

The Township of The Archipelago

Information Report to Council

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Subject: Operational Services Update

Pointe Au Baril Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation (VORR)

Township staff have completed Step 1 and Step 2 of a VORR application through Transport Canada. Transport Canada is now reviewing the merits of the application before confirming the ability to proceed. If approval to proceed is given public and indigenous consultation will be Step 3, completing a cost-benefit analysis will be Step 4, and a complete application submission to Transport Canada would be Step 5.

Transport Canada Timeline Information: Complete applications are submitted once a year by mid-August. Head Quarters will prepare the regulatory submission to Treasury Board in September. If it meets the requirements of Treasury Board, it is then published in the Canada Gazette Part 1 and includes a stakeholder comment period of 30 days. Any comments received from the public will be reviewed and changes and amendments made before being published in Gazette 2 at which time it becomes a regulation and is in effect.

Currently the entire process can take up to 2 years from initial submission to becoming a law, but changes may be coming where the timeline can be shortened to approximately 6 months once we receive your completed application.

Comprehensive consultation and a cost-benefit analysis will require a large time commitment from staff leading up to the planned submission in August.

Snake Rescue and Successful Release

In March, an Eastern Ribbonsnake was discovered in a work zone during regular Public Works operations. Work was briefly halted to avoid harming the snake and the dormant reptile was removed and transported by the Public Works Supervisor to the Georgian Bay Biosphere for care and habitat during the freezing temperatures. The snake thrived under the care of the Biosphere, and we are happy to report that at the end of April Public Works Staff returned the snake to the same area it was removed from. This is just another example of the care and compassion that our staff have for their work, the public and residents of The Archipelago, and the species and environment.



Recent Environmental Initiatives

The Operations Department is please to announce that our new pick-up truck, approved in this years Capital Budget to replace an end-of-life vehicle, is a HYBRID. The Ford 150 PowerBoost utilizes both gas and electricity to optimize fuel efficiency and plays an important part in our efforts to reduce emissions and be environmentally responsible.

A second recent initiative includes the purchase of a plant-based road marking paint that will be used to paint white parking lot lines. The plant-based paint is bio-sustainable, zero volatile organic compound (VOC), waterborne, and made in Canada. We will monitor its durability and determine its future implementation and uses. <https://www.soyaoilcoatings.com/>

A list of other environmental initiatives include:

- Replace end-of-life air conditioner with SEER 23 Heat Pump at Pointe Au Baril Community Centre (2024)
 - Replace fluorescent tube and incandescent lighting with LED lighting at Pointe Au Baril Community Centre (2022)
 - Installed Heat Recovery Ventilators at both Pointe Au Baril Community Centre and Municipal Office (2022)
 - Purchased battery operated light duty chain saw (2021)
 - Replaced end-of-life windows/doors with energy star windows/doors at Pointe Au Baril Community Centre (2022)
 - Low-flow water washroom fixtures at Municipal Office and Pointe Au Baril Community Centre (2019)
 - FoodCycler countertop “composter” promotion and distribution (300 units so far) (2024)
 - Converted waste compactor motors from gas to electric motors at permanent power sites (2023)
 - Outfit fleet with rechargeable LED emergency flares rather than combustion flares (2024)
 - Converted Pointe Au Baril Community Centre from heating oil to high efficiency propane forced air furnaces (2018)
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FoodCycler – Online Purchase and Delivery

Staff have worked with FoodCycler to implement the online purchase and delivery platform for countertop food composters and accessories. We heard the satisfaction of users during last years distributions, and we are excited to offer FoodCyclers again to The Archipelago residents. 100 subsidised units are currently available for purchase by Township of The Archipelago residents. The pricing remains very similar to last year, with The Archipelago subsidizing \$100 per unit.

For residents that have non-deliverable addresses, instructions have been provided on how to set up FlexDelivery with Canada Post that allows delivery to a post office location, where they will hold your package for a period of time until you are able to pick it up.

Staff will post, share, and publish material directing residents to the online platform to purchase FoodCyclers.

<https://www.fcs-events.com/foodcycler-archipelago>

Respectfully Submitted,



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I concur with this report,



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ATTACHMENTS

