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Council Information Package
February 26 to March 2, 2018

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1	2-Mar-2018	Email	Midland Resident	Concern re. Poor Condition of Yonge Street and Changes Thereupon
2	2-Mar-2018	Letter	Township of Springwater	Annual Log-Sawing Contest - Elmvale Maple Syrup Festiva
3	2-Mar-2018	Letter	County of Renfrew	Proposed amendments to the Endangered Species Act
4	2-Mar-2018	Letter	Georgian College	Letter of Support re. SS Keewatin
5	2-Mar-2018	Information Report	Operations	OP-2018-CIP02 Pending Requests for Proposal - Environmental Assessment - 67 Fourth Street (former Parks Depot); 731 & 720 Ontario Street (former Operations Depot)
6	2-Mar-2018	Information Report	Administration	CL-2018-8 Tag Days/Proclamations/Flag Raisings - February Report

From: paul mcnamara
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2018 11:46 AM
To: McKay, Gord A.
Subject: Re: TO GORD MCKAY & COUNSEL RE: POOR CONDITION OF YONGE ST. & CHANGES THEREUPON

Yes it does satisfy mine and the concerns of many others Gord. Thank you very much for your usual promptness.

I drive a Camry SE V6 and was still getting tossed around alot on the bumps and patches but your email is good news on that. Also, I was taking a closer look at those yellow left turn arrows going each way on Yonge and failed to mention that they appear to be pretty close to each other in REVERSING direction. In other words, if you are taking a left hand turn onto a side street on Yonge you have to either make your turn quickly or come to full stop because the arrow for oncoming cars to make their left turn in the opposite direction comes up quickly and one does not want to overshoot its limited allowed area for the left turn or else it becomes a possible accident or at least a safety concern. Don't know if counsel is going to keep the "one lane on Yonge" concept continuing. It's just that it causes so many backups when lights go red and in summer those lineups will be three times as long. It most certainly would be far less confusing to see Yonge return to it's former state of two lanes running in each direction all the way from highway 93 to King Street to minimize confusion and enhance safety issues re; left turns being made off Yonge Street.

It will be nice to have Yonge re-paved again most definitely.

Many thanks again, Gord.

Sincerely,

Paul McNamara
Long Time Midland Resident

From: "McKay, Gord A."
To: paul mcnamara
Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2018 10:10 AM
Subject: RE: TO GORD MCKAY & COUNSEL RE: POOR CONDITION OF YONGE ST. & CHANGES THEREUPON

Mr. McNamara

As you may recall, the Town was supposed to pave Yonge Street last year. That project was deferred to this year due to some water main work. In the meantime we have repainted the lines (yesterday) so that the lane confusion should be removed in the short term. The repaving of Yonge should take place this summer. Council will also revisit the issue of the Yonge Street "road diet" this year.

Hope this satisfies your concerns.

Gord

From: paul mcnamara
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 7:00 PM
To: McKay, Gord A.
Subject: TO GORD MCKAY & COUNSEL RE: POOR CONDITION OF YONGE ST. & CHANGES THEREUPON

Gord, Ladies & Gentlemen:

Don't know whether you have noticed or not but the curb lane running from King St. all the way to Eighth Street is in terrible and very bumpy condition almost all the way. There have been many asphalt patches placed in that lane in the last several years and they create a fair bump while riding along as do all kinds of other bumps and undulations caused by a long time since that road has been resurfaced, causing cars to absorb quite a jolt. You get most uncomfortable every time you run along that inside lane and making matters far worse is the fact that the smoother other lane has been wiped out due to that a counsel ruling to eliminate one lane between King and Eighth on Yonge for those left turn paintings on the road in what used to be the middle lane plus the creation of bicycle lanes that basically nobody even uses on Yonge.

Another problem is that since the elimination of that second lane from King to Eighth, very long lines of cars occur running from King to Eighth almost all the time and are further backed up from 4th St to King Street every single time someone uses the light at 4th Street to enter onto Yonge. When that side street light at 4th turns red for the Yonge St. drivers, that is when that big backup occurs and also occurs when the light beside the Dairy Queen turns red for the Yonge drivers heading West on Yonge.

I do not know whether counsel is aware of the terrible bumpy driving conditions on Yonge heading west from King and do not know whether there are any plans to resurface that lane or any others on Yonge.

