



RIVER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REPORT

Held Thursday, October 27, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
In the Classroom, Town Hall

PRESENT: Chuck Dali
Dave Arsenault
David Wilde
Jason Ruttan
Mayor Smith
Councillor Belanger
K. Lalonde, Director of Public Works

ABSENT: Mike Lewis
Ed Holley
Bob Wills

1. CALL TO ORDER

J. Ruttan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Committee declared no Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

J. Ruttan asked Committee if they had any questions regarding the May 19, 2016 River Resources Committee report. Committee had no comments.

4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Barcham provided an update with regards to OPP enforcement and operations on the river this past season. A. Barcham indicated that there were no impaired boaters or criminal charges laid on the river this season. A. Barcham noted that the Collingwood vessel was utilized this season several times to assist with enforcement efforts. There was a total of 357 patrol hours on the river, exceeding the goal of 300 hrs. Similarly, there were 426 vessels checked, exceeding the goal of 350 vessels. Discussion ensued with respect to the wake created by larger vessels and plowing along the river, which remains an issue. Discussion ensued regarding wake signage under the Canada Shipping Act and wake by-laws enacted by municipalities for harbor operations. A. Bartram noted that the enforcement plan may be revamped for next season, including the sharing of resources with Collingwood detachment. A. Barcham indicated that the 2017 Marine Plan will be shared with River Resources Committee in advance of the next boating season.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a) Safe & Smart Boating Guides were created and disbursed prior to July 1st long weekend – ***RR-November 26, 2015, RR-May 5, 2016 and RR-May 19, 2016.***

J. Ruttan provided an update with regards to the revised Boating Guide, which was circulated before the July Long Weekend. The Guide was distributed to many outlets, including the Marinas, Town Hall, Chamber of Commerce, Ontario Parks Office and OPP.

D. Wilde suggested that the Boating Guide be circulated within the Tax Bill for those properties along the River. K. Lalonde indicated that he would explore this opportunity with Treasury and whether we can utilize the GIS Department to help filter addresses/properties specific to the River.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Review the depth soundings from September 30th, 2016 and comparison to Spring 2016 and Fall 2015.**

J. Ruttan thanked C. Dali for preparing the depth sounding spreadsheet and provided an overview of the depth soundings for the season.

MOVED BY D. Arsenault
SECONDED BY C. Dali

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03-01

RESOLVED THAT the River Resources Advisory Committee does hereby receive the depth sounding data for 2016, for information.

CARRIED

- b) **Review the GPS change in shape and image – Provided from river mouth Spring 2016 and Fall 2016.**

J. Ruttan shared the GPS data from the river mouth and shoreline adjacent to the mouth of the river. Discussion ensued with respect to the dynamic nature of the point and its continuous extension over the years. Several piers and breakwalls designs were discussed, including Kincardine, Port Dover, Port Maitland.

K. Lalonde provided an update with respect to the River Dredging Class EA, and the challenges with constructing an engineered solution on the point due to the sensitivity of the point (Ontario Parks land) and the endangered lake sturgeon. Discussion ensued with respect to the conditions of the mouth and potential for ice jamming in the spring, should conditions continue to deteriorate.

MOVED BY D. Wilde
SECONDED BY C. Dali

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-03-02

RESOLVED THAT the River Resources Advisory Committee does hereby receive the GPS data for the mouth of the river, for information.

CARRIED

7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be the Call of the Chair.

9. ADJOURNMENT

J. Ruttan adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.