

The Corporation of the City of Kawartha Lakes

Committee of the Whole Report

Report Number CS2019-006

Date: April 9, 2019

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Council Chambers

Ward Community Identifier: All

Title: Frank Hill Road Public Water Access

Description: Public request to have property recognized as official boat launch

Author and Title: Craig Shanks, Director of Community Services

Recommendation(s):

That Report CS2019-006, Frank Hill Road Public Water Access, be received and;

That the Frank Hill Road Public Water Access property remain as a water access point and not be recognized as an official City Boat Launch, and;

That this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

Department Head:_____

Financial/Legal/HR/Other:_____

Chief Administrative Officer:_____

Background:

At the January 22, 2019 City of Kawartha Lakes Committee of the Whole meeting and the subsequent February 5, 2019 City of Kawartha Lakes Council meeting the following resolution(s) was passed,

That the deputation of Nick Lasch, regarding the public water access at the south end of Chemong Lake on Frankhill Road, be received.

CW2019-003, CR2019-078

That the deputation of Mr. Lasch and the background information he provided be referred to staff for review; and
That staff examine the feasibility of and options to make the boat launch more accessible and recognized as a municipal boat launch with a report back in Q1 of 2019.

CW2019-004, CR2019-079

This report is brought forward in regard to that Council.

Rationale:

During his Committee of the Whole presentation Mr. Lasch expressed concern regarding the public water access at the south end of Chemong Lake on Frankhill Road. The area is part of the original road allowance that was planned for Frankhill Road and it now serves as an informal boat launch and water access. Mr. Lasch outlined that a portion of the area is now impeded by large stones which restrict the use of the area. Mr. Lasch requested that the area be recognized as an official municipal boat launch.

In 2014 Staff Report PRC2014-003 (Appendix A) outlined all of the city recognized municipal boat launches. This report included an inventory of City Boat Launches which was compiled in conjunction with the Lindsay Bass Masters. The property on Frank Hill Road is not listed within this inventory and is not an official boat launch, but rather a public water access. It has been used previously by the municipality for emergency water access (Fire, Police). It is recognized that the public does use it for small vessel launching which is permitted but it is not an official municipal boat launch site.

The 2014 Report indicates that boat launches are classified into 3 categories. All of these categories indicate some level of maintenance including waste receptacles, parking amenities, docking amenities, grass cutting, etc. The Frank Hill Road property has none of those amenities, and little to no opportunity to

provide such. Staff recognize that some of the recognized launches, specifically in Categorization C, do not have some of these amenities and the lack of them creates concerns. Some concerns are safety and liability in nature and relate to parking and vehicle traffic. As a result these sites are only categorized as official boat launches due to historical status and staff would not recommend them as such if the process were to begin today and thus the Frank Hill Road site is not being recommended for consideration as an official boat launch.

It should also be noted that the Frank Hill Road property services Chemong Lake. Much of this Lake, approximately 90%, is within Peterborough County and is already serviced by both public and private boat launches outside of the City of Kawartha Lakes. Much of the portion of Chemong Lake with the City of Kawartha Lakes is very limited from a navigable standpoint. The stones mentioned in Mr. Lasch's deputation have now been removed and any traffic measures in the specific area have now been relocated onto the neighbour's private property to quell their issues with traffic on their private property.

Other Alternatives Considered:

Council could chose to recognize this location as an official Boat Launch. This is not being recommended due to the concerns above. If Council chooses this action some additional workload and costs would be associated with it. This work and costs would pertain to placing waste receptacle on location and having it serviced as well as annual grading and surface treatment as required.

Financial/Operation Impacts:

There would be no costs with the recommended actions within this report. If Council chooses to opt to recognize the property as an official Boat Launch, some additional maintenance and costs would be required for future budgets.

Relationship of Recommendation(s) to the 2016-2019 Strategic Plan:

The recommendations within this Report contributes to the Council Adopted Strategic Plan. It can identify to more than one of the Goals, namely:

- Goal 2 – An Exceptional Quality of Life
- Goal 3 – A Healthy Environment

Link to Strategic Plan

<http://links/corpdocs/Corporate/2016%20Strategic%20Plan%20-%20City%20of%20Kawartha%20Lakes.pdf?Web=1>

Consultations:

City Staff (Parks, Recreation & Culture, Roads, Emergency Services)
Mr. Lasch

Attachments:

Appendix A: Staff Report PRC2014-003



PRC2014-003 City
Boat Launch Update.

Appendix B: Location Maps



Frank Hill Rd Location
Maps.pdf

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