

Mayor's Report to Council - Tues June 8, 6:30 pm

Community Happenings:

- The MLCA's second annual tree project was a huge success. Thanks to all the volunteers – Wave Weir, Don Carmichael, Fern Harris, Sheila Hardie, Marco Ancinelli, Susan Adamson, Steve Macdonnell and as well to Steve Munro for donating trees to those who completed the carbon survey. Close to 2000 native trees and 2 kg of bee seed mix for buffer zones were distributed
- The McKellar Market will open Saturday July 3 in Minerva Park
- We are hoping to be able to soon announce the PSHS bursary awards to McKellar students who are attending Canadore next fall or other post-secondary institutions
- The Recreation Committee's recent photo contest results will be in the Northstar. Thanks to all those who participated and to the Committee for putting it all together.
- The Environmental and Lake Stewardship Committee will be holding its second annual "Clean Up Our Lakes" event August 21,22,23 whereby a designated bin will be located at the transfer station for three days to collect all the items that are polluting our lakes- styro-foam, old tires, plastics, and tin cans. More information to be announced- Mark your calendars now
- Hwy 124 is being widened as promised in 2019
- On Monday May 31, we lowered our Flags to half - mast out of respect for the many indigenous children who died at residential schools.

Reports:

1. Our EMC met on June 1 and earlier today to review the new Provincial protocols outlining the criteria for the next three stages of reopening. It is hoped that as Covid and ICU cases decline, vaccination rates increase and everyone continues to abide by the strict health protocols, these could change over the summer. In the meantime stay safe, get vaccinated, distance and sanitize yourself and continue to wear a facemask
2. Our Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee has been reviewing its draft report and will be developing a power point presentation for the public this summer. As well they are following up on The Ridges Environmental Plan presentation to Council, working with staff developing a septic re-inspection plan for 2022, and preparing a detailed educational program on environmental issues and participating in the new Rental committee
3. The Library Board met on May 31 to refine all their policies and plan for various community engagements programs this summer at the Market. Watch for their creative fund raisers

4. The Pool Committee continues to meet to discuss a wide variety of issues to be resolved before finalizing the plan. A special announcement was made on Mon June 7, 21. Ask Lance and Morley to bring us up to date
5. Our CAO has outlined our response to a few concerns over finally passing our Zoning By Law after over 5 years of review and community input. It is a being appealed by a few people
6. We will be lifting our State of Emergency originally declared in March 2019 after 15 months which gave our ratepayers a break on interest payments on late tax payments
7. The Ridge is open for golf and the Camps – Manitou and Kodiak are revising their programs and protocols to be safely open this summer
8. We have heard from Mr Thompson that the EMS Board will review our concerns
9. We have had a few municipalities support our CERB resolution

Upcoming Events:

- Thursday June 10, 6:30 pm, we are holding a public meeting on the 2021 budget-check Zoom format
- Saturday June 12 and June 26, our Lake Stewardship and Environmental committee is meeting at 9am , via zoom in Council
- The first Sesqui-Centennial committee meeting is Wed June 16, 9:30 am council
- The Ridge's Environmental Plan deposition to Council- next week at 5pm
- The GBB-Georgian Bay Biosphere will be working on our Butterfly garden on Mon June 21 near Armstrong Lake
- The Library Board is being held on Mon June 28, 10 am- zoom
- The MLCA's AGM – to be determined in July followed by The Environmental committee's power point presentation
- The Recreation Committee will meet on Thursday June 24, 3:30- remote
- Next Council meeting is Tues July 13, 6:30pm