Yonge Street is the "Main" entrance to the town, used by all kinds of residents plus all the thousands of tourists that come to visit Midland every summer and holiday weekend. Even the curb lane running East from the Dairy Queen to King is in rough shape as well and as Yonge is the main road welcoming visitors into our fine town all kinds of residents I have talked to are not pleased with the road's condition.

And further, once the May 24 weekend hits as well as all weekends in the summer, the backups on Yonge will be even twice as bad as they are now.

No one really understands why counsel eliminated the one lane to create turning areas as well as bike lanes. Now, cars travelling East on Yonge from Eighth and wishing to make a left hand turn must swerve over to JUST WHERE THE SHORT MARKINGS ARE ON THE MIDDLE LANE.....I have seen so many close accident calls along there ever since instituted whereas if it remained the normal two lane road as before, this would not happen and cars wishing to turn left simply get in the middle lane way back ahead of time getting ready to make their turn and cause no swerving or last second manouvres to make sure they are exactly just in those short painted left turn areas.

That, plus the terrible road condition and long stoppages and/or backups have led me to now take a simple drive down King to Hugel and turn left there at the advanced light then travel to the mall up the very smooth Hugel Ave. which was nicely repaved a few years ago and has no bumps or jolts from King all the way to past the school and very little traffic and backups. Not many out-of-towners though use Hugel, further causing more backups on Yonge.

It would be making alot of Midland residents very pleased if counsel were to reconsider and have the second lane put back the way it used to be, thereby eliminating the many close calls when cars wanting to make left turns going east must quickly serve out of the only lane they can drive in to the short painted left turn areas. The close calls have been many and sooner or later there will be a accidents when the summer traffic all gets here with the thousands of tourists that we all want to come to our fine town arrive. And also discuss the possible re-paving of Yonge Street or the portions noted above.

I wish to thank you people for reading this letter and hopefully something can be done about the "lost lane" for this spring and summer and for instituting a discussion as to possibly when Yonge St or portions thereof can be re-paved.

Sincerely,

Paul McNamara
Long Time Midland Resident

February 23, 2018

Mayor Gord McKay & Council
Town of Midland
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RE: Annual Log-Sawing Contest – Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival

Dear Mayor McKay,

It is with pleasure that I invite you to compete in the Annual Log-Sawing Contest taking place at the **Elmvale Maple Syrup Festival on Saturday, April 28, 2018.**

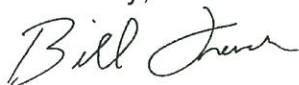
The log-sawing contest is scheduled to commence at 12:00 noon following the Opening Ceremonies. We are asking that all participants meet at the Main Stage (corner of Queen Street and Maria Street) at 11:45 a.m. in preparation for the competition.

If you are interested in participating in the competition, please contact Nicole Audette at nicole.audette@springwater.ca or via telephone at 705-728-4784 Ext. 2067 **by April 13, 2018 to RSVP.** If you cannot find a brave enough soul to join you in the competition, we will find a partner for you to lumberjack with on the day of the event!

A women's only competition will be taking place again this year (subject to number of registrants). Please indicate which competition you would like to participate in.

As in previous years, this invitation has been extended to a number of local dignitaries, including area MPs, MPPs and representatives from neighbouring Municipal Councils. I hope to see everyone out to support this worthwhile and fun community event.

Sincerely,



Bill French
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February 28, 2018

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Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry
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Dear Premier Wynne and Minister Des Rosiers:

On February 28, 2018 the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the County of Renfrew passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS approximately 6,900 people in Renfrew County are directly or indirectly employed by the forest sector and many of our communities are highly reliant on the local forest industry;

WHEREAS approximately 30% of the productive forest land base on Crown lands in Renfrew County has some form of species at risk restriction on regular operations;

WHEREAS Crown forests are sustainably managed according to the *Crown Forest Sustainability Act* (CFSA). Species at Risk and all other forest values are protected using the best available science, and economic and social values should be weighted with equal importance;

WHEREAS it is desirable to allow forest managers and companies to continue to provide for species at risk under one Act, the CFSA, while an independent panel develops a long-term approach that protects species at risk and their habitat and minimizes impacts to the forest industry;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Renfrew asks that the Province provides the forest sector with the certainty it needs to invest in the future, through a 5-year extension in Section 22.1 of the *Endangered Species Act, 2007* instead of the proposed 2-year extension;

