

Mayor's Report to Council, Tuesday July 13, 21

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

- a- McKellar Market: For two Saturdays in a row the weather has been great and our McKellar Market has flourished. Our vendors were sold out and our many visitors were adeptly controlled by our volunteer Firefighters. A very successful event for McKellar. Thanks to everyone who made it happen.
- b- The Georgian Bay Biosphere sent two capable representatives - Delaina Arnold and assistant Heather - to rejuvenate our Butterfly Garden on July 9 which is located near our beach at Armstrong Lake
- c- McKellar was pleased to have three McKellar students receive \$500 bursaries to continue their post – secondary this fall. Congratulations to Jay Graham, Teighan Gibson and Julia Johnson. Jay and his family shared a photo op with Council held at 6:15 today
- d- Pickle ball – if council approves the popular pickle ball group can restart their program this Friday July 15 at 10 am in the arena after a break of 15 months
- e- Water testing: The MLCA testing our public beach and spill areas which had high e coli readings. Our public beach was closed by the Health Unit and a boil water for those nearby. This will continue until e coli numbers are under 200.

REPORTS:

1. EMC – our emergency committee has been meeting regularly on Tues ams to map out an follow the governments staging plan. We will move into stage 3 on July 15<sup>th</sup>. We are busy gathering and approving protocols with the health unit to a wide variety of groups and areas so we can open up as early as Sept 1. If we remain diligent and follow all covid 19 protocols, and the number of vaccines for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> doses are closing in on 80%, and the number of cases, deaths and ICU beds remains low, we are targeting a Sept 1, 21 reopening of Council, Library and our Office, facilities and programs. In the meantime, stay safe and continue your due diligence in combating this pandemic.
2. Our Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee met on June 26 to review their draft report, preview their upcoming power point presentation and continue developing their education program on ways everyone can by doing one thing can improve our lakes and environment. They are at the market handing out educational materials for your use. They have created a book mark based on our children's ideas from a Library event. We have asked Council to become a Standing Committee; and to look into adopting a “ enclosed foam” in new docks. Clean Up Our Lakes #2 is planned for Aug 21,22,23 whereby everyone

- can bring waterfront and lake debris – plastic, cans, styro foam and other debris from our lakes and deposit them in a special container located at the transfer site. See posted flyer.
3. Connectivity: Our connectivity group with Whitestone continue to pursue all options to bring high speed to both communities. It is a slow process. Others are looking at a wider regional approach.
  4. Library Board: met on Monday June 29, 21 to firm-up their policies and procedures and begin planning a series of exciting programs including a booth at the Market, special draws for community baskets, children’s programs in the arena and the launch of a speakers series by working together with our Recreation Committee who previously organized the Pioneer College series until Covid 19
  5. .Our public meeting on the Boat Launch issue is being held on Thurs July 15, 6pm in the CC. Due to Covid 19 we can allow limited number – 24- in person including council, staff, presenters and guests. All others can zoom in as described.
  6. Our other excellent committees: Recreation; Business, Economic and Tourism; Sesquicentennial; Rentals have met and moving many items along. Council reports.
  7. We have received several new grant notifications that were forward to staff for consideration

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday July 14, 3:30 pm Council – Historical Committee

Thursday July 15, 21 6pm CC – public Boat Launch meeting – limited access due to covid

Friday July 16, 10 am, arena – Pickle Ball

Saturday July 17, 24, 31 – 10-1, Minerva Park – McKellar Market

Thursday July 22, 6:30pm, Council- Lake Stewardship Committee

Thursday July 29, 3:30pm, Council – Recreation Committee

MCLA and Lake Stewardship PPP – tbd

Public Pool meeting – tbd

Tuesday Aug 10 – 6:30pm, Council meeting CC

Lake Stewardship public meeting- tbd in August,