



**Joint Lake Association Meeting
August 23, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Council Chambers**



Attendance:

Paul Davidson – Sunset Shores Association
Sue Shaw – Dog Lake Association
Bob Volpe – Dog Lake Association
Evonne Potts – Battersea Loughborough Lake Association
Anne Fisher – Battersea Loughborough Lake Association
Greg Fisher – Buck Lake Association
Elisabeth Arnold – West Devil Lake Property Owners
Robert Woodall – West Devil Lake Property Owners
Michael Portigal – West Devil Lake Property Owners
Monika Kuzma - Inverary Lake Association
Kim McGlynn – Inverary Lake Association
Doug Morey

Councillors:

Mayor Ron Vandewal
Deputy Mayor Alan Revill
Councillor Ross Sutherland
Councillor Ron Sleeth
Councillor Brad Barbeau
Councillor Pat Barr
Councillor Norm Roberts
Councillor Mark Schjerning

Staff:

Wayne Orr, Chief Administrative Officer
Louise Fragnito, Treasurer
Mark Segsworth, Public Works Manager
Tom Berriault, Chief Building Official
Darcy Knott, Fire Chief
Angela Maddocks, Deputy Clerk

Mayor Vandewal called the meeting order and invited all attending to introduce themselves.

Attendees were encouraged to sign in and provide updates to the township on changes to the contact details for the various associations. The township will update its website should new details be provided.

The floor was opened for comments, feedback, and questions.

Sue Shaw, Dog Lake Association, expressed concerns about the blue green algae problem and inquired about a septic inspection program. She recognized that Dog Lake is vulnerable and the association is trying to educate residents about good practices for wells and septic systems but would appreciate help. The testing and getting results about the blue green algae is confusing. Could a septic re-inspection pilot study be done for vulnerable lakes such as Dog Lake? Members would be receptive to helping.

Deputy Mayor Revill spoke to septic re-inspection programs in the past through the Health Unit involving summer students. It was strictly voluntary and focused on bigger lakes and he was unsure how beneficial it was given that those who knew they had problems likely didn't participate.

Mark Segsworth noted that the township has four public beaches, three of which swim lessons are offered and it seems like every August, Dog Lake, due to the shallow nature and that there is not the same water circulation, there are beach closures. The MOEE and the Health Unit are the leads on testing and monitoring this matter.

Kim McGlynn, Inverary Lake Association, indicated that they experience the same issues once in a while.

Greg Fisher, Buck Lake Association, commented that other lakes are becoming more “at risk” due to climate change. While new construction is required to have septic systems and inspections, existing systems are not being checked when properties are sold.

Mayor Vandewal stated that the Health Unit had made a presentation to Council and had indicated at that time that septic system failure is very rare and they felt there is no value in re-inspection for the costs associated with the program.

Councillor Sutherland commented that there are alternatives that aren't that expensive, this is not just a lake issue but also groundwater. He felt this should be something that the new Council will look at.

Elisabeth Arnold, West Devil Lake Property Owners, is also concerned about the issues of algae. She commended the work done by Burt Harbison and Murdock MacFarlane with respect to working with the township for solid waste improvements that included additional pick up on long weekends. She asked that this service be continued. She questioned the OMB ruling with respect to waterfront properties and rebuilding on the same footprint.

Tom Berriault, Chief Building Official, provided details on what the current zoning is and legal non-conforming structures.

There was discussion about the role of the Committee of Adjustment and what influence Council has on their decision making. Committee of Adjustment is an independent body and Council could appeal a decision they make. It was acknowledged that the Official Plan will be reviewed and there will be lots of opportunity for community consultation.

Kim McGlynn asked about the process for developers and individuals who are constructing. Tom Berriault noted that there are several stages of inspections required for construction, the building permit is a public document, however the inspection reports are not. He noted that he enforces and administers the zoning by-law and more of his time is spent with individuals who are building than with developers.

There was discussion surrounding the promotion of preserving water quality in our lakes. Residents and other users need to ensure they are helping to protect the quality. It was suggested that the washing of boats would be helpful and that perhaps an awareness program could be funded by the township in conjunction with lake associations. Promoting public awareness could include donation boxes at boat launches with educational brochures. Is there any information shown when obtaining a fishing license? Perhaps the ministry could be lobbied to include information in their licensing documents. When there is a fishing derby offered locally, the organizer could request that participants ensure their boats are cleaned or washed, especially if they are going from lake to lake.

With respect to notification of subdivision and condominium developments directions as to subscribing to pages of our website and the “News and Public Notices” feature were provided. It was confirmed that Committee of Adjustment agendas and minutes are posted on CivicWeb the same as Council agendas and minutes. A request was made to have the civic address of properties added to

the applications for clarity. The CAO provided clarity on the provisions of the Planning Act with respect to providing notification of development and planning matters.

Anne Fisher, Loughborough Lake Association, asked about who controls the level of water in Loughborough Lake. Mark Segsworth explained that Energy Ottawa controls the dams flowing into the Rideau Canal and are maintaining the levels throughout the system. There is a low water response team established with the Conservation Authority that works closely with Energy Ottawa and other agencies, they are not working in isolation. It was suggested that members of the various lake associations could contact the associated conservation authority for more information. Councillor Sleeth indicated that Loughborough Lake is the “balancing” lake for the Rideau system.

Elisabeth Arnold asked how the associations can be more aware of the status of the fire ban. Fire Chief Knott indicated that the Fire Prevention Committee is looking into posting signage on major roadways. While updates are provided through the township website, weekly advertising, Facebook and Twitter, it was noted that not all seasonal residents look at social media. Paul Davidson, Sunset Shores Association, felt it was important to have roadway signage for his area of the township.

It was clarified that the meeting space at the Perth Road Fire Hall is intended only for meetings hosted by South Frontenac as the meeting space is not separated or secured from the fire equipment.

Greg Fisher questioned the regulation of waterskiing courses on local lakes. It was suggested that MNRF be contacted.

Evonne Potts asked about noise regulations on the water. It is not regulated by the township; however it could be monitored by the OPP Marine Unit based on complaints being directed to the detachment.

Those in attendance felt the meeting had been very useful and supported having another one next year.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm.