

Council Highlights – October 27, 2021

Council highlights provide an update of important information discussed at the previous council meeting. Full agendas and minutes are available at tay.ca/calendar

Tay Community Rink Opening for 2021 Season

Manager of Parks, Recreation and Facility Services Bryan Anderson presented a report to Council outlining the steps and guidelines that will be in place for the opening of the Tay Community Rink this winter season. The rink will officially open on November 15, 2021, bookings will be done online at tay.ca/rinks. In order to comply with Ontario regulations related to COVID-19, while maximizing the utilization of the rink facility, proof of vaccination will be required for anyone over 12 years of age. In consultation with the Province of Ontario's **Roadmap to Reopen** and the **COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for Outdoor Recreational Amenities** set out by the **Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit**, staff will be checking proof of vaccination (ie. proof of identity and vaccine receipt or enhanced COVID-19 vaccine certificate with QR code) upon entry to the rink. Read the full media release specific to the Opening of the Tay Community Rink at tay.ca/news.

Waubashene Community Space Ad-Hoc Committee Update to Council

Members of the Waubashene Community Space (WCS) Ad-Hoc Committee presented a detailed review of Community Space options for the Waubashene Area to Council. The presentation provided information pertaining to Township demographics, recent survey results (specific to Waubashene) and potential options that could be looked at moving forward. Council provided input and comments, and directed the WCS Ad-Hoc Committee to meet with and collect comments from the Waubashene Action Group (WAG) and Waubashene Recreation Committee in early November. Review the entire presentation at tay.ca/calendar.

216 Albert Street (Old Victoria Harbour Fire Hall) to be sold

Council approved the recommendation by staff to sell the building at 216 Albert Street, known as the old Victoria Harbour Fire Hall. The building transitioned from a Fire Station to a Tay Township Operational Services workshop/storage building, and although structurally sound, is in need of interior and roof repairs. Council agreed to sell the building as is, and use the money from the sale of the building towards a more suitable solution for Operational Services equipment storage. Review the full report at tay.ca/calendar.

Council calls on all levels of government to help manage invasive Phragmites

Council passed a resolution drafted in partnership with Georgian Bay Forever in support of requesting all levels of government to aid in managing invasive Phragmites. The plant has been identified as Canada's worst invasive plant species by Agriculture and Agrifood Canada. The Georgian Bay area is particularly affected by Phragmites, threatening valuable infrastructure and wetland areas. A copy of the resolution will be sent to the Ontario Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, as well as the Severn Sound Environmental Association, partner Municipalities, the Minister of Transportation and Local MP and MPP.

Tay Township meets for regular council meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.