

RIDEAU LAKES LAKE ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE (RLLAC)
Thursday, July 4, 2019

The Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee (RLLAC) Meeting was held Thursday, July 4th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. at the Newboro Community Hall.

The following members were in attendance: Mayor Arie Hoogenboom, Councillors Ron Pollard, Marcia Maxwell and Claire Gunnewiek. Councillor Bresee was absent. Also in attendance were Brittany Mulhern, Manager of Development Services and Tracy Perrin, Development Services Analyst. Committee members from the following Lake Associations were additionally in attendance: Tom Heinze, Lower Beverley Lake Association; Heather Arnold, Chaffey's and Area Lakes Association; Ken Watson, Sand Lake Estates; Karl Fiander, Otter Lake Landowners Association; Margie Manthey and Peter Neve, Wolfe Lake Association; Grant Leslie, Big Rideau Lake Association; John McDowell and John Cottrill, Upper Rideau Lakes Association; Andre Dubois, Thomas Road West Association; Buddy Penniston, Opinicon East Cottagers' Association; Martha Lush, Crosby Lake Association; Bill St. Jean, Bass Lake Property Owners Association and Doug Franks, Otter Lake Landowners Association.

Mayor Hoogenboom welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee.

Mayor Hoogenboom asked if there were any additions to the agenda and 911 emergency access was added to the agenda.

RECOMMENDATION #1

Moved By: Martha Lush
Seconded By: Bill St. Jean

To pass a Recommendation that;

The Committee adopts the agenda as amended.

Carried:

DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST & GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Mayor Hoogenboom asked if anyone had a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, regarding any items noted on the Agenda and none were heard.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Committee reviewed By-Law 2019-25 being the By-Law to Establish Lake Association Programs. The Terms of Reference were reviewed and Mayor Hoogenboom asked if anyone had any questions or comments, and questions were asked and answered.

A round table discussion was held and Mayor Hoogenboom asked the representative from each Lake Association to provide highlights of their association's activities.

A discussion was held regarding priority setting and what the members would like to see the Committee accomplish. The Committee agreed that coordinating with Parks Canada, OPP, Conservation Authorities and Queen's Biological Station should be one of the main priorities of the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION #2

Moved By: Buddy Penniston

Seconded By: Grant Leslie

To pass a Recommendation that;

The Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee Recommends that the Council of the Corporation of Rideau Lakes acknowledges the verbal reports on the General Discussion Items and priority setting and standing items on the agenda.

Carried:

The Committee held a discussion regarding water quality and water level issues and the Committee agreed that there are some issues regarding both the water quality and current levels of lakes.

A discussion was held regarding shoreline plantings and the Committee passed the following recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION #3

Moved By: Ken Watson

Seconded By: John McDowell

To pass a Recommendation that;

The Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee Recommends that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes that encouragement be provided to the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA) to consult with the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) regarding a future Shoreline Naturalization Program in the CRCA watershed.

Carried:

Brittany Mulhern, Manager of Development Services provided the Committee with an overview of the Mandatory Septic Inspection Program and advised that 300 properties were identified to be inspected and 219 have been completed to date. Ten systems have been identified as requiring replacement.

RECOMMENDATION #4

Moved By: Martha Lush
Seconded By: Thomas Heinze

To pass a Recommendation that;

The Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee Recommends that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes that the budget for the Septic Re-Inspection program be increased in 2020.

Carried:

Committee member Grant Leslie stated that it needs to be verified that septic systems on islands will be tested and a discussion was held regarding providers of pump out services for island properties. The Committee was advised that there is only one company that provides this service to properties on the Rideau and the service is only provided in September and October due to the high volume of traffic on the canal and having to wait at lock stations.

RECOMMENDATION #5

Moved By: Martha Lush
Seconded By: Thomas Heinze

To pass a Recommendation that;

The Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee Recommends that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes that staff be directed to consult with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding impediments to island septic pump out services.

Carried:

A discussion was held regarding coordination between the RLLAC and Parks Canada, OPP, the Conservation Authorities and other Townships.

The Committee discussed being able to access tax roll data and Mayor Hoogenboom advised that a legal opinion had been received and it was advised that roll information not be released due to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

RECOMMENDATION #6

Moved By: Grant Leslie
Seconded By: John McDowell

To pass a Recommendation that;

The Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee Recommends that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes that the request for tax roll data be re-reviewed due to the new establishment of this Committee. This re-review shall include another legal opinion from the Township Solicitor.

Carried:

Brittany Mulhern, Manager of Development Services provided the Committee with an update regarding the Official Plan process and advised that the next meeting will be held on July 12th, 2019 at the Portland Community Hall. There will be a Stakeholders Meeting from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Brittany encouraged delegates from Lake Associations to ensure that a representative from their Association attend and that an RSVP is to be received by Monday, July 8th. Brittany advised that an Open House would also be held on July 12th, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Committee held a discussion regarding 911 emergency access and response times. A concern was raised that emergency services are not able to locate civic addresses and that it may be due to road renaming. Tracy Perrin, Development Services Analyst advised the Committee regarding the road renaming process and how emergency services are advised of new civic addresses. Tracy advised the Committee that emergency services such as ambulance and police have in vehicle mapping to show the exact location of each property but that the Rideau Lakes Fire Department does not have that system in place. It was suggested that the cost of having a mapping system in fire department vehicles be investigated. A discussion was held regarding fire service to islands and where the rescue boat is located.

A discussion was held regarding mapping services such as Google Maps and that some roads are labelled incorrectly. Tracy advised the Committee that the Township has no responsibility to report road renaming to any private mapping companies, and advised that property owners can report any errors directly to the company.

A discussion was held regarding Air BnB's and Campgrounds and what regulations were in place for these properties.

The Committee held a discussion regarding the dates for future meetings. The Committee concurred that another meeting should be held prior to the end of summer before seasonal residents close their cottages.

RECOMMENDATION #7

Moved By: Buddy Penniston
Seconded By: Bill St. Jean

To pass a Recommendation that;

The Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee Recommends that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes that the date for the next meeting be

August 29th, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. with the location to be confirmed.

Carried:

RECOMMENDATION #8

Moved By: Heather Arnold
Seconded By: Martha Lush

To pass a Recommendation that;

The Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee Recommends that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes confirms the proceedings of the meeting held Thursday, July 4th, 2019.

Carried:

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared this Meeting of the Rideau Lakes Lake Association Committee be adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Carried.

Arie Hoogenboom
Chair

Brittany Mulhern
Secretary