

COUNCIL CORNER



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June- Sometimes concerted advocacy works

I am pleased to report that in the face of opposition from many municipalities and Farm organizations, the province has backed off on its plan to allow up to 3 residential severances off prime agricultural farms. So, the provisions in the County Official Plan will stand.

I can also report that the much delayed circulation of the natural heritage section of the proposed PPS leaves current environmental protections intact. So the County’s Natural Core Area protections, wetland setbacks etc. will remain.

And, of course, the Province finally designated the new Monarch Point Conservation Reserve which SSJI has been working towards for over five years. Full details at SSJI.ca.

Council News

- The County’s offer to purchase the former Queen Elizabeth school in Picton for \$1,375,000 was accepted so we now own it and can proceed with plans for affordable housing and social services facilities
- Council approved a contract for revitalization of the Crystal Palace
- Council approved making the CR49 initiative a project of community interest which allows donations to receive a tax receipt
- Council awarded a tender for a tandem axle truck that was previously approved at budget
- Council awarded a contract for the West Mary St. sanitary sewer reconstruction
- Council agreed to continue the “Feed the Meter” campaign for four more years
- Council turned down a proposal to “Optimize the location and number of firehalls by closing two and relocating two others. The system, including the Milford firehall will remain as it is.
- Council approved new bylaws for planning pre-consultation, what constitutes a complete planning application and a site plan control bylaw – all of which streamline and make more efficient the whole planning process
- Council approved a group of necessary amendments to the Official Plan to effect changes required by new provincial legislation. A proposal to include support for battery elec-

tricity storage systems was defeated.

Coming UP

- Terms of settlement with Picton terminals

Other

A number of ongoing public consultations are taking place. They can be found on the Have Your Say website or in County Notices found on the County website home page:

- Parks and Rec Master Plan
- Comprehensive zoning bylaw review – this is especially important as the draft options and recommendations have been published for comment by July 7.

I am continuing my five days a week community email. It has been modified to focus on Covid only in the Saturday edition. The rest of the week it includes timely notices, community events, etc. So if you are not already subscribed, just send me your email address and I will add you to the list of over 300 families.

IF you have not been receiving my email, please look in your junk mail or spam folder as there have been some issues with the County email system.

I can be reached by phone, text and email.

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