

REEVE' REPORT

PERIOD COVERED: November 27, 2007 – December 18, 2007

COUNTY ACTIVITY:

I did attend the Finance and Admin meeting on December 10th. The November Planning meeting and Health Committee meeting were not held. The Finance Meeting dealt with the implications of Bill 130 and the upgrading of the County of Renfrew Procedural By-Law.

The present Warden, Janice Visneski the Mayor of Killaloe, Haggarty and Richards has been acclaimed and will be placed in office today. As noted in my last report to council I believe she has performed well in the position. I have been removed from Finance and Admin as well as Planning and Development and have yet to receive an adequate explanation. I am not happy with this.

The minutes for all county committee's and County Council are available on the County Website.

GREATER MADAWASKA ACTIVITY

A regular council meeting was held on November 26, 2007. I attended all committee meetings held earlier in December. All of council met with members of the community regarding the K & P from Barryvale to Sand Hill. It would seem those present were satisfied with council's response to the initial concerns about truck traffic. The motion to be heard this evening on the formation of a committee to advise on the K & P will go a long way to tweaking the operation and maintenance of the trail and will likely allow this to become a greater success story.

At last weeks COTW Dr. Williamson presented a report on sound regarding Calabogie Motorsports Park. It is available on the municipal website. A public meeting will be held in January 2008 as council reviews this and other documents. One of the most salient parts of Dr. Williamson's presentation for me was that like so many laws and regulations in Ontario - the MOE has not reviewed this one nor was it tailored to any one segment of industrial or commercial application. It's general application does not allow it to be specific in application. And maybe that is the weakness and strength of most of our laws.

CAO John Baird and I attended a meeting with Calabogie Peaks staff earlier in December. The Peaks employs over 200 people during the winter season and between 60 and 70 people at other times. They have an annual payroll of over \$2.5 million which is spent primarily in our community.

The Peaks informed us they are ready to start the next phase of their development build out in the area of The Oaks located on Mary-Joanne Drive. The initial building phase will see twelve or

sixteen units in four unit clusters. These will be marketed under the brand Juniper Ridge and will be for sale units. The Peaks staff met with Jim Hutton of the County Planning Dept. last week and the meeting was attended by the Deputy Clerk. This was an initial meeting to discuss the concept. The January COTW meeting will be held at 4 pm at the Peaks for a presentation to council on their plans.

For this year they have added some new trails and widened a few more. There have been some upgrades to the main lodge. They have added more washroom capacity. Last year they consulted extensively with their clients and acted on the comments.

We are extremely fortunate to have such a beautiful resort in our area. The Peaks has worked hard to develop their business and to produce such an aesthetically appealing setting as you drive up to it. They have spread the "Calabogie" destination pretty extensively in Eastern and Central Ontario.

Last Saturday I attended the opening of the Youth Activity Center in Calabogie. This is a superb program operated by volunteers. It is bright, well appointed with computers, tv and games. We speak of wanting to get the young people involved or invested in the community when we should note it is their community and we have care of it until they can care for it. They in turn will care for it until the next generation is ready. The centre provides the opportunity for them to connect with their community as they prepare to care for it.

The volunteers are scheduling for five nights per week and hope to add a sixth soon. They report the kids attending are polite and respectful of the furnishings and the property. The volunteers really enjoy what they are doing.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

On November 30th I along with the CAO attended a one day training session on Bill 130. We feel confident our procedures with some tweaking will meet compliance with the provisions of Bill 130. The session was conducted by Fred Dean and his familiarity with our municipality certainly helped. Council has been very vigilant with regards to closed meetings and our present practise will allow us to not have problems. An interesting modification is the provision for meetings to be closed if they are education sessions for council members.

The Joint Waste Meeting to be held yesterday was cancelled due to weather.

MEETINGS WITH GREATER MADAWASKA STAFF

I met with the CAO on seven occasions to discuss municipal business and to sign cheques and by-laws. I spoke to the Deputy Clerk with regards to severances and planning issues. I met with the

Public Works Manager to review an equipment issue. I have had several meetings with residents and ratepayers on various issues.

NEXT YEAR

As noted earlier we will be having a meeting on the Noise Audit and possible changes or not to our By-law. We will take delivery of our 2008 Pumper. We will need to review all of our municipal policies and procedures as we have committed to upgrading them every three years. Our zoning by-law review will need to be initiated as next year is year five and it is on a five year cycle. We will need to re-start our capital acquisition plan once it has been revisited and the timelines re-jigged.

These are some of the highlights to start mulling over as we get ready to start into an exciting 2008.

It has been a year since our election and it has been a full year. Each member of council has had a series of personal situations to deal with and have been fortunate to have the support of the rest of council, our staff and the public. I wish to thank all of you for this space as we sort through life's challenges. I have enjoyed this year working with council, staff and the public it has been interesting and invigorating at the same time.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers, our staff the public and our families for their support and wish all a Merry Christmas and a safe, happy and fulfilling New Year.

Respectfully submitted to council on December 18, 2007.

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