



# Wasaga Beach Council Highlights

## From the Oct. 30, 2018 meeting

### **County gives update on affordable housing strategy**

Town council received an update on the County of Simcoe's Affordable Housing and Homelessness Strategy.

Arfona Zwiers and John Connell from the county made the presentation.

The strategy is a plan that will unfold over a 10-year period.

They said county council approved the strategy in 2014 with the aim of creating 2,685 new housing units for people.

Composed of five themes, the strategy will be implemented in three phases.

County council has approved phase 2, which will take place between 2018 and 2020.

Highlights of the 2017 year include a motel conversion project, \$2-million in funds for affordable housing in smaller rural development areas, and continued dollars for county-funded rent subsidy and secondary suite programs.

Since 2014, the strategy has resulted in the creation of 1,017 new units; 473 in 2017 alone.

To review the full presentation, see here: <http://bit.ly/2qkJBde>.

### **Public meeting held for Pacific Developments project**

Council hosted a public meeting for a proposal at 775 and 801 Sunnidale Road South.

The lands form part of the Sunnidale Trails Secondary Plan.

Spearheaded by Pacific Developments Inc., the project requires an Official Plan Amendment, Zoning Bylaw Amendment, and Redline Revision to Draft Plan of Subdivision.

Planner Ray Duhamel, acting on behalf of the proponent, gave council an overview of the project.

Situated on roughly 245 acres, the plan is to increase the number of units in their

subdivision from 556 to 604 units, to create a small commercial hub, and an elementary school within phase one of the development (west of Freethy Road), and an as-of-yet unspecified number of residential units within phase two of the development proposal (east of Freethy Road).

The company anticipates construction of roads and servicing in 2019, with home construction starting in 2020.

There were no objections voiced to the project.

Staff are reviewing the proposal and will present council with a report later.

To see the full presentation, see here: <http://bit.ly/2qkJBde>.

### **Sunnidale Estates public meeting held**

Members of town council hosted a public meeting for the Sunnidale Estates Ltd., proposal.

These lands form part of the Sunnidale Trails Secondary Plan.

Situated on the east side of Sunnidale Road, north of Sunnidale Concession 12, the applicant seeks an Official Plan Amendment, Zoning Bylaw Amendment, and Redline Revision to Draft Plan of Subdivision.

Planner Kris Menzies, acting on behalf of the proponent, noted the first phase of the

project already has draft plan approval, but the applicant learned from the town that there is additional capacity available in the town's sewage infrastructure.

As a result, the site can support an increase in residential units.

Therefore, the proponents would like an overall increase in their unit count to 1,145 units from 940.

To see the full presentation, click here: <http://bit.ly/2qkJBde>.

### **After-hours medical clinic opening in November**

The Wasaga Beach After-Hours Medical Clinic will officially open its doors on Monday, Nov. 19.

Council approved agreements and bylaws allowing the clinic to go ahead.

Municipal officials and community partners have worked for roughly a year to get the clinic up and running.

It will operate Monday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The clinic will be based at 14 Ramblewood Dr., Unit 202, in the South Georgian Bay Community Health Centre.

More details will soon be available on the town's website at [www.wasagabeach.com](http://www.wasagabeach.com).

## **Legion funding will support fire department equipment purchase**

The Wasaga Beach Fire Department received a \$7,500 cheque from the Stayner Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion.

The department will use the funds to help purchase equipment.

Councillor Joe Belanger, chair of the Community Services Committee, advised council the cheque presentation took place at the Oct. 11 Coordinated Committee meeting.

The legion raised the funds through its annual poppy campaign.

## **Council grants exemption to firearms bylaw**

Town council approved an exemption to the firearms control bylaw that will allow deer hunting on a 100-acre farm in the municipality.

Paul and Marcia Ryther received permission to hold a five-day deer hunt on their property in November. The site is at 26 Ryther Rd.

“Mr. Ryther has an active farm and has noticed damage caused to his crops by the deer, and seeks the annual controlled hunt to reduce the damage to his crops,” bylaw enforcement officer Jeff Regan said in a staff report to council’s Coordinated Committee.

## **Road closures approved for Remembrance Day service**

Council approved road closures for the annual Remembrance Day service, which will take place Sunday, Nov. 4.

The service is at town hall, 30 Lewis St., and will start at 11 a.m.

In connection to the service, Lewis Street will be closed to traffic from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Glenwood Drive will be closed between the Wasaga Beach Public Library and Lewis Street at 10:30 a.m. for the parade. After the service, River Avenue Crescent will close briefly to allow the parade to return to the Huronia West OPP detachment.

## **Public meeting approved for 45<sup>th</sup> Street project**

The town will proceed with scheduling a public meeting to collect community and agency input regarding a proposed residential development.

The project, known as Wasaga Heights Inc., requires an approved draft plan of subdivision in order to proceed.

Situated at the northeast corner of 45<sup>th</sup> Street and Knox Road West, the 15-acre site is currently vacant.

The applicant is proposing a two-phase development with the first phase consisting of 103 townhomes, a parkette, and private road on lands currently designated residential.

Land designated district commercial is part of phase two.

To learn more about the project, read a staff report here: <http://bit.ly/2A4gKiX>.

### **Wasaga Beach Transit stats show service use steady**

Ridership on Wasaga Beach Transit remains steady, results for September show.

Council received the September ridership statistics at its meeting Tuesday night.

In September 2018, 6,521 people used Wasaga Beach Transit, compared to 6,537 users in September 2017.

September 2018 stats show a slight dip compared to August 2018, when 6,852 people used the local transit service.

For more information about Wasaga Beach Transit, click here:

<https://www.wasagabeach.com/transit>

### **November meetings cancelled, council decides**

Council and its related committees will not meet during the month of November.

Council decided to cancel its November meetings as there is no pressing business.

Should an urgent matter arise, council can call a special meeting.

There will be a new council sworn-in on Dec. 4.

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