



Council Meeting Highlights

July 17, 2018

Delegations

Zorra Highland Park Hoof Club

Brenna Parkhill of Zorra Highland Park Hoof Club appeared before Council to provide information on the Club and how they were able to fundraise enough money to rescue a former registered race horse and a small pony.

Public Meetings

Ornum Farms, Application for Zone Change

The purpose of the Application for Zone Change is to rezone lands containing a portion of an existing accessory single detached dwelling, which currently straddles the lot line, and to facilitate severance of the lands and adding them to an adjacent recreational parcel.

The lot to be severed comprises an area of approximately 1,303 m² (14,025 ft²/0.32 ac) and contains a portion of an existing single detached dwelling constructed in the 1960s, a well and a septic system. The lot to be retained comprises an area of approximately 62.3 ha (154 ac), with frontage of 580 m (1,903 ft) along Road 84, and contains a single detached dwelling and land in agricultural production. The lot to be enlarged comprises 21.4 ha (53 ac), with frontage of 700 m (2,297 ft) along Road 84, and contains a golf course, accessory buildings and a portion of the aforementioned single detached dwelling. Council approved the application.

Kenneth Haworth & Marta Rozman, Application for Zone Change

The application proposes to rezone the subject lands from 'General Agricultural Zone (A2)' to 'Special General Agricultural Zone (A2-sp)' to recognize a lot area of approximately 22.7 ha (56.2 ac) for lands to be retained resulting from consent application B17-52-5. The lot to be retained contains a single detached dwelling and an accessory structure and is predominantly comprised of woodlands.

Consent Application B17-52-5 was approved by the County of Oxford Land Division Committee on April 5, 2018 with a condition that the lot to be retained be appropriately zoned. Consent Application B17-52-5 proposes to sever approximately 18.6 ha (45.8 ac) containing agricultural land, a woodlot and a single detached dwelling to be added to the adjacent agricultural lot to the immediate south. The lot to be enlarged comprises 42 ha (104.4 ac) and contains farm buildings and an accessory single detached dwelling. The resulting enlarged lot would have an area of approximately 60.6 ha (149.7 ac). Minor Variance application A17-07-5 was also approved by the County of Oxford Land Division Committee to permit two single detached dwellings on the enlarged property. Council approved the application.

Department Reports

Fire

Zorra Fire & Emergency Services have responded to 10 calls in June and a total of 113 year to date. For the same period in 2017, the Fire Service responded to 93 calls.

Zorra fire is to receive three new AED's in 2018. The units being replace are still serviceable and the Fire Chief recommended these units be deployed elsewhere in the Township in



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underserved areas.

Recreation

Thamesford Swimming Pool opened for swimming classes for Thamesford Public School on June 18. Following that, evening public swims were available for the last week of month until the regular schedule began on June 30.

Summer day camp is full. Maggie Carter, Camp Coordinator, spent the month preparing content, policies and training for camp staff.

Doug Mills presented a report recommending a new water treatment service for ice resurfacing at Thamesford District Recreation Centre. This new system will replace an existing hot water system with cold water. This will result in cost savings for not running a conventional water heater.

Building and Drainage

The Building Department issued a total of 27 permits in June and a total of 119 for this year. During the same period in 2017, there were 93 permits issued. There was one new housing permit issued in June bringing the total to 22. During the same period in 2017, there were 11 new housing starts. To date, the Township has collected \$136,684 in building permit fees.

Public Works

Dust suppressant application began on May 16 in the south end of the Township and was completed on July 6. Maintenance gravelling in the north end began on June 4 and was completed on June 18.

Oxford County Waste Management is looking for more cost-effective ways for the removal of leaf and yard waste from the depots across Oxford County. Zorra Township was asked to participate in a pilot program that would involve the loading of such waste in a supplied 50-yard capacity bin placed at the Waste Depot location. Once the bin is full it will be replaced with another bin and the full bin removed. If this program proves successful cost savings and much lower greenhouse gas emissions will be significant. Zorra Township will be participating when the pilot program is scheduled to start in the fall.

Finance

During the second quarter of 2018, \$40,108.44 in tax dollars was written off as a result of a 2017 Vacancy Rebate.

Council authorized submission of a grant request to the Government of Canada Enabling Accessibility Fund for work at Harrington Hall. The proposed work would see installation of push button for the doors to enter and exit the building as well as the washroom and the installation of an access ramp from the street level to the building. The estimated cost of the project is \$20,000.00.



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Administration

Council approved the second phase of the Fraser Subdivision in Embro. This will see an additional 16 lots ready for construction later this fall.

The CAO provided Council with an update on the following 2018 Capital Projects:

- Bridge Guiderail Installation
- Road 60 Rehabilitation
- Road 78 Rehabilitation
- Road 88 Rehabilitation
- Harrington Hall Roof Replacement
- Embro Soccer Field Construction
- Thamesford Spray Pad/Skatepark
- Council Chamber Renovations
- Embro Fire Station Addition

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is to be held on August 14, 2018, at 9:30 am in the Council Chambers.