

WTCAA Says 'No' To Zoning Amendment



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Hagersville OKs Special 0.7 Mill Levy For Project

HAGERSVILLE (Staff) Hagersville residents will be faced with a special levy of 0.7 mills in their taxes next year to help spread the cost of the new water and sewage system in the west section of the village.

The increase was prompted when tenders for the long awaited project were considerably higher than estimated.

At a special council meeting last Thursday, Archie J. Forsyth, of the provincial project section of the Ministry of Environment reported on a special meeting Aug. 10 in Toronto between council and the ministry.

He noted that only two tenders had been received, one from Robert Simon Const., of Waterford for \$567,039 and from Framat Const. for \$741,299.

He said the lowest tender was in "excess of the estimates and that some additional moneys would have to be raised from sources

other than the residents of the west section."

He said the 83 family units in the east section had a "limited ability to finance such a project and only up to a maximum of \$235 per year for 30 years. These charges would include frontage charges, connection charges, special mill rate levy and the water and sewer rates.

Consulting engineer George McMulkin, of Proctor and Redfern said the provincial government pays for 50 per cent of the total cost, with the remainder coming from the village, with some help from the present water and sewer section of the village east of the CNR tracks. Further assistance would come from each family unit in the west section.

It was proposed that the ratepayers in the east section pay 0.7 mills on their taxable assessment in order to relieve the burden on the west section.

Estimating a "typical" assessment in the present sewage and water area at \$12,000

and the addition rate as 0.7 mills, the additional cost would be \$8.40 a year for 30 years. In the west section, on an assessment of \$8,500, the cost will be \$5.99 a year.

Council at Monday night's meeting instructed the environment department to proceed with application to the Ontario Municipal Board for final approval of the project.

It was also resolved that the additional costs of the water works project be met by increasing the annual flat water rate charge of \$43.23 to \$54 a year, which is the rate already prevailing through the serviced portion of the municipality.

The additional cost of the sewage works project is to be met by the estimated mill rate levy of 0.7 mills on the whole municipality.

Cost of the water works project is \$226,943, with a subsidy of \$113,471 and cost of the sewer project is \$442,816 with a \$221,093 subsidy.

Council Seeks Chief's Opinion On 'Cycle Bylaw

HAGERSVILLE (Staff) Police Chief Warren Burger will be asked to comment on a letter from Haldimand County council pertaining to motorcycle gangs.

County council had received a bylaw, through the Ontario Provincial Police, from Beverly Township which controls motorcycle gangs.

However, county council is unable to enact such a bylaw, but it may be enacted by individual municipalities.

Council decided to give Chief Burger a copy of the bylaw to see if he might have

any suggestions about it.

Reeve John Kincaid said Hagersville has been "fortunate in not having any trouble with motorcycle gangs, but Jarvis has had some trouble as has Seneca Township."

Coun. Robert Gedye suggested the bylaw should be referred to the police chief.

"Legally, there is no way we can stop 50 cyclists from coming into the park. We couldn't stop 50 cars either," he said.

A request for assistance in putting in sidewalks by R. F. Almas for new apartments at

the site of the old high school was turned down after council received the estimated cost of the project at \$3,600.

Coun. Gedye said there were "a good many other streets in the village that needed sidewalks. He'll have to wait his turn."

Reeve John Kincaid said the "cost is definitely prohibitive and we certainly can't afford it this year."

In other council matters, it was agreed to hire Victor R. Jones of King St. E., as a new school crossing guard. The job had been advertised and there were four applications received.



Howard Nicklin, right, President of the Walpole Township Citizens Action Association, addresses a question to Walpole Township Reeve Gordon Miller during a confrontation between the association and council over a proposed bylaw amendment last Friday night at the Nanticoke Community Hall. (Staff Photo)

Noisy, Angry Cottagers Drown Out Walpole Reeve

NANTICOKE, (Staff) - Several hundred angry cottagers gave a resounding 'no' Friday to a proposed bylaw amendment that would change the definition of a summer cottage to a resort cottage.

Some 400 to 500 cottagers turned out to fill the Nanticoke Community Hall and to spill out onto the lawn in response to a letter sent to the landowners along Conc. 1 in Walpole stating the proposed changes.

Walpole Reeve Gordon Miller was booed and called down almost from the minute he and the councillors took the stage to explain what the proposed bylaw change means.

Almost constant heckling and cat calling made it difficult for any explanation and the Reeve and the councillors left the stage after approximately a half an hour. The meeting continued under the direction of Walpole Township Citizen Action Association president Howard Nicklin.

Reeve Miller admitted the intent of the proposed amendment was to make the bylaw more enforceable.

Cottagers are protesting this one-word change in the 1967 zoning bylaw, which they fought successfully in court last year. The cottagers feel the change will make it easier for the township to gain a conviction in any further court action. Reeve Miller explained council was

seeking to maintain the resort and beach character of the lakefront. He said the bylaw would be aimed at "newcomers who want to use cottages at very low rates of taxation all year round." He said it was not directed at those who are already living there.

The proposed amendment defines resort cottage as a detached building used as an occasional resort for recreation, rest or relaxation by one family, but not occupied con-

tinuously or as a principal residence.

Summer cottage is defined as a building designed and constructed for use during six months of the year only, April to September.

Reeve Miller explained the proposal amounted to a "single change. The intent remains the same as always. We are just changing 'summer' to 'resort'." The definition

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Sept. 27 Deadline Set For Comment On Bylaw

The deadline for cottage owners to file their wishes for or against the proposed amendment to its zoning bylaw has been set for Sept. 27.

The deadline was set following a meeting Friday night between cottage owners and the township council. Some 200 forms had been circulated at the meeting and this week a further 300 forms were sent out from the township office, noting the deadline date.

The form asks whether the cottage owner is for or against the proposed amendment that would change the definition of a summer cottage to a resort cottage.

Friday's meeting appears to have cemented a number of cottage owner associations with the Walpole Township

Citizen's Action Association.

WTCAA President, Howard Nicklin, told The Record that a special meeting was held Sunday and six new directors were named to the WTCAA board. These new directors are all representatives of other lakefront cottage owner associations.

Mr. Nicklin said this would now bring "better representation to the more than 800 members along the lakefront, on the farms and year round residents of the township making up the association."

The new directors of the association are Mrs. Patricia Norden, assistant secretary of the Daly Beach Cottage Owners Association; Robert D. Philip, past-president of the Peacock

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