



## RIVER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

### REPORT

Held Thursday, August 29 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
In the Classroom, Town Hall

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#### Present:

Jason Ruttan  
Kevin Lalonde, Director of Public Works  
Nate Clarke  
Cathy Wilde  
Stan Wells, Councillor  
Wesley Ferdis  
Harold Higdon  
Chuck Dali

#### Absent:

Jim O'Shell  
Jeff Regan

#### **1. Call To Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

#### **2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

#### **3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

There were no comments from the Minutes dated July 3, 2019.

#### **4. Unfinished Business** N/A

#### **5. New Business**

##### **a. Communication Officers Mike Gennings "Did you know"**

The Chair and Kevin Lalonde presented an over view of a social media campaign that will be rolling out in the near future that can aid residence and visitors on the facts and rules concerning the river.

The chair and Kevin will be working together to draft a revised "Did you know" This Draft will be made available to the RRC members for comment

The Chair also questioned if it is possible to have additional boating guides printed and distributed to key areas. It was also asked if a brochure box could be installed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> street docks and the Park 1 launch.

**b. Municipal Update**

K. Lalonde provided a Municipal update on the following  
River maintenance continues generally twice a week. Standard removals are taking place. Storm outfalls and municipally owned break wall inspections are also being conducted

Signage installed at the 2<sup>nd</sup> street docks seems to be working well to deter overnight docking

Kevin also stated that he is working with the ATV club to create a formal agreement reference launch donation boxes

Main street bridge rehabilitation project will be underway after the Labour Day long weekend

**c. Chair Update**

The Chair advised that fall depth sounding will be taking place in the coming weeks

**6. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

**7. New Business**

- a. Councillor Wells would like to have the OPP MU attend our next meeting so we can understand the OPP's enforcement capability for Jet Ski rental operators. Councillor Wells was also wondering what Municipal By-Laws can be enforced upon the operators.
- b. Councillor Wells informed the group that Ministers of Tourism as well as the Environment, Conservation and Parks will be visiting the area in the future. He mentioned that it might be beneficial for the Ministers to visit the 2<sup>nd</sup> street docking area
- c. Councillor Wells advised that he has been fielding complaints recently reference speed and wake issues that are occurring above Schooner Town. Councillor Wells informed the residence as well as the RRC on a new self-reporting OPP Hotline that can be used as an alternative to 911 for lodging non-emerg complaints
- d. Kevin is working towards having "Dumping into the Nottawasaga River and Other Watercourse" waterway mailer put in the next water bill cycle. He is also going to touch base with Mike Gennings to see if he would be able to do a "did you know" for waterway dumping
- e. Kevin has also budgeted for signage / buoys that could be used to promote no wake zones ect

f. Cathy noted that she has seen an improvement in rental vessel behaviour

**8. Items for Future Meetings.**

- Briefing on Ontario Parks Master Plan
- OPP enforcement initiatives and general marine unit update
- Municipal update
- Overview of the 2019 Fall Depth Sounding

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

Next meeting scheduled for September, 2019

**10. Adjournment**      8:30pm