



Wasaga Beach Council Highlights

From the May 28, 2019 meeting

Music event showcasing local talent planned for Aug. 17

Council approved the Ontario Musicians Co-operative Inc. Showcase event for Aug. 17.

OMCI is an emerging artist program that has federal funding to provide jobs to youth in the music industry.

The town will provide a stage for the event, which will feature local up-and-coming musicians from Wasaga Beach, Collingwood, and other surrounding areas.

The showcase will happen the same weekend as Wasaga Under Siege, adding to the overall activity.

For more about the event, see the staff report here: <http://bit.ly/2Vc6JHN>.

Parachute championships approved for Wasaga Beach

The Canadian National Parachuting Championships will take place in town from Aug. 31 to Sept. 6.

Council approved hosting the event, which will take place at the Wasaga Sports Park.

Council members also agreed to financial sponsorship of \$5,000 to assist with offsetting marketing costs.

In addition, they approved in-kind sponsorship valued at \$6,500. The support includes use of a stage, tent, and facilities rentals.

To learn more read the staff report here: <http://bit.ly/2Vc6JHN>.

Town studying where cannabis cultivation should be permitted

Deputy Mayor Sylvia Bray advised council that at the May 9 Coordinated Committee meeting a public meeting was held regarding a general amendment to the town's zoning bylaw.

The purpose of the amendment is to create a definition for what is considered an Agricultural Cannabis Cultivation Site.

Uses would be limited to the Rural Zone category. Ultimately, the aim is to clearly define where agricultural uses for commercial cannabis are permitted.

Staff will continue to review the proposed amendment through the town's cannabis working group.

Town strikes new tourism advisory committee

Tourism is an important part of council's focus as it works to move Wasaga Beach forward.

Tuesday night, council approved the creation of the Wasaga Beach Advisory Committee on Tourism.

Council authorized staff to advertise for volunteers to sit on the committee.

The role of the committee is to provide advice, comments, and recommendations to council on tourism, as well as related activities and initiatives.

Electric vehicle charging station planned for RecPlex

Council OK'd entering the municipality into a memorandum of understanding with Baseload Power Corporation for the installation of an electric vehicle charging station in the RecPlex parking lot.

The station would be there for a 10-year period at no cost to the town.

The arrangement is subject to a formal agreement being approved by council if

Baseload's federal grant application to support installation costs is approved.

Baseload is currently working with other municipalities in the region, including The Blue Mountains, Collingwood, Oro-Medonte, Clearview, and Orangeville.

Municipality takes position on regional governance review

Councillor Stan Wells, chair of the General Government Committee, noted committee received a report on staff comments regarding the regional governance review and that committee authorized the mayor and CAO to submit comments to the province's regional review advisors.

CAO George Vadeboncoeur presented the information to advisors at the County of Simcoe office on May 13.

The municipality's formal position is that the two tier government system works well in Simcoe County; however some realignment of services should be implemented to make them more efficient. As well Council does not believe amalgamation is a solution to the objectives of the regional governance review.

To learn more see here:

<http://bit.ly/2JvaidG>.

Staff looking at how to improve accessible lift at town hall

A review of the accessible lift at town hall will take place, said Councillor Stan Wells,

chair of the General Government Section of Coordinated Committee.

The review will look at how the lift can be more customer friendly and accessible.

Councillor Mark Kinney moved at the Coordinated Committee meeting on May 9 that staff consider improvements to the lift and committee members agreed.

Following the review, staff will report on possible improvements, costs, and timelines.

Design work for Mosley Street Urbanization Project awarded

Council awarded the design work for the Mosley Street Urbanization Project to Tatham Engineering for \$325,000.

The project covers a section of Mosley from 45th Street to Beachwood Road.

The environmental assessment for the stretch recommends a sidewalk and additional lanes as part of the improvements.

Bicycle lanes coming as part of pilot project

Council approved a report on the reconfiguration of line painting and pavement markings on Main Street.

They also directed staff to proceed with pavement markings on Mosley Street from Main Street to Sixth Street – including two vehicular lanes and two bicycle lanes, in

accordance with the 2016 Main Street Bridge Rehabilitation design.

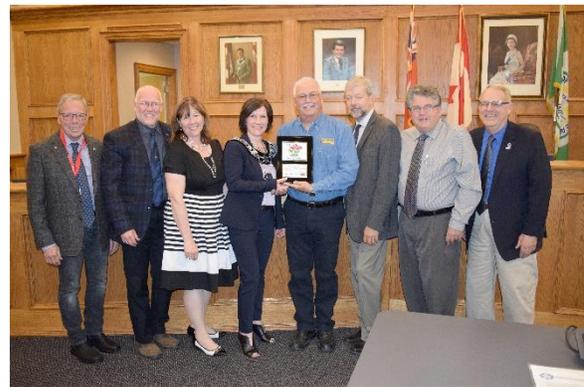
Council directed staff to proceed with pavement markings on Main Street that will reduce four vehicle lanes to three vehicle lanes with two bicycle lanes.

The town anticipates the changes will not affect traffic flow.

These changes will be a pilot project and the suitability confirmed through an Environmental Assessment taking place.

In a staff report, manager of engineering services Mike Pincivero says the change should be a positive for the area.

“It will provide for cyclist accommodation for all of Main Street from River Road West to Beach Areas 1 and 2,” he said.



Steve Hardisty of the Wasaga Beach Cruisers presented a plaque to council at the May 28 meeting.

Car club recognizes municipality for support

Steve Hardisty, president of the Wasaga Beach Cruisers, presented town council and staff with a plaque on Tuesday night.

The presentation took place during council's regular monthly meeting.

The plaque is in recognition of the town's support for the car club over the years.

To learn more about the club check out the website here: <http://bit.ly/2WwfQb1>.



Jack Prezio with the painting he presented to the town.

Painting of beachfront presented to town

A new painting is now on display at town hall.

Wasaga Beach's Jack Prezio presented a beachfront painting to the municipality on Tuesday night.

Prezio painted the scene, which locals can find on display at town hall in the Treasury Department.

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-For the official record of council's meeting, please see the minutes at www.wasagabeach.com.

-You can watch the meeting here:
<http://www.rogerstv.com/show?lid=12&rid=72&sid=5800&gid=291687>

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