

**County of Peterborough
Sign By-law Working Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 12:00 pm
Committee Room; County Court House**

Present: Garnet Northey – Chair, Tracie Bertrand, Sherry Boyce-Found, Bev Matthews and Alana Solman

Regrets: Tedd Bell, Alyssa Cook, John Eisinga and Ron Gerow

Staff: Sheridan Graham, Peter Nielsen and Kari Stevenson

1. Welcome & Call to Order

Having a quorum, the Chair called the meeting to order at 12:54 p.m.

2. Adoption of Minutes

The Chair called for approval of the minutes of August 21, 2019 as circulated.

Motion:

That the minutes of August 21, 2019 meeting be approved as circulated.

Moved By: Bev Matthews
Seconded By: Sherry Boyce-Found

Carried

3. Adoption of Agenda

The Chair called for approval of the agenda.

Motion:

That the agenda of Wednesday, January 29, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Moved By: Alana Solman
Seconded By: Tracie Bertrand

Carried

4. Consultation with Municipalities

Peter Nielsen provided the Committee with an overview from his delegation to all eight lower-tier municipalities and the answers (or non-answers) to the County's questions regarding changes to sign by-laws and enforcement. The townships were basically split even for status quo and making changes. Mr. Nielsen advised

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that there was a perceived duplication of services, however, each township has different control mechanisms or none at all.

5. Draft Committee Report and By-law

Peter Nielsen reviewed his draft report with the Committee and provided them with a document, "Committee Motions and Recommendations – response" wherein he showed the incorporation of motions and recommendations within the draft by-law and/or draft report.

The Committee agreed with the staff recommendation that if the County is to move forward with the new by-law with enforcement, the fee for a bush country sign should increase from \$210 to \$500. The Committee also agreed that the signs located on private property should be charged the same fees as the bush country signs for fairness. This would require signs on private property being included in the new County sign by-law.

The Committee discussed the spacing of allowed signage of 300 metres and whether that was on one side of the road or both. They also discussed the prohibition of signage on the frontage of properties zoned residential. Members continued to ask clarifying questions on the draft report and by-law and made some minor wording amendments in an attempt to make the draft sign by-law stronger for possible enforcement.

The Committee members were asked to review the draft report and by-law and send their questions to the Chair and Mr. Nielsen by February 17, 2020. The Committee is hopeful that the next meeting to be held in early March of 2020 will be the final meeting with recommendations to Council being passed.

Motion:

Be it resolved that the Sign By-law Working Committee recommend staff's Schedule "C" of the draft by-law prohibiting Election Signs on County property or road allowance that is owned, leased, or maintained by the County of Peterborough.

Moved by: Bev Matthews
Seconded by: Tracie Bertrand

Carried

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6. Adjournment

Motion:


Be it resolved that the Sign By-law Working Committee meet in early March and adjourn the meeting at 2:05 pm.

Moved by: Bev Matthews
Seconded by: Tracie Bertrand

Carried



Garnet Northey, Chair



Kari Stevenson, Recording Secretary

