TOWNSHIP OF ALBERTON
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

website: www.alberton.ca **June 2022**

OMBUDSMAN INQUIRY

A complaint was filed with the Ombudsman against the Township of Alberton with regard to the May 11, 2022 Council meeting. The name of the complainant was not provided per the Ombudsman's normal practice.

CAO/Clerk-Treasurer Dawn Hayes met with the Ombudsman Counsel/Advocate by telephone with on Tuesday, June 22nd to discuss the matter. Following a review of practices and procedures, she was advised that the complaint was made because a person removed from electronic attendance at that meeting for refusing to provide the person's name (despite being advised that removal would occur following nondisclosure after three requests for identification were made by Reeve Ford) was not readmitted to the meeting.

Until the Ombudsman brought the inability to be readmitted to Dawn's attention, the Township was not aware that Zoom meeting settings include permanent blocking of persons removed from meetings. The Ombudsman indicated this may be an automatic Zoom setting. Following the call, with assistance from Google, the blocking setting was located in Zoom and turned off; however, it will be tested to confirm whether the default setting will be triggered again after removal of an electronic attendee. This test will be run in advance of the July 13th Council meeting.

The Ombudsman's practice is to follow up after initial contact only if it intends to proceed with an inquiry. Dawn requested the Township be notified either way so the status is clear.

Just so everyone knows, the reason people who attend Township meetings electronically are required to identify themselves is, first, for the purpose of including the names in the meeting record (which has always been a Township practice) **and, secondly, to ensure that Zoom-bombing** (i.e. inappropriate visual or audio behaviour) **does not occur.**

2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

For those interested, **election information and candidate nomination forms are on the Township's website under *Public Notices* or may be picked up during regular hours at the Township Office.** The Nomination Form is identical for all Ontario municipalities.

Each candidate must file a Nomination Form with the Clerk at any time up to 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 19, 2022 (Nomination Day). The filing period opened May 1, 2022. To date, no forms have been filed in Alberton.

If the number of nominations that are filed for an office (Reeve or Councillor) and certified after close of nominations on August 19th is less than the number of persons required to be elected (one Reeve, four Councillors), additional nominations may be filed on Wednesday, August 24th between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Possible Lame Duck Period

If it is determined after close of nominations that the Council to be elected will or may include less than 75% of current Council members, current Council will become "lame duck".

The lame duck determination will be made up to two times, once after nominations are closed and again after Voting Day if an election is required. If it is determined that less than 75% of current Council may not be on the 2022-2026 Council, current Council will become "lame duck" and unable to make certain decisions as prohibited by the *Municipal Act, 2001*. The restricted acts include:

1. the appointment or removal from office of any officer of the municipality;
2. the hiring or dismissal of any employee of the municipality;
3. the disposition of any real or personal property of the municipality which has a value exceeding $50,000 at the time of disposal; and
4. the making of any expenditures or incurring of any other liability which exceeds $50,000.00.

A by-law authorizing the CAO/Clerk-Treasurer to deal with such matters during a lame duck period will be passed to ensure continuity of operations.

JUNE 15, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

Councillor Tyson Dennis was appointed as Deputy Reeve for the balance of the term of current Council. This means he will act in place of Reeve Mike Ford in the event he is unavailable to perform his duties and will participate on the Township's Emergency Management Program Committee and Emergency Control Group. Councillor Diane Glowasky continues as the co-signing authority for financial items... *Fire Chief Tyrell Griffith was congratulated on completion of his probation term as Joint Fire Chief for the Townships of Alberton, Chapple, Emo and LaVallee (ACEL). He provided a draft update of the Township's Burn Permit By-law which classifies fires by size rather than by land type (i.e. residential, commercial, etc.) which will discussed further with Council...* VFD Captain Kyle Pace once again has been invited to instruct at the FireCon conference in Thunder Bay in September, which is quite an honour. Deputy Fire Chief James Woods will also be attending... *The VFD's newest recruit is Chris Bonner-Vickers, who will serve as a non-interior attack member. If you're interested in joining the VFD, give Tyrell or any VFD member a call to get more information on what's involved...* The Alberton Recreation Committee hoped to hold an even at the park in July; however, an issue with the water service line first must be fixed before any events can be held at the park and the renovated rink shack may be opened for viewing and use. It is hoped that a community barbeque event to be held jointly with the VFD will be scheduled for September... *Roadside mowing will be done in early July and in late August. Brushing of all municipal roads is scheduled to be done in July to ensure that tree and shrub growth is kept down for purposes of visibility and to protect municipal roadways...* A culvert towards the north end of Hill Road is to be replaced this summer, date to be determined... *The Township's Strategic Plan was reviewed by Council and will be discussed further at the July 13th meeting...* Council agreed that, due to a possible lame duck period occurring, it will hold a regular Council meeting on Wednesday, August 17th to ensure that as much Council business as possible may be completed before a potential lame duck period commences after the close of filing of nominations on August 19th... Have a great day! 😊

Corporation of the Township of Alberton

NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING FOR A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

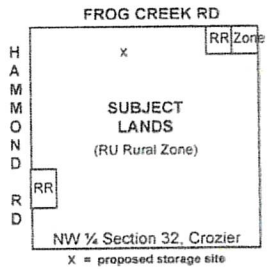
Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Alberton has received a complete application (Application No. Z1-2022) to rezone Zoning By-Law #10/17. The application was deemed complete on June 6, 2022. The application affects land located 544 Hammond Road, and is legally described as Part of Parcel 25358, Section Rainy River, being Part of Section 32, Crozier, being Part 1 on Plan 48R-1382 except Part 1 on Plan 48R3035, Crozier, Municipality of Alberton, PIN 56021-0399 (LT).

The purpose of the application is for a site-specific amendment to Zoning By-Law 4.10.1 Permitted Uses, to permit a self-storage facility on the Subject Lands, as illustrated on the Key Map below. The effect of the application is to permit construction and operation of a self-storage rental business on a portion of the lot with access to same from Frog Creek Road.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that Council for the Township of Alberton will, prior to passing of a by-law to amend a zoning designation, hold a public meeting for the purpose of informing the public of the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment, and to enable interested members of the public to understand and comment on the proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment.

KEY MAP



Date and Location of Public Meeting:

Meeting Date: **Wednesday, July 13, 2022**
Meeting Time: **7:05 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is practicable**
Meeting Place: **Council Chambers**
Alberton Municipal Office
Fire #3 Highway 611 South
Intersection of Highways 11/71 & 611 South
Alberton, Ontario
P9A 3M2
An electronic link for public attendance at the hearing will be posted on Township website www.alberton.ca on the day of the hearing.

The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the application. Council will then use the information collected at this meeting to make a decision on the Zoning By-law Amendment.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Council for the Township of Alberton to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Alberton before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at the public meeting or make written submissions to Council for the Township of Alberton before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Ontario Land Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

To view a copy of the proposed amendment, supporting information and material, please contact the undersigned in person or by telephone or e-mail during regular business hours.

DATED this 15th day of June, 2022.

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The purpose of the application is for an amendment to Zoning By-Law #10/17 to permit continuation of the existing recycling and waste transfer facility uses of the Subject Lands illustrated on the Key Map below. The effect of the application is to formally recognize the existing legal non-conforming recycling and waste transfer facility uses by permitting same as an Exception under Section 4.1.3.

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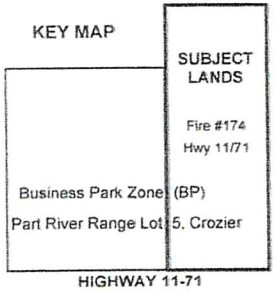

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