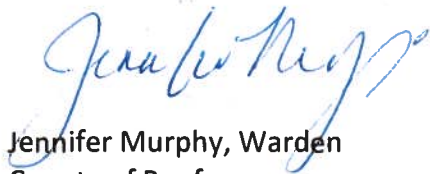
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Renfrew supports the establishment of an independent panel of credible stakeholders directly affected in their day-to-day lives by the management of Crown land forests who will look at the facts of the matter to come up with a long-term solution;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT these decisions be made in a timely manner and shared before March 30, 2018;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Renfrew circulate this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, MPP John Yakabuski, Ontario Forestry Coalition, Ontario Forest Industries Association and all municipal councils of Ontario requesting that they endorse and support this resolution and communicate their support to the Ontario government.

The County of Renfrew recognizes that our communities, like many others in rural and northern Ontario, are dependent on the forest sector and have been impacted by the *Endangered Species Act* since its inception in 2007. We look forward to improvements to the Act that will lead to a better future for local businesses, communities and all species in the forests that surround us.

Yours sincerely,



Jennifer Murphy, Warden
County of Renfrew
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- c. MPP John Yakabuski, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
- All Municipalities of Ontario
- Ontario Forestry Coalition
- Ontario Forest Industries Association
- Ottawa Valley Forest Inc.
- Algonquin Forestry Authority

February 22, 2018

To Whom it May Concern:

This is a letter of support to keep the SS Keewatin in Simcoe County, preferably moved to a permanent location in Midland – where it was constructed. This is an important piece of Ontario’s tourism heritage and infrastructure which should remain in our area.

In addition, the SS Keewatin has proven to be a formidable attraction to many domestic and international tourists visiting our region. The social/cultural, historical and potential economic contribution in the short and long terms to our region cannot be understated.

Sincerely,



Dr. John D. Cunningham
Tourism Faculty Member, Georgian College
Founding Chair, Ontario Resort, Hotel and Motel Association Simcoe County Region



STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT/FUNCTION: Operations

CHAIR: Councillor G. MacDonald

DATE: February 28, 2018

REPORT NO: **OP2018-CIP02**
Pending Requests for Proposal
Environmental Assessment
67 Fourth Street (former Parks Depot)
731 & 720 Ontario Street (former Operations Depot)

INFORMATION ITEM:

The Town currently has the following requests for proposal pending:

Request for Proposal Description	Location	Closing Date
Phase I and II Environmental Assessment	67 Fourth Street (former Parks Depot)	Tuesday, February 27, 2018
Phase I and II Environmental Assessment	731 & 720 Ontario Street (former Operations Depot and equipment storage lands)	Tuesday, February 27, 2018

It is anticipated that the recommendation report with the Request for Proposal results will be forwarded to Council at the March 26, 2018 meeting.

SUSTAINABILITY:

Does not apply to this report.

COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN:

Does not apply to this report.

Prepared by: Shawn Berriault, Director of Operations, Parks and Facilities

Reviewed by: John Skorobohacz, Chief Administrative Officer



STAFF REPORT

DEPARTMENT: Administration

CHAIR: Councillor J. Contin

DATE: **March 1, 2018**

SUBJECT: **CL-2018-8 TAG DAYS/ PROCLAMATIONS/FLAG RAISINGS – FEBRARY REPORT**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Tag Days/Proclamations/Flag Raising Information Report for the Month of February, 2018 be received as information.

BACKGROUND:

At the meeting of Council held on May 26, 2014, Council adopted policies whereby proclamations were delegated to the Mayor's office and the assignment of tag days and flag raisings were delegated to the Clerk. The Clerk is to provide a monthly report on these activities.

ANALYSIS:

The following Tag Days were granted in February 2018:

Tag Days

- Alzheimer's Society – June 22 and 23, 2018
- Children's Community Choir - April 20 and 21, 2018; and October 5 and 6, 2018
- Skate Midland – March 2 and 3, 2018
- Hospice Huronia – June 8 and 9, 2018

Proclamations

- Dental Hygiene Week - April 7 – 13, 2018

Flag Raisings

- Daffodil month flag raising – Canadian Cancer Society – March 26, 2018
- Autism Awareness – April 3, 2018

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Approved by: Karen Desroches, Clerk