



Wasaga Beach Council Highlights

From the June 27, 2017 meeting

Council to decide future of Wasaga Distribution at July 18 meeting

At the June 27 council meeting, members of council agreed in a 6-0 vote to hold a special meeting on July 18 to make a formal decision about the future of Wasaga Distribution Inc.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the RecPlex, 1724 Mosley Street.

Council did intend to hold a special Committee of the Whole meeting on July 18 so it could consider public input and then at a council meeting on July 25 would make a decision about the long-term future of the utility.

But members of council have decided there is sufficient public input to make a decision on July 18.

Mayor Brian Smith, Deputy Mayor Nina Bifulchi, Councillor Joe Belanger, Councillor Bill Stockwell, Councillor Ron Ego, and Councillor Sylvia Bray all supported making

a final decision about the future of Wasaga Distribution on July 18. Absent was Councillor Bonnie Smith.

Fram, Slokker short-listed as development partner for downtown lands

Council short-listed Fram Building Group and Slokker Canada as the municipality's potential development partner to develop town-owned lands within the downtown.

Council further decided it will meet and tour built projects of Fram and Slokker prior to council's decision as to whether the two should become the municipality's development partner.

Elected officials also decided that prior to entering a partnership with the companies, a third party audit will be done to ensure the companies have the financial strength to carry out the development project to the satisfaction of the town.

The two companies will also have to formally agree to the phases of development.

Council requests Grade 7-12 school for Wasaga Beach

The Simcoe County District School Board has indicated its desire to construct another elementary school in Wasaga Beach and council has asked that it build a Grade 7-12 school instead.

Council believes a 7-12 school makes the most sense, because a third public elementary school is needed in the community, and because a high school is desired.

At the moment, the town sends 760 high school students out of town each day.

Official Plan review draws community interest

Town council hosted an Official Plan review meeting.

Planning staff and consultants presented a synopsis of the review process.

The province requires municipalities have an Official Plan. Wasaga's current plan was approved in 2004 and so it requires updating.

The plan determines goals and policies for how the community should evolve.

The town's plan must dovetail with the County of Simcoe's Official Plan.

Residents asked a variety of questions about the review process.

Council committed to making sure the exercise is open and transparent, and that all concerns are addressed.

A drop-in information centre and visioning workshop took place at the RecPlex on June 28, allowing residents another opportunity to provide comment and learn about the review.

Further consultation will take place this fall. A draft of the final version of the plan will be presented to council and the public in 2018.

Terms of reference OK'd for Downtown Development Master Plan Steering Committee

Council approved the terms of reference for the Downtown Master Plan Steering Committee.

The committee will be comprised of two council members and seven representatives of the public.

Committee members will oversee the implementation of the plan.

Town reaches agreement with Wasaga Beach Chamber of Commerce

The Wasaga Beach Chamber of Commerce will have a new one-year lease with the town for the chamber office at 550 River Road West.

Council agreed to the new lease during its meeting on June 27.

Armed Forces will be in Wasaga Beach this October

The Canadian Army will conduct an exercise in Wasaga Beach from Oct. 11-15.

At the June 27 council meeting, elected officials agreed to enter the municipality into a lease with the Government of Canada for the use of certain town-owned lands.

The military personnel that will be in the community are part of the 2nd Regiment of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, 2nd Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group, stationed at CFB Petawawa

The regiment is part of Canada's rapid deployment unit and must be ready to deploy anywhere in the world, including urban areas.

The troops will use town property next to Wasaga Sports Park on Klondike Park Road, the Public Works Yard off Zoo Park Road, and the parking lot at Beach Area 2.

Regimental members will be in Wasaga Beach during the day and at night return to CFB Borden.

Although artillery guns will be placed at various locations, they will not be fired.

The public is invited to observe the exercise.

Zoning bylaw amendment approved for school on Mosley Street

A zoning bylaw amendment to allow a private English-as-a-second-language school at 818 Mosley Street was approved by council.

An Ontario numbered company is planning to open the school in the former Giant Tiger building.

Council awards fireworks tender for Canada Day, Memories of Summer, and Snowman Mania

Firemaster Productions will provide fireworks for three signature community events in Wasaga Beach.

A tender in the amount of \$22,570 from Firemaster was approved during council's June 27 meeting.

The company will provide fireworks for Canada Day, Memories of Summer in September, and Snowman Mania in February 2018.

Major events considered for Wasaga Sports Park

Council directed staff in the Special Events Department to work with Earth Productions to bring three large-scale events to the Wasaga Sports Park over a five-year period, starting in 2018.

The event organizers will be required to go through the municipality's special events approval process.

Public meeting held on Draft Downtown Community Improvement Plan

Council hosted a public meeting about the draft Downtown Community Improvement Plan.

Town planning staff and representatives of N. Barry Lyon Consultants Ltd., presented an overview of the plan.

The plan is a tool used by municipalities to accomplish community improvement within a specified area.

Residents asked questions about the draft plan and some expressed concerns about how it will impact their property.

Planning staff stated it's early in the process, adding all comments will be taken into account.

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