



# RIVER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## REPORT

Held Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.  
In the Classroom, Town Hall

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### PRESENT:

Jason Ruttan  
Dave Arsenault  
Bob Wills  
Edward Holley

Andrew Barcham    O.P.P. Marine Unit Rep.  
Kevin Lalonde     Director of Public Works

### ABSENT:

Chuck Dali  
David Wilde  
Mike Lewis  
Mayor Smith

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Jason Ruttan, Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

### 2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Committee declared no Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest.

### 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Jason Ruttan asked Committee if they had any questions regarding the October 27th, 2016 River Resources Committee report. Committee had no comments.

### 4. DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS – None

### 5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

#### a) OPP Update

- A. Barcham provided an update regarding the OPP Marine Unit and associate marine activity over the recent May Long Weekend.
- Discussion ensued with respect to the patrolling duration and frequency over the Long Weekend and the impact the cold and wet weather had on boat traffic
- A. Barcham indicated that the OPP Marine Unit discussed the slight adjustment to the river markers adjacent to Snake Island. The markers were realigned slightly to the north.
- With the high water levels, the velocity and current flow remains high along the river.

- A. Barcham confirmed that the O.P.P. have already spent twenty-one (21) hours on water so far
- A. Barcham also advised that the river mouth was at approximately 4 ½ feet at the shallowest.
- A. Barcham indicated that there will be one (1) O.P.P. Marine Student this season, starting on July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Discussion ensued with respect to the Joint Patrol with Collingwood OPP, which starts July 1<sup>st</sup>
- A. Barcham outlined the Marine Schedule for the season, which starts July 1<sup>st</sup>, every weekend through to Labour Day – Monday to Thursday – may be Wasaga Beach boat or Collingwood boat coming down, but actual patrol Friday, Saturday and Sunday.
- A. Barcham clarified that the Collingwood vessel will patrol the bay only; however, Wasaga Beach Detachment will monitor river as well.

b) Recreational Vessel Courtesy Check (RVCC)

- A. Barcham outlined the RVCC Program offering and has been working hard to bring this initiative back to Wasaga Beach. This is considered a great opportunity to interact with the public and further promote the Town and its resources.
- Discussion ensued about possibly running this program in conjunction with flare disposal day; run by Power Squadron. This however, was to be confirmed by A. Barcham.
- Options for facilitating this initiative were being explored by A. Barcham, including the Power Squadron or through the OPP
- Opportunity to generate traffic to Wasaga Beach – trailer vessels get checked-explore bay and river
- David Arsenault-followed up with contract from Georgetown

c) Spring Depth Sounding

- J. Ruttan suggested that a spring depth sounding be coordinated for mid-June, as the river levels remain high. It was noted that a River Resources Committee meeting could potentially be hosted thereafter to review results.
- Sounding dates/times to be coordinated by the Chair.

## 7. ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

a) Collingwood Waterfront Master Plan

- J. Ruttan recommended that a representative from the Town of Collingwood present the proposed Waterfront Master Plan to committee at a future meeting. K. Lalonde to provide contact name to J. Ruttan for coordination.
- Discussion ensued regarding the existing docking facilities currently installed at the Collingwood Shipyards development.

b) Docking Facilities Opportunities

- Committee discussed opportunities for potential docking facilities along the Nottawasaga River, for future discussion, including the following:
  - 1) Nancy Parking Lot
  - 2) Main Street Bridge
  - 3) Willow unopened road allowance

c) Klondike Sports Park - Canoe Launch

- Discussion ensued with respect to the condition of the existing canoe launch at the Sports Park.
- J. Ruttan recommended consideration for a canoe rack to temporarily secure canoes; possibly adjacent to the Pavilion.
- K. Lalonde indicated that the river levels are still quite high and as such the docking facility has yet to be installed and secured to the shoreline.

d) Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) floodplain mapping update

- K. Lalonde indicated that the NVCA have recently completed their updated shoreline mapping along Nottawasaga Bay, including elevations and imagery.
- K. Lalonde noted that the NVCA will be requested to present the results from this recent study to an upcoming Coordinated Committee Meeting.
- K. Lalonde also indicated that the Town partnered with the NVCA last fall and submitted an application to the National Disaster Mitigation Fund for funding to help offset costs associated with the updating of the Nottawasaga River Floodplain Mapping. Announcement regarding the funding application is anticipated in the next month or so.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Jason Ruttan adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.