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September 23, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting

Hello, Carling Followers! We hope you're enjoying the start of the fall season. Here are some key highlights from Council's most recent meeting on September 23rd.

- A representative from the Deep Bay Association appeared before Council to advocate for the introduction of a septic inspection program for properties in the Deep Bay area. The request was driven by concerns that future declines in water levels could negatively impact water quality. In response, Council agreed to revisit the proposal at a future meeting, allowing staff time to consult with other municipalities that have implemented similar programs.

- The managers provided the following reports:

    - The Fire Chief reported that the Fire Department has experienced a particularly busy summer with a significant increase in call volume. He also noted that an additional staff member has been added to support the By-Law Department. Currently, the department is concentrating its efforts on enforcing regulations related to shipping containers, clean yards, and access points. In addition, the Fire Chief is actively working on the development of the Administrative Monetary Penalty System (AMPS) by-law with plans for its implementation in the spring. He also provided updates on necessary repairs to fire vehicles and the ongoing New Fire Hall project.

    - The Planning Manager reported a high volume of planning applications over the summer with a notable number relating to shore road allowance closings. He noted that the additional staff member hired to support the By-Law Department will also be assisting the Planning Department. He continues to work on the Zoning By-law Amendment and plans to provide an update to Council before the end of the year. While there has been a decline in new building permit applications this year, the department has successfully closed several outstanding permits from previous years.

    - The Public Works Manager provided an update on ongoing flood management cleanup efforts, as well as ditching and grading operations scheduled for this fall. He also noted a high volume of inquiries and activity at the waste site throughout the summer.

    - The CAO reported that $3.3 million has been raised for the Tamarack North Centre. He also announced that construction on the new fire hall is officially underway with footings expected to be installed in October. Additionally, he noted that the new chiller has been delivered, and he is currently working with Hydro to ensure it is connected and operational before winter.

- In May, the Georgian Bay Association made a delegation to Council requesting that the Township appoint a representative to the Vision 2050: Protecting Georgian Bay Advisory Council. The purpose of the advisory council is to support the development of a regional coastal policy framework focused on conservation planning and environmental protection. Council subsequently appointed Councillor Bruce Kelly to serve as the Township's representative on the advisory council.

Find the Draft minutes on the Township Website at www.carling.ca or click here