

Council Notes: Sept 2, 2008

Parking Enforcement

Council was advised that several staff members will be authorized to issue parking tickets under the new parking bylaws. Although the new bylaws affect all of the township roads, signs will soon be posted in areas where parked vehicles block the access of emergency vehicles.

Quarry Bay Beach

Council discussed numerous problems at Quarry Bay Beach. The beach is supposed to be for daytime swimming only but activities have expanded to include campfires, boat parking, overnight camping and public alcohol consumption. Council members viewed documentation and photos from neighbours near the beach. Deputy-Reeve, Barry Rand said that he wants staff to recommend the most appropriate way to enforce the bylaws in the area. The problem will also be referred to the Police Services Board.

AMO Conference

Deputy-Reeve Barry Rand gave a verbal report on the highlights of the Association of Municipalities conference. He said that there is a lot of confusion on whether a residence is Primary, Permanent or Seasonal. This can have an effect on the amount of funds that can be obtained from various government grants. He suggested that staff should include information with the next mail-out explaining the difference to taxpayers.

County Report

Reeve, Jim Whelan, said that there is \$ 30 million from the provincial government and \$ 39 Million from the federal government to expand high speed internet throughout the province. There is a lot of discussion at the county level with Nexicom, Bell and Explornet to encourage applications that make use of several technologies to make internet available to everyone. He said that, although it is important to maximize the used of every tower because they are expensive, it is also important to consider other alternative technologies.

Mr. Whelan stated that there is a lot of interest in the other townships regarding harmonizing the bylaws. As all the townships are reviewing their bylaws with respect to recent provincial changes, it's an excellent time to tackle the harmonization issues. North Kawartha council would like to assure that the new bylaws make sense, particularly where alterations to existing buildings are concerned. CAO, Shannon Hunter will attempt to organize a meeting with the other townships within the next two weeks.