

Highlights of the January 2021 regular council meeting.

* A presentation was made by Dave and Barb Edwards re: speed on Concession Road 3 north of County Rd 1.

The deputation was moved to New Business for discussion. During New Business, Council directed staff to install the speed monitors once the lockdown is over so as to enable Council to get more accurate counts of traffic.

* There was verbal report by Chief Mike Blacklaws regarding the Rosemont Fire Department Boundary Change.

Chief Blacklaws answered questions from Council on the effects of increasing the boundary in Mono Township and Mulmur Township and any financial implications. This is only the first stage of the proposed expansion; it will require approvals from other Townships and Fire Departments prior to full implementation. The Proposed Rosemont Fire Department Boundary Change which would see the closest Fire Department responding to a prospective area was approved.

* Council received; and approved the Major Cost Recovery Agreement for subdivision peer review.

This is a cost recovery that is being signed by all developers. Council directed staff to come up with cost recovery fees for staff time spent on development in the Township. In the past all developers were allowed free access to staff time at the cost of the taxpayer. Moving forward developers will have to pay their fair share for staff time taken up for their development.

* Council passed the following resolution in regard to the Lisle Astros Baseball Club
That a letter be sent by the CAO before January 20, 2021 by registered post to the Lisle Astros Baseball Club address on the Signed Agreement with the Township dated June 13, 2016 informing the Lisle Astros Baseball Club that they have been put on notice for violation of the terms of agreement and they have 90 days starting January 28, 2021 to negotiate a new agreement which includes rental rates per day or month with the CAO to be brought back to Council for approval at the May 2021 regular Council Meeting; and further,

That the letter also notifies the Lisle Astros Baseball Club that if a new agreement is not negotiated within the 90 days start period of January 28, 2021 that the Agreement dated June 13, 2016 be terminated on May 1, 2021 failing which the Township shall dispose of all items left in the portable and that the building shall be locked by Township Staff before May 31, 2021 and the portable be removed from the property.

A motion was put forward by the Mayor in October 2019 and a resolution was provided directing staff to direct the Lisle Astros Baseball Club to remove the illegally constructed ramp adjacent to the portable, and that staff meet with the Lisle Astros Baseball Club to renegotiate the terms of the Portable Lease Agreement because the terms of the agreement were breached.

Council put forward another resolution at this meeting that a registered letter be sent by the CAO before January 20, 2021 to the Lisle Astros Baseball Club to the address on the Signed Agreement with the Township informing the Lisle Astros Baseball Club that they have been put on notice for violation of the terms of agreement and they have 90 days starting January 28, 2021 to negotiate a new agreement which includes rental rates per day or month with the CAO and to be brought back to Council for approval at the May 2021 regular Council Meeting; and further,

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* Council directed staff to send a letter to support Vianet's ICON funding application for broadband funding to support the letter Mayor Pinto sent on December 23, 2020.

This was a letter of support to expand the fibre optic coverage in the township. Please note that council and staff are doing their best to avail of all funding available to increase coverage. Although the request for the new funding covers the entire township, it is the Ministry that will determine which areas will be covered. I thank all the residents who sent in letters to the township as every letter helps in obtaining funding.

* Council appointed a new Clerk for The Township.

Council and myself welcome Ms. Dianne Gould-Brown to our Township. She brings with her many years of experience.

* Council also appointed a new Chief Building Official and Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer.

Council and myself welcome Mr. Christian Robinson to our Township. He brings with him many years of experience.

* Two Council Members were appointed to the Committee of Adjustment for the year of 2021.

This is the annual re-appointment of Deputy Mayor Bob Meadows and Councillor Debbie Hall-Chancey to the Committee of Adjustments as required by the Act.

*Don Sinclair was appointed as representative to the Toronto Region Conservation Authority for the Township.

This was appointing a new member from Mono Township to the TRCA board as a result of changes to the Conservation Authority.

* The following motion by Deputy Mayor Meadows was carried:

That Watson and Associates be notified that the new wastewater study, due May 2021 include operational, capital and debt charges as mandated by Ontario Provincial Legislation and adopted as per the Township's financial strategic plan by Council June 1, 2009, be implemented to the current users of the Townships wastewater systems through user fees, and further;

That Watson and Associates be informed that the wastewater rates will only include the 100 homes in the New Horizon Development as per resolution RES-151-2020, and further;

That the Mayor, CAO, Staff and Ward Councillor meet with Clearford and New Terra to obtain quotes for the residents on the New Horizons Plant on a secondary option moving forward.

This was with regards to getting a report from the Township economist on wastewater solution to help residents with a plan to pay back the debt and solutions to fix the New Horizon plant that has been failing. This plant was assumed by the Township through a bylaw / resolution of council many years ago without any financial sustainability reports or other reports that should have been done prior to Council assuming the plant. Lack of proper oversight has now resulted in over \$800,000 debt on residents.