



Council Meeting Highlights

September 4, 2018

Delegations

There were no delegations.

Public Meetings

Greiden Farms Ltd. & Cornelis and Hinderika Haanstra, Application for Zone Change

The purpose of the Zone Change application is to permit a mobile home as the only dwelling on the property as a temporary use for a period of three years. A previous temporary use by-law was approved by Township Council on June 2, 2015 and permitted a mobile home on the property for three years (until June 2, 2018) and the applicant wishes to 'renew' this permission.

The subject lands comprise approximately 40 ha (100 ac), are in agricultural production (cash crops) and contain a mobile home and a driveshed. A previous single detached dwelling was removed from the subject lands in 2013.

The subject lands front on and have direct access to 23rd Line. Surrounding land uses are predominately agricultural and the Wildwood Conservation Area is located to the east. Council approved the application.

Department Reports

Fire

Zorra Fire & Emergency Services have responded to 13 calls in August and a total of 143 year to date. For the same period in 2017, the Fire Service responded to 119 calls.

A recruitment open house for new firefighters is scheduled for September 18 in Embro and on September 19 in Uniondale with both starting at 7:30 pm with a formal presentation being held at 7:45 pm.

Recreation

Ice rentals are to begin in Thamesford on September 10 and the new REALice system is being used for the first time.

Thamesford splash pad opened on August 31 and the pad was in full use for the unseasonably warm Labour Day weekend.

Base work for the skate park including footings and the first two concrete pours have been completed. Hogg Construction is expecting the skate park project to be completed by the end of September.

Summer Camp concluded on August 31 with a full registration of 135 campers, serving 42 different families. A full report on the camp and its activities will be presented to Council in October.

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The pool season concluded on August 31st with the Doggie Dive-in. Other events at the pool in August included the Dive-in Movie Night. The season was extended by one week to continue our public swimming and aquafit programs.

Spray Pad



Skateboard Park





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Building and Drainage

The Building Department issued a total of 24 permits in August and a total of 172 for this year. During the same period in 2017, there were 133 permits issued. There 4 new housing permits issued in July bringing the total to 30. During the same period in 2017, there were 13 new housing starts. To date, the Township has collected \$194,649 in building permit fees compared to \$116,416 for the same period in 2017.

Public Works

Staff are working on our internal projects on Roads 78 and 88. Road 88 is being completed with the roadside shouldering being completed. Road 78 is progressing with a focus on completing all necessary excavation being the next step.

The joint project with Ingersoll on North Town Line/Road 62 is progressing. The concrete curbs and sidewalks have been installed and topsoil is being placed on the boulevards. Fine grading for paving has commenced with paving expected to start Sept 4, 2018.

Finance

No items.

Corporate Services

The By-law Enforcement Officer's report for July 11 – August 29 indicated a total of 34 occurrences compared to 14 for the same period in 2017.

Council enacted a new Property Standards By-law as a result of the Province downloading interior inspections of complaints to municipalities. Prior to this, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing would carry out inspections.

Council endorsed a resolution from the County of Oxford supporting Oxford's SouthwestLynx proposal for the development of an Integrated High-Performance Public Transportation Solution for Southwestern Ontario.

Next Meeting

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