



Council Response to Spokesperson/Group opposing Boat Launch presentation Aug 15, 2016

Dear Spokesperson and Group members:

Thank you for your presentation to Council on Aug 15, 2016 and your speaking notes.

Council has issued a statement regarding the Public Boat Launch. In an effort to be clear, concise and not repeat, we will attempt to address concerns in your speaking notes and may refer to the statement.

1. Official Plan Section B4 Shoreline B4.3 Permitted Uses

Permitted uses in areas designated Shoreline on Schedule A shall include single dwellings, tourist commercial uses, marinas and recreational uses which existed on the date of approval of this Plan. The property is known as Eagle Lake Estates Park and is owned by the Township. The Plan of Subdivision provided Block A to the Township as Access to Eagle Lake. The Township listing for Parks reflects the following: Narrows Public Beach, Eagle Lake Estates Park and Bray Lake Park. The listing differentiates as the Narrows Public Beach is a beach, Eagle Lake Estates Park and Bray Lake Park indicate park as they contain boat launches. For zoning compliance, please see Council Statement regarding Public Boat Launch paragraph 1.

2. Application for Work Permit to MNRF

Application to MNRF has been deemed complete and is now in Environmental Review process.

3. Rushes/Invasive Species called Phragmites (European Common Reed)

We have inquired with MNRF to ascertain whether the MNRF EA review process will determine the existence or non existence of an invasive species named "Invasive Phragmites" (European Common Reed). Additionally, we'll contact ELCA (Eagle Lake Conservation Association) for data.

4. Significant change to the use, use as boat launch, never posted or advertised as a boat launch

Please see above 1. We have taken your comment there will no longer be a sandy beach, or safe access to swim for small children under review. We note the park is already shared use.

Additional Considerations attached to the speaking notes.

Background

Please see Council Statement regarding Public Boat Launch paragraph 1 and 3.

Non-Disclosure and Lack of Transparency

Please see Council Statement regarding Public Boat Launch paragraph 3. We note your comment the Township confirmed they do not have a notification policy. The Township does have a notification policy and it is not applicable to this matter.

Negative Impacts/Environmental Impact Study

Please see Council Statement regarding Public Boat Launch paragraph 2. We also confirm mapping reflects there is no Environmental Protection zoning, and no designated protections such as Moose Aquatic Feeding Area, Deer Wintering Area, or Type 1 Fish Habitat in the proposal area.

Other Options Canada 150 grant be used for a more widely acceptable project

What projects can be funded: community centres, cultural centres and museums, recreational facilities or infrastructure, tourism facilities, docks, other existing community infrastructure for public benefit. Eligible projects will be for the rehabilitation or improvement, including expansion, of existing infrastructure for public use or benefit that: provides long term benefits to a community, will be viewed with pride by a community and leave a meaningful lasting legacy resulting from Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program. Projects must fall within the following categories to be eligible for funding: community centres, cultural centres, museums, libraries, parks, recreational facilities such as local arenas/gymnasias/swimming pools/sports fields, cenotaphs and other existing community infrastructure that will have a public benefit. We confirm that roads are not a priority for the Canada 150 funding.

Recommendations

It is anticipated construction will not take place this fall as we will likely be past the date permitted for in water construction work.

The Township has a by-law requiring notification and is required to send individual notice as per the Planning Act. Please see Council Statement regarding Public Boat Launch paragraph 3.

It is noted that the items listed in the Additional Considerations were extensive and we've received 2 presentations similar in opposition. We have attempted to address the concerns without repeat information.

Council Statement regarding Public Boat Launch has been provided for your reference. Respectfully, please note the Statement and this response will be posted on our website for citizen information. Thank you.