because it says the volunteer committee is made up of former community centre committees, so at least in that first year, as we get rolling this project out, I think it's going to be of those people, who have had membership in our community centre committees, and maybe we're just interpreting that Friends of Committee differently.

FILIP: I would like to say that I agree with the Deputy Mayor. I think it's pretty clear. I like the language. I'm of the opinion that we don't want to create any duplicity, I don't want any overlap in the chain of command if you like. I'm okay with the Friends of Advisory Groups. I think it gives you that groundswell you're looking for respectfully through the Mayor. The thing that I think is interesting that the Mayor mentioned that makes me wonder is, that in the case of Vernonville, they had to be pushed to the brink and then they rebuilt. I think that nobody likes that process. I think when you're pushed up against a wall, all of a sudden people hit the road running. And I'm not suggesting this is a process, I'm suggesting this is a result of what happened in Vernonville. And it may have to happen in other centres where you say, look, we don't have any users in this facility, and then you know, we're going to wrap this up. And I'll bet you the same thing would happen with all of the centres across the Township. I think people have to feel there's a crisis before they act, and it's unfortunate, but I've seen it play out many times, and I think Vernonville was a perfect example of that. Unless you can think of another way of stimulating them, but I'm certainly still not in favour of having a Community Centre open that is not being used. I don't care where it is in the Township, I just do not feel that's wisely spent dollars, of Township dollars and taxpayers' money. I still think it hinges on that essential building block, that is, you know what, if you're gonna' use it, we'll support it – if you're not gonna' use it, we're not going to support it. That's how I've always felt, and I'm looking forward to Jen moving this forward, I think she's done a great job. I like it the way it is.

LATCHFORD: I think she's done a great job too, not saying that she hasn't, but I don't like the negative comments towards her, when as I said these negative comments were way before she was even hired.

FILIP: I think Sherry's also hit the nail right on the head, sorry the Deputy Mayor, when she said, look we've got to get in the pool, we've got to try it. It's a living document, we'll tweak it as we go, and you know we've got to start somewhere. She's always said that, and this was originally her idea way back when, and I want to see this move on to the next level.

LATCHFORD: Okay. Glad you listened to my comments, and you're exactly right about Vernonville, and before we left the meeting, the day the motion was made, we knew we'd have a crowd at the next meeting. (Filip laughing)

So we knew it would take off. I hate to see it in communities for it to come to that, if you can do it in a gentler way, but maybe this is the way. But that you're aware of how I feel and some of the things I've heard. Now we've got to get to the happy medium, or the happy wherever we're going to get.

FILIP: So the Mayor, what is, are we looking to put it into place now, or is this to be further studied? What is the next step here?

LATCHFORD: Well Jennifer, you mentioned putting it back on the Website for further comments. Is that what you want?

STEEN: My recommendation was to put the updated draft Terms of Reference on the Let's Talk Project, and leave it up for comments until next Council meeting, or next month's Council meeting. See what comments we get from the public, and I will present that in another report.

LATCHFORD: And if we're going to do sharing of information with our June taxes, the tax bill that goes out in May, hopefully from you we can have something that also lets people contribute in other ways, that don't do the Let's Talk or go on computers.

Motion to Receive. CARRIED

LATCHFORD: Got my concerns – hah! Our next report from Jennifer Steen.

RE-OPENING & PROGRAMS PC-2021-04 COMMUNITY CENTRE UPDATE

JENNIFER STEEN: I am just looking for direction from Council on how to move forward with our user groups and rentals at our community centres. So as you know, we are currently in the Orange Zone, and to date the Township has been limiting the number of people inside each community centre to 10 people. This went above and beyond the Public Health Measures, which state that the maximum capacity is 30% of the total capacity of a room to a maximum of 50 people. Because our community centre facilities are not staffed, the decision was to take a cautious approach and cap the limit to 10 people indoors. Since things have opened back up, I have received some requests from user groups who would like to continue, one being a church service. So I've presented two options here on how we could move forward. One would be to allow user groups and rentals to go above 10 people to a maximum of 30% of the capacity of the room as laid out in the guide for safely reopening community centres. In accordance with the measures laid out by the Ontario Government, request a safety plan from the user groups who would like to exceed 10 people prior to the rental of the community centre. Staff would review the plan to ensure that it complies with all Health Unit and Government measures, as well as have Township Staff perform site visits and check-ins to ensure that COVID protocols are in place and being followed. Or the second option

would just be to continue to keep the maximum number of people within all community centres to 10 people. So I'm looking for direction there.

So then I just provide a little update on community centres as it was discussed earlier. During the lockdown maintenance was completed on the community centres. The floors at both Fenella and Vernonville were refinished and polished, interior painting was done at the Alnwick Civic Centre, and Staff and Volunteers also worked to clean and organize the inside of Vernonville Community Centre to prepare for the floor refinishing. So I just wanted to thank Staff, Volunteers and Councillors who worked hard to get the above done. Recreation programs are set to resume with a shorter session, so a four week session with enhanced COVID protocols in place. We currently have a reservation system in place for drop in use programs for the Spring, so pickle ball and shuffleboard when the weather gets a bit nicer. User groups and rentals can resume with enhanced protocols in place.

