



Council News & Notes

From Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting

June 11

9 am

Regular Council Meeting

Council Meeting

June 25, 2024

6 pm

Regular Council Meeting

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Mayors' Message

Today we begin our Council meeting with a great big congratulations to Lori Crellin who is now our new Clerk. We look forward to working with you Lori.

I would also like to thank Councillor Valiquette for attending a number of meetings while I was away. There was the Trillium Grant announcement at the Land O'Lakes Mother's Day Tea, and meetings with Quinte Waste and the Fair Board.

On May 7th I had a meeting with Mayo Hawco, Executive Director at Gateway Community Health Centre re Council providing a letter supporting their request for a fourth Doctor position. On May 8th I participated in the Hastings County Community & Human Services meeting. On May 23rd I attended the Belleville General Hospital Foundation meeting via Zoom while on holiday.

There are a couple of events prior to our next meeting that I would like to draw to your attention.

June 1 – We raised our Pride Flag at 10:00 a.m at the Jail House.

June 5 – The Municipality of Tweed hosted the Teeny Tiny Summit at the Pavilion.

June 8 – The Municipality walked in the Belleville Pride Parade. We will meet at 10:30 at the Empire Theatre parking lot and make our way to Jim's Pizzeria.

June 15 - Quinte Waste will be hosting the Hazardous Waste Mobile Event at the Firehall.

June 22 - Heritage Centre is selling tickets for their 35th Anniversary Celebration.

Regarding our petitions to all provincial parties re helping small rural municipalities with their infrastructure funding, only the Leader of the Green Party, Mike Schreiner got back to me. We will be having a Zoom meeting on June 4th. I met with him at the May OSUM conference as I did with Minister Calandra, NDP Leader Marit Stiles and Liberal Leader Bonnie Crombie. My letters to each are appended as an information item in this Council package. Mike also lobbied on our behalf for the tornado funding. With just two members, and a very limited operating budget, he is the only party to reach out and note that he wants to help.

Not much more to report other than again Premier Ford throws us all another curve ball. With no funds to help small rural Ontario, he decides to cancel an agreement with the multi-national owners of the Beer Store at a cost of \$225 million. This contract was set to expire on December 21, 2025. This \$225 million does not include lost revenues and other perks such as discounts which all amount to almost \$1 billion. Here we are pleading for money to help with our infrastructure deficit only to be told there is no money available. No kidding! This latest initiative, coupled with the \$1 billion lost as a result of axing the automobile licence fee registration sticker program, represents \$2 billion dollars now out of circulation...money that could help small rural Ontario with housing and infrastructure development or to hire more doctors and nurses to help address the needs of a health care system that is on life support.

Our biggest fights are with the federal and provincial governments and the programs and policies that they either implement or cancel which are counter intuitive to the creation of thriving robust small rural communities. They have yet to reach out to us for a frank discussion on what I have coined as the "demise of small rural Ontario." I am prepared to create a rural working group for any party that is interested in learning about the challenges and opportunities facing small rural Ontario.

June Declared as Pride Month in the Municipality of Tweed

WHEREAS, celebrating PRIDE Month raises awareness and advocacy for the 2SLGBTQ+ community, it is also an opportunity for all residents to engage in dialogue on inclusion and to harness an improved understanding for acceptance; and

WHEREAS, Canadian 2SLGBTQ+ youth due to bullying, hopelessness, depression, rejection and abandonment are 5 times more likely to consider suicide and 7 times more likely to attempt suicide due to their sexual orientation or gender identity as a sexual minority; and

WHEREAS, over 64 countries around the world still criminalize 2SLGBTQ+ for being the people they are meant to be; and

WHEREAS, in Canada we embrace the principle that every individual has inherent dignity and worth, and this Council calls upon the people of this municipality to champion this principle and work to eliminate prejudice in all its forms and everywhere it exists; and

WHEREAS, Council reaffirms that it will continue to be a beacon of hope in its commitment to diversity, equality, respect and inclusion within our community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the month of June will be recognized as Pride Month in the Municipality of Tweed

AND FURTHERMORE that all peoples of different cultures, ethnicities, religions, and race will always be welcomed and celebrated in our community along with our 2SLGBTQ+ friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Council extends an invitation to all citizens to join us on June 1 at 10:00AM as we raise the rainbow flag recognizing all 2SLGBTQ+ residents whose influential and lasting contributions to our neighbourhoods make Canada and the Municipality of Tweed a vibrant community in which to live, work, play and visit.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Council awarded the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Request For Proposal to K.A. Community Consulting in the amount of \$59,412.00 plus HST.

June Declared Stroke Aphasia Month in the Municipality of Tweed

Council declared June as Stroke And Aphasia month in the Municipality of Tweed.

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