



Council Highlights Monday, September 21, 2020

Next Regular Council Meeting: Monday, October 5, 2020

Welcome to Council Highlights, a brief synopsis of recent Seguin Council proceedings. This summary is not inclusive of all agenda items. For the formal detailed account of the full agenda, including staff reports, other supporting documents and official meeting minutes, please consult the [Council Meetings](http://www.seguin.ca/councilmeetings) page at <http://www.seguin.ca/councilmeetings>.

Benthic Monitoring Program

Benthic monitoring is the study of 'Bugs in the Mud', a monitoring tool used to analyze benthic macro-invertebrates that are sensitive to subtle changes in water quality. 2020 was the first year of a collaborative multi-year program with the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve. This sampling of ten Township lakes will set a baseline for future interpretation, as this type of monitoring requires at least three years of consecutive sampling data in order to form any interpretations or conclusions.

2019 Water Quality Monitoring

Council received the Annual Water Quality Monitoring report for the 2019 testing season. This report is available at sequin.ca/waterquality. Though the 2020 testing season was canceled due to COVID-19, the Township looks forward to re-establishing the program in 2021.

Short Term Accommodation/Cottage Rental Update

The period for commenting on Council's draft STA/STCR regulations came to a close on Labour Day. Over 300 comments were received through this public consultation and Staff will now begin preparing a summary report to be presented to Council in October.

Request to Improve Access to Property

Council heard a delegation from George Stivrins and Mike Reeves regarding property owned by 1636411 Ontario Inc. to discuss improvement of access to the property (Property Roll No. 4903-030-009-01500). Council directed staff to meet with Mr. Stivrins and Mr. Reeves to review their proposal for upgrading of an entrance to the property from either Oastler Park Drive or Parry Sound Road and to report back to Council on the discussion and options.

Enhancements to the Shoreline By-Law

Council directed staff to undertake review/revisions of the existing Tree cutting, Blasting & Fill By-laws. The purpose of this review is to clarify definitions of a violation, implement a formal application process prior to commencement of work, and enhance the method of enforcement to discourage violations.

Fill By-law Exemption Request (Watson)

Council granted an exemption to Fill By-law 2008-105 to install a temporary construction equipment access path on their property at 6 Yoho Island on Lake Joseph.

Declaration of Surplus Equipment

Council authorized the disposition of several pieces of surplus equipment, including a sander and a trailer. For more information on this, and additional surplus equipment currently available, please contact the Seguin Public Works department.

Shore Road Allowance Application No. RAS-2019-0010-H (Waldman)

Council passed By-law 2020-087 to close and stop up the Original Shore Road Allowance laid out along the shores of Whitefish Lake, in front of the subject lands at 21 Windy Road, with a restrictive covenant to ensure the preservation of the shoreline.

Temporary Road Closure – Victoria Street East

Council passed By-Law No. 2020-090 to temporarily close a portion of Victoria Street East, on Saturday, October 10th between 9am-3pm to accommodate a Thanksgiving Market.

Update Regarding Proposed Vianet Tower Site

Council has requested that Vianet continue to investigate alternatives to their proposed tower at 125 Rankin Lake Road.