FILIP: Assuming there are no stupid questions Jen, I'm going to ask you one here. I would assume that the recreational programs mentioned in Option #2, e.g. pickle ball and shuffleboard would be an option for Option #1 as well? Obviously that could take place as well with the 30% option. Am I right?

STEEN: There's different regulations that you have to follow when you're doing sports activities, so when you're doing recreational programs, currently those would be, might be different than say a church group coming in to use the facility. For instance, in our Yoga classes participants have to be 9 feet apart, so we couldn't go up to our 30% capacity in that room, because we would have to follow the 9 feet apart measures first, right? So it doesn't really apply for our current recreational programs, because even for pickle ball for instance you're either playing a game with 2 people or 4 people, and you can only do one at a time. So it doesn't really apply, it applies more for our user groups and private rentals that are looking to book the space and get back in, where they might exceed the 10 people.

FILIP: So it depends on the usage then, and Option #1 does not preclude the sports opportunities, it's just they have to play under a different set of rules.

STEEN: Correct.

BOOTH: Thank you for the very informative report Jennifer. I like Option #1. I think it's time that, you know this guideline was put out with measures by the Ontario Government, and we're following those things with the Arena for example. So I think it's about time for the community centres that we can open it up a little bit. It's only to 30%. For example, I look at Centreton instead of having 10 people, Centreton could have 18, so it's only like adding 8 people to it. And still following the rules that are all laid out,

and I like that about Township Staff will perform the odd site visit, just to make sure. I would be in favour of Option #1.

FILIP: I agree.

COUNCILLOR JIM HOGG: I agree also with Option #1.

LATCHFORD: Just answer me this Jennifer, just for general knowledge. Pickle ball at the ACC, we can do two courts or three in the size of that?

STEEN: I was hoping we could do two (Latchford: Okay). We got a grant through Hydro one and we purchased the pickle ball equipment, and I was there yesterday, and just with mapping it out, we can only get one (court), safely get one in.

LATCHFORD: During COVID? (Steen: Yes) Then after post COVID it can do two. (Steen: Yes) Okay, that's good. So that doesn't really affect the numbers then with pickle ball, if only 4 players, but...I just wanted clarification on that.

Motion to approve Option #1. CARRIED

6. GRAFTON COMMUNAL WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES from December 16, 2020.

FILIP: It has been a lot of hard work, a lot of slugging.

LATCHFORD: Yes, we're getting there.

Motion to receive and file. CARRIED

7. LAKEFRONT UTILITY SERVICES INC. - 2020 Annual Summary Report, Grafton Drinking Water System

Motion to receive as presented. CARRIED

8. GEO KAMP LIMITED - Hamlet of Grafton Production Well Monitoring Program, 2020 Annual Report, Permit to Take Water - Number 5086-9BPM4A

FILIP: You have to have a degree to read that report in Hydrology, so just be ready. OMG, it's complicated.

Motion to receive as presented. CARRIED

9. LETTER OF RESIGNATION - CHAIR STEVE GALLOWAY, GRAFTON COMMUNAL WATER COMMITTEE

FILIP: The only thing I will say is we will miss Steve. He's been a great leader, and he really I think exemplifies the perfect volunteer for the Township. He really took his role seriously, and he did great service for us. After we discussed how we would try to fill his

boots, Councillor Booth and I will take on that responsibility. We just have to fight over who wants it most. We will probably share it in the end, but I will probably have to bake several loaves of bread and give them to Councillor Booth in order to swing his vote, so we'll see how it goes. But we're going to take that on. For now.

Motion to accept resignation with regret, and that a letter of thanks be forwarded to Mr. Galloway for his years of volunteer service. CARRIED

10. GROWING THE SIZE OF THE GREENBELT - Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - February 17, 2021

LATCHFORD: This is more for the western part of western Ontario around Paris and that area.

Motion to receive and file. CARRIED

11. CAPITAL THEATRE - REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO FILM AT BOWMANTON CEMETERY HAH CHAIR BOB DEAN Recommendation to Council to deny permission - Letter attached.

LATCHFORD: The request is to film at Bowmanton Cemetery and tell the story of William B. Gummow. There were issues in the 80's and 90's, and it's known as the Weird Willy story, which there's no truth to it at all. There were things that happened at Bowmanton Cemetery at that time that made the Council of the day do a few extra things to prevent that, so they allowed a few severances in the area so there would be housing around. That's the basis of it. He died as a young man, he had pneumonia. So we need to know how Council feels about this. Our Historical Committee are not in favour of this, because they don't want the negativity of it. You've read it, I don't need to read it to you. Many of you probably already know the story, so comments from you on the way you want it to go.

GIBSON: It's interesting that Weird Willy could put that area on the map, but I greatly respect the work of the Heritage Committee, and in particular Bob Dean, and they've spent many, many hours and are committed and very serious about the history of Alnwick Haldimand, and I would respect their recommendation that we do not allow access for this purpose.

