



Township of McKellar

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Mayor's Report: Tues April 13, 2021, Council

Community Happenings:

- a- On behalf of Council, I would like to introduce and welcome our new Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya to our McKellar community
- b- Georgian Bay Biosphere presented McKellar with a plaque in recognition of completing stage 1 of the ICECAP program on Climate Change
- c- There were many winners of the Recreation Committee's Spring Break family photo contest which will be in the North Star this week. Congratulations to all that entered
- d- The Recreation Committee is also encouraging everyone to Clean - Up McKellar and send their garbage photo to joyphopkins@gmail.com. Various prizes will be awarded. To date lots of good "garbage" photos have been received. Circulate flyer on Recreation website
- e- The GBB informed me that over 200 citizens completed the CO2 carbon calculator survey and as a result will receive a pine tree courtesy of West Wind Forest and one of our citizens- Steve Munro. You can still complete the Carbon calculator survey at through the GBB website-carbon calculator:
- f- The CAO and I have looked at the various committee applications that were due April first. We had two new Library entries, 2 new economic development one which have been sent to the Library and Council Ancinelli. We will be meeting shortly with the Council reps to make recommendations to Council in early May. To date there are only three applications for the our Sesqui Centennial Committee (150th anniversary of McKellar). If anyone is still interested, please complete your application and forward to staff asap.
- g- Dan Mallory asked me to inform everyone that the moose and deer populations are on the move so please be alert and careful when driving
- h- On a sad note, the Commonwealth has lost a long-standing royal leader in the recent passing of Prince Phillip at age of 99

Reports:

- i- Zoomed with the WPSHC and NBDHC on a variety of items but mostly about the vaccinations roll out. The on - line booking system worked better than the phone in system. Check their website for current information. Dunchurch did an excellent job ensuring a safe and efficient vaccination process. Since Mayor McGarvie's appointment to the NBHDC, communication lines have greatly improved.
- ii- Our Lake Stewardship committee met on March 20 – draft minutes in correspondence – and had two resolutions coming forward: To meet with the Ridge asap to review their environmental plan and renew their environmental committee as per agreement and secondly to recommend to council that they discourage the use of pesticides and insecticides on everyone's property as a follow up to the motion to disallow Hydro to spray under their lines in McKellar. They are still researching the use of tire reefs in our lakes and what to do about them. They are working on their final report to Council after more public input this summer.
- iii- Our Emergency Management Committee met on April 6 and recommended that we end our state of emergency as of July 1, 21. The next day came the Provincial stay at home order followed by a Provincial lockdown for a month. We met this morning – Apr 13- to discuss measures to comply with the new lockdown orders as follows: see press release. We also recommend that all volunteer fire fighters seriously consider getting vaccinated to ensure their personal safety, the safety of their fellow workers and the community they

serve. Next meeting Tuesday April 26 at 9am

-iv- Our Connectivity group (Whitestone and McKellar) has met with COGECO and discussed future possibilities but no action to date.

-v- GBB – ICECAP Climate Change Initiative: The CAO and I met on April 8 to review their actions to date and their plan for 2021 and beyond. Once overall and local targets are set, we will need to develop steps and a plan to reduce our carbon imprint by 2030.

-vi- The Pool and Wellness committee met on Thursday April 8, 21. Councillor Haskim did an excellent job reporting our serious concerns and flaws in their report to date. See chart. Council has major concerns about their projected low operating costs, the proposed funding formula, the weighted management agreement and the lack of a fund raising plan and what happens if not all seven agree. We have invited their “Road Show” to come and present to Council in the near future which will be followed by a public meeting. Whitestone has passed a resolution to simply make a defined capital contribution and a 10 year operating contribution, therefore will not be a one of the members of the Management system

-vii- I have drafted three resolutions for Council’s consideration at the next meeting dealing with the following: -
a- Municipal election expenses –b- Tax concerns over CERB and –c- Issues and concerns re: our EMS

Upcoming Events:

Saturday April 17: 9am-zoom: Our Lake Stewardship and Environmental committee is meeting remotely in Council at 9am. Originally, we were meeting with the Ridge but this has been postponed until the lockdown is over

Tuesday Apr 19: 6-30 pm – committee of the Whole will meet to discuss major projects going forward for 2021 and 2022 budgets plus look at a longer-term plan

Thursday April 22, 6:30 via zoom, the Business, Economic Development and Tourism committee will meet via zoom. New members included

Monday April 25 –Library Committee 10 am – zoom

Thursday Apr 28, Recreation Committee 3:30pm via zoom

Tues May 11 – Council