

Council Notes: May 20th, 2008

Municipal Water and Sewage Services for Apsley

Township Building Official, Jim Sangster, presented a report to council on the feasibility of providing the Town of Apsley with municipal water and sewage services. Mr. Sangster explained that this report is a preliminary concept adopting only one strategy in order to obtain some approximate costs. The proposed service area would include the town of Apsley but not the areas west and north of Eels Creek. ([See map](#)) This avoids the extra expense of crossing the creek. The plan uses water from Eels Creek, provides hydrants and a gravity-fed sewage system to three cell lagoons. The cost is estimated at \$10.8 million. The annual cost of maintenance would be \$ 98,500 for the water system and \$83,500 for the swage system. 209 existing properties would be serviced impacting each property by a cost of \$ 1,310 per year. Residents outside of the service area would not have to pay for the services.

Council thanked Mr. Sangster for his report and has planned an open house June 19, to get public input on the subject.

Future of the Sand Dome

The construction of the new multi-use facility requires that something be done with the existing sand dome on McFadden's Road. Roads Superintendent, Craig Watson, asked council to consider moving it so that it could be used for salt and equipment storage rather than demolishing it. Council was receptive to the idea, but asked Mr. Watson to determine the extra costs involved if the building is moved. Currently, demolishing the sand dome could be considered as part of site preparation for the new multi-use building, therefore the cost would be covered by the government grant.

Appointment to the Elder-Care Committee

Council appointed resident, Mike Harper to the Elder-Care Committee.

County Report

Reeve, Jim Whelan, gave a status report on the construction of broadband towers. The provincial government now requires that area residents be notified before a tower is erected. Because of petitions from a few residents, some proposed locations have been withdrawn.

Mr. Whelan also mentioned that application has been made to the government for funding the second phase of the project.

Kawartha Signature Site Park

Councilor-at-large, Arnie Brown, said he is concerned that some of the correspondence from the government indicates that "as soon as the park management plan is completed, the government is looking forward to North Kawartha becoming a partner in the park". Council members found the attitude of the government to be irritating. A letter will be sent to government and park officials clearly stating that North Kawartha does not intend to become a partner in the park because the township has had very little input to the plan.

Reeve, Jim Whelan, informed council members that he has requested another meeting with the Park authorities to clarify matters.

Senior Month

Council proclaimed the month of June to be Senior's Month.