



Council News & Notes

From Tuesday, July 26, 2022

Upcoming Meetings

Council Meeting
August 23 5 pm

Regular
Council Meeting

Council Meeting
Sept 14
9 am

Regular Council
Meeting

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Mayor's Remarks

I want to thank the Tweed Fair Board for organizing such an amazing Tweed Fair July 14- 17. I have heard nothing but praise and compliments about the Fair!

July was supposed to be a quieter month and it was until Sunday evening. The F1 Tornado that came through our area caused devastating damage to many of our residents' properties. I declared a State of Emergency on Monday, July 25th and called our Emergency Management team together. Leanne Latter, Hastings County Emergency Planning Coordinator joined us. She has been such a great support. We opened a Reception Centre at the Tweed Library manned by staff from Hastings County Community and Social Services.

As usual, in any emergency situation, our community has stepped forward to help - I want to thank numerous groups/businesses for their donations- Vitos for giving pizza to all workers on Monday, Tim Hortons for coffee and muffins for the reception area, Community Care for Central Hastings for offering assistance to the community in general, local residents who have donated food and cases of water to reception centre, the Lions Club and one of our own Councillors for offering assistance to clear brush, the Salvation Army who brought extra food yesterday in their mobile truck - they will be back on Wednesday afternoon, and The Red Cross for offering their assistance, and lastly Christian Aid Ministries who have been assisting our more vulnerable residents. Thank you to all others who have called to offer their support.

I want to thank Allan Broek and the Public Works Department. Our men were out at 4:30 am. on Monday and have worked in very dangerous conditions with downed wires - they had all roads open by end of day yesterday for emergency and local traffic only. I was asked in an interview how many people we had working - they expected me to say a large department and were amazed when I told them the number of employees. Thank you is not enough.

I would also be remiss if I did not thank the Hydro Crews who have showed up in our Municipality. They cleared wires so our crew could go in and clear enough to make the road passable for an emergency exit. Hopefully all power is soon restored to all areas.

Thank you to our Fire Chief Derrick Little and Fire Prevention Officer Sean Porter who have been going door to door for 2 days checking on residents, - sometimes having to traipse

through fields and climb fences.

Thank you to staff at the Municipal Office who have been involved in our Emergency Meetings -their day to day work has been put on hold so if you do not receive a response please be patient, they will get back to you as soon as possible.

Lastly, I want to thank our resilient residents who always help themselves and then go to their neighbours' aid. Tweed is such a wonderful, supportive, and caring community. I am so proud to be your Mayor!!

The Street - Bruce Freeborn

Bruce Freeborn from The Street attended the meeting to speak about naloxone kits and having them in municipal buildings.

Purchase of Used Tractor

Council approved the purchase of a 2013 John Deere 5100E Tractor at the cost of \$61,056., HST included for the Public Works Department.

Taste of Tweed

Council declared the Taste of Tweed event a Municipally Significant Event. The event will take place on September 11, 2022.

Community Development Strategic Plan

The Community Development Strategic Plan, conditional upon successful funding was awarded to 13 Ways Consulting Firm for the price of \$50,000. plus HST.

Fire Unit #5 Replacement

Council approved the purchase of a new 2022 3500 4X4 from McKeown Motor Sales in the amount of \$69,250.00+ HST for the Fire Department.

Corporate Complaints Handling Policy

A By-law was passed by Council to adopt a Corporate Complaints Handling Policy. The new policy includes a Request for Service. A Request for Service may be made by a citizen or public at large for a specific service, or to notify the Municipality that a scheduled service was not provided on time. [A copy of the policy can be found at this link.](#)

Road Closure - Elvis Festival

Council approved the request from the Tweed Elvis Festival for the temporary closure of streets on August 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. for the Elvis Parade commencing at Moira Place LTC and concluding at the Tweed Fairgrounds.