FILIP: I agree. Bob Dean has spent his life dedicated to historical research of the Township, and it's his recommendation that they don't do that, and I support that. That being said, certainly this group could be redirected to if they still want to do the story, just don't use the cemetery, you know they could do it in another format that doesn't denigrate – denigrates is the wrong word – but that doesn't create a negative impact on the cemetery. I'll just say it that way. So I agree with Councillor Gibson on this.

HOGG: I agree with Bob Dean about it, but I don't really understand. What was their purpose of filming there? Were they going to just tell the whole story and or what was their purpose.

LATCHFORD: They haven't really stated the entire purpose other than working on the project for the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope investigating the folklore, so doing a documentary and an investigation. The Weird Willy story isn't true. That's what the concern is, and if they're trying to correct that story it's one thing, but we don't want it to end up with a bunch of people wanting to go there and see, and...I think in the 80's and 90's it just ended up as a place where the kids were off site, and out of the way, and stories began. Troy, did you have a comment on this?

GILMOUR: Yeah, I've been speaking with them and their intent was to have four people in the Bowmanton Cemetery to do this film, and it would be documented and shown to the public in the Fall. So, that was their intent. They have chosen two stories within Northumberland, and this one was one of them. That's what they wanted to do, show it to the public in the Fall at the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope.

LATCHFORD: Are they wanting to show the correct story, or are they...it's still open ended here.

GILMOUR: I'm not sure of the details of what story, but their wording is the story of the Weird Willy tale. (Latchford: Folklore) They will go that way, they probably won't talk about William Gummow passing away from pneumonia. They'll probably go the way of Weird Willy.

LATCHFORD: I have to agree with Council and the Heritage as well.

BOOTH: And more than likely they are going to sensationalize it, because they're asking for permission to go there after hours, so I took that as being one of those good night things, where they show the cemetery stone and make a big do about it. So I would agree to not doing this.

LATCHFORD: And our reasons for not doing this, they can respect that and well received, and our community would be happier as well.

MOTION to turn down the request. CARRIED

12. MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS ACT - NON-RESIDENT ELECTORS

MOTION to receive and file Resolution by Township of Archipelago. CARRIED

13. CORRESPONDENCE

a) MMAH Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing - February 12, 2021

RE: Termination of Declared Emergency and Amendments to Orders under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and Reopening Ontario Act

b) MOE Minister of the Environment, Conservation & Parks

RE: Guidance on Submitting Requests for Minister 'exceptions' under the Conservation Authorities Act

c) Application for Minister's Exception (less than 70% municipal council members appointed to an authority)

d) Application for Minister's Exception (Chair and Vice-Chair Provisions)

e) AMCTO, dated February 18, 2021, RE: Open Letter to Ontario Municipal Councils

MOTION to Receive & File the above correspondence. CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HOGG: My son told me yesterday that Harwood's Fire Department are receiving vaccines starting tomorrow and I just wondered if our guys are getting vaccinated.

LATCHFORD: I haven't heard that they. I know that Firefighters are on the list, so it depends on the availability. Paramedics are on the list and I know that Firefighters are on the list too, but I thought further down the line. If they are getting them that's good. That's good news to hear, so that means they're coming.

LATCHFORD: Greg and I attended the Fire Study and Troy the other day, and any other Council Members who were able to get on that. The report that we got, that was sharing services and working together. Anyways the report was presented by the consultant from LOOMEX (COUNTY FIRE REPORT), and that company, those people have fire background. So the recommendations that are in that report are exactly how he presented it. If you read it, you've got it. These recommendations are that they continue to work together, and they are doing a good job on certain things, and that they had short term, medium term and long term goals. It's only been presented to all of the Councils, and I don't know how many attended, and this group will come out to each Council if you want them to. It has not been accepted or received yet, so if you have that report and are reading it, you really didn't miss anything in regards to the presentation. It took about 40 minutes, so I just wanted you to be...I don't think there's anything outside of that report that we can update on, is there Greg? (Booth: No) So if you didn't get there, you've got it.

I have a nice announcement to make today. We got a letter from Minister Stephen Clark, MMAH. The Province has \$500 Million they are dividing between the 444 municipalities. Alnwick Haldimand is going to receive \$62,495. It's money for recovery

and reopening, and with less strings attached to it, so that's so we can use it for a variety of things. You know we weren't expecting this, so Minister Piccini, or MPP Piccini – not Minister – called me last night and told me that this was coming. It was good news, and it is for the expected purpose of assisting with COVID-19 costs and pressures that the Province expects for 2021. It will be put into Reserves for COVID-19 expenses. So that's good news \$62,495. What I'll do is get Yolanda and Alex to just put this on the next Agenda for the public.

CLOSED COUNCIL MEETING

That concluded the Council Meeting. At this point, Council moved into a Closed Session as follows:

"Following the adjournment of the Regular Council Session of Thursday, March 4, 2021, the Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand will be holding a Closed Session in accordance with Section 239 (2) (a), (b), (d), (e) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, to discuss the security of the property of the municipality or local board; personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; labour relations or employee negotiations; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; with the CAO, Deputy CAO/Manager of Finance/HR, Clerk and Deputy Clerk remaining in attendance."

Gritt Koehl

March 5, 2021