



Council News & Notes

From Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting
June 22 5 pm

Regular
Council Meeting

Council Meeting
July 27
5 pm

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Meeting

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Mayor's Remarks

I am profoundly saddened by the discovery of the burial site of 215 children on the grounds of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School. In response to this news, I send Council's sincere condolences to our First Nations. My thoughts are with the families, the communities, residential school survivors, and all who mourn this devastating discovery. There are no words to ease the pain of generations of children taken, families torn apart, and futures unrealized, but my hope is for healing.

This tragic news is a reminder of the urgency of the work that must be done to not only acknowledge the dark stain of residential schools on Canadian history, but to also to recognize that their cruel legacy continues to affect Indigenous families and communities today through direct and intergenerational trauma. I ask all community members to please take a moment to reflect on this recent discovery and to think about what each of us can do to make steps towards reconciliation.

On that note I want to recognize 9 year old McCartney Poff who has created her own memorial for the Indigenous children. McCartney has set up the memorial on a lot beside the EOTA trail. Her goal is to collect 215 pair of shoes - these will remain for 215 hours - nine days. Thank you McCartney for your initiative and passion.

I also want to address the horrific incident that took place in London, Ontario that left 4 people dead. Again words fail. I would like to send our condolences to the family and the Muslim community. There should be no tolerance for individuals or groups, who, motivated by hate, target others with violence.

Since our last Council meeting, I took part in the Age-Friendly Committee meeting on May 26. Again a lot of great discussion and plans for future events.

On Thursday, May 27 I attended County Council. Jim Pine reported that he was part of an AMO consultation reviewing the OCIF programme. There is \$200M in this fund but they are saying that more funding should be available.

On Tuesday, June 1 I attended a meeting with David Allin and Tiffany Ward of the YMCA. I stressed how I felt both parents and children need the Day Camps this summer. We agreed

that they would go ahead. I called Erin Rivers at the County to see if there was any funding or assistance available to help offset the cost. We received great news yesterday. The county will fund half the cost - \$13,500 - so we can offer the camps for \$75.00 per week. This will definitely help many of our Tweed families. The pool will also be running this year. All information will be out soon. Hopefully this is the start to a more normal summer.

Wednesday, June 2 - I had a Board of Health meeting. Excellent news on our numbers for COVID and vaccination rollout - We are receiving over 10,500 doses of vaccine each each week and will receive more the week of June 14. The Province has accelerated 2nd doses for those over 70. Dr. Oglaza says keep checking for appointments because they continue to add more. I know many residents who have booked their second ones already.

I attended zoom meetings on Thursday, June 3 for the Hydro funding and on June 4 for Source Water Protection.

Friday, June 11 was step 1 of Ontario's re-opening. I am so glad for our local businesses - please remember that through this lockdown they have been here for you offering takeout, personal shopping etc so please continue to support them and "Shop Local".

COVID RESOURCES

The Municipality of Tweed has a COVID-19 page with resources, guides, and links to local, provincial and federal information. You can access this information at this link. [Covid-19 Page.](#)

Fire Hydrant Expansion Program

Fire Hydrant sponsorship has been opened to residents/businesses at a cost of \$300.00 per hydrant. Please contact Rachelle Hardesty re this program at 613-478-2535 or at rhardesty@tweed.ca

Firehall Addition

Council approved the tender from Jack Robinson for the construction project at the firehall in the tendered amount of \$132,720 plus HST.

By-law No. 2021-41

A By-law to prohibit the throwing, placing, or depositing of refuse or debris on lands within the Municipality of Tweed was passed by Council. [You can access the By-law at this link.](#)
