



Council Meeting Highlights

August 14, 2018

Delegations

Chris Martin, Carmeuse Lime

Chris Martin from Carmeuse Lime presented verbal update to Council regarding the pilot project to burn alternative fuels. Mr. Martin noted that recent government changes eliminated funding these types of projects however, Carmeuse will continue experimentation with alternate fuels as permitted by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Public Meetings

Amy & Scott Lichti, Application for Zone Change

The purpose of this application for zone change is to allow for continued use (3 year extension) of an existing garden suite on the subject property on a temporary basis. The garden suite has an approximate area of 172 m² (1848 ft²) and is located to the north of the existing single detached dwelling present on the subject lands. The garden suite will continue to be occupied by a family members of the landowners. The garden suite was originally approved by council in 2013, via application ZN 5-15-05 for a temporary period of 5 years (expired June 18, 2018).

The subject lands are approximately 10 hectares (25 ac) in size and contain a single detached dwelling, garden suite, and two agricultural outbuildings. The subject property is primarily woodland with a portion used for agricultural field crop production. Surrounding land uses to the north and west are generally woodland with agricultural uses are to the east and south. An aggregate extraction operation is to the southwest. Council approved the application.

Department Reports

Fire

Zorra Fire & Emergency Services have responded to 17 calls in July and a total of 130 year to date. For the same period in 2017, the Fire Service responded to 106 calls.

Uniondale Station hosted a multi-station training night at an acquired structure to practice search and rescue, Rapid Intervention Team and water relay.

Recreation

Summer day camp began operations on July 2, 2018, and is operating out of Thamesford Public School. The camp has reached the capacity approved by Council and is redirecting enquiries to other area programs.

The Township initiated a pick up shinny program at both centres this past ice season. There were 17 sessions offered in Embro with an average of 13 attendees and 14 sessions in Thamesford saw an average of 20 attendees. The program will continue in Embro this year and may be offered in a different time slot in Thamesford due to an increase in purchased contract ice.

The Township will continue to operate the canteen at Thamesford District Recreation Centre on a limited basis for the upcoming ice season and only during Thamesford Trojans games.

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The Water and Wheels project is proceeding in Thamesford. It is anticipated the spray pad will be operational before the end of August and the skatepark will be useable by the end of September.

Spray Pad



Skateboard Park





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Building and Drainage

The Building Department issued a total of 29 permits in July and a total of 148 for this year. During the same period in 2017, there were 115 permits issued. There 4 new housing permits issued in July bringing the total to 26. During the same period in 2017, there were 11 new housing starts. To date, the Township has collected \$162,451 in building permit fees compared to \$105,720 for the same period in 2017

Public Works

Construction has commenced on Roads 78 and 88. Road 88 is close to having all the B Gravel placed with the balance of that plus culvert installations, surface gravel placement and shoulder/ditch rehabilitation to follow. Road 78 is being raised east of where work was stopped on last year's project with the excavation through the 27th Line and rehabilitation toward the 29th Line to follow.

The joint project with Ingersoll on North Town Line/Road 62 is progressing. There has been extra removals and granular placement required due to the poor sub-strata found while excavating the road base. The road excavation is expected to be completed during the week of August 6 at that time, quantities on the extras required will be known.

Finance

No items.

Administration

Council tentatively approved moving the October 2, October 16 and November 6 Council meetings to local schools to help promote Local Government Week.

The CAO provided an update on gravel production statistics for 2017. The Township ranked fifth in the Province with over 5,100,000 tonnes of material being produced in Zorra. The Table below highlights past year's statistics.

Year	Tonnage	Provincial Rank
2017	5,100,000	5
2016	4,700,000	7
2015	4,100,000	8
2014	4,900,000	6
2013	4,100,000	7
2012	4,100,000	7
2011	3,600,000	8
2010	3,300,000	10
2009	2,800,000	10
2008	3,600,000	Not in top 10

Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is to be held on September 4, 2018, at 9:30 am in the Council Chambers.