

District Update

Much of District Council's work has been focused on the Covid-19 pandemic and ensuring that business continues safely.

Council approved a motion to work with the municipality of Parry Sound in performing an analysis of options for improving broadband in rural areas. This is especially important given the number of people forced to work from home.

The District of Muskoka provided funding to Muskoka Futures to assist small businesses with loans that did not qualify for Federal or Provincial support.

There will be a new rural transit pilot project coming soon to Lake of Bays. Rural service will be provided once a week connecting Baysville to Bracebridge and Huntsville. The Hwy. 60 corridor linking Dwight and Dorset is unfortunately not an option at this time. It is hoped that the pilot project will increase ridership which will then may support route expansion. Stay tuned for details.

District Councillor has authorized paramedic services to continue to assist with extra covid-19 testing until the end of 2020. Testing including the mobile unit that was set up in Baysville is above and beyond services already provided by the Province.

The Lake of Bays Libraries are actively seeking donations for the proposed expansion of the Dwight Public Library. We believe that this is a project that is more important than ever.

<https://www.lakeofbayslibrary.ca/library-expansion>

In other news some environmental programs have been put on hold this summer such as the algae testing program (Muskoka Watershed Council) while others such as the ash Muskoka project have just started up again. Please see Ash Muskoka at <https://ashmuskoka.ca/>.

All the best,

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