

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
May 1, 2018

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INTERIM CONTROL BY-LAW EXTENSION - FARREN AND ADAM LAKES

STAFF RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended:

“**THAT**, the Interim Control By-Law to freeze lot creation on Farren and Adam Lakes be extended;

AND THAT, the necessary by-law be brought forward at the May 15th, Township Council meeting.”

BACKGROUND

The Planner received a preliminary enquiry about the possibility of one or more severances on Farren Lake. In 2011, lake associations in Tay Valley initiated a pilot project with the Ministry of Environment to undertake Lake Capacity studies. While most of the lakes were not determined to be at capacity for phosphorus loading, both Adam and Farren Lakes were found to be at capacity. Farren Lake was further found to be more sensitive to future phosphorus loading than Adam Lake.

An Interagency Group was organized by the Planner to study the implications of the high phosphorus levels in the two lakes. The Interagency Group consists of Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, Mississippi Conservation Authority and Tay Valley Township with participation from the Adam, Farren and Otty Lake Associations, as well as the Lake Network Association.

The Interagency Group had not met while the Planner was on medical leave. However, a report is being prepared by NovaTech planner, Doug Grant for review by the Group in May 2018.

DISCUSSION

The Interim Control By-law will expire in June 2018. In order to give the Working Group and Council time to consider the options that will be identified in the report, the Planner is recommending the Interim Control By-law be extended for a maximum 6 months.

A recommendation may be adopted by Council prior to the 6 month extension.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Option 1 (recommended): That Council provide direction to extend the Interim Control By-Law to freeze lot creation on Farren and Adam Lakes for six months.

Option 2: Council allows the Interim control By-law to lapse in June 2018.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Consideration of the environment in decisions and operations.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None at this time.

CONCLUSIONS

The Lake Associations for Adam and Farren lakes have sought higher protection for the water quality of their lakes because of the results of a Lake Capacity Study showing them to be at risk. A number of measures were authorized by Council in the past to protect these lakes –Site Plan Control, Mandatory Septic Re-inspection, and inclusion of their Lake Management Plans in the recent update to the Township Official Plan. However, the Township lawyer recommends protecting Farren and Adam lake water quality through an Official Plan Amendment developed while an Interim Control By-Law is in effect for the lakes.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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