

Resort Village of Cochin
Council Comments 3 of 2022

Council held its September meeting commencing at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, September 13. Seven members of the public were in attendance from time-to-time. Two made scheduled submissions to Council.

1. Parking Bylaw

A resident ratepayer made a submission to Council, in an adult manner, concerning his view that the terms of the Parking Bylaw are, at least in part, flawed and his belief he is being “targeted” in the application of some of its provisions. Council was persuaded by the submission that the terms of the bylaw should be reviewed, both with respect to its provisions and the application of those provisions. In pursuance of that conclusion, Council will schedule time to address these matters. In the meantime, Council is suspending the issue of parking tickets re: tractor – trailer units as well as enforcement of such parking tickets already issued.

2. Toilet Facilities on the Main Beach

We are most disappointed to report that one or more persons have chosen to vandalize this facility by smearing feces on the inside of the stalls. It is disgusting and presents a struggle to keep the facility clean and presentable. It is the intention of Council to provide water to the toilet by next summer which should allow our staff to high pressure wash the interiors. Until that installation is complete, Council sees no alternative but to keep the doors locked.

3. “Chief” Ron Delorme

The “Welcome to the Resort Village of Cochin” signs which have welcomed people arriving on Highway #4 for many years, from both the north and the south, have been replaced with signs which recognize and honour “Chief” Ron Delorme and note the existence of the lighthouse. A future edition of Council Comments will include a summary of the life and times of Ron. The application to rename Lehman Creek as Ron Delorme Creek is still in the works and in the hands of the appropriate officials with the Provincial Government.

4. Cochin Days

A massive “shout out” to the members of the Cochin Days Committee and the numerous volunteers who “pulled off” one of the best Cochin Days ever. Kathy and Rick Young are stepping down from their leadership roles but will continue to be involved as volunteers in the future.

Residents Dawn Hornsby, Elaine Krieger and Kendra Young will act as co-chairs starting in 2023 with Joanne Rivers-Wing stepping up as secretary to the committee.

The 2022 production had expenses of \$14,750.48 with revenues of \$23,504.64 for a net profit of \$8,754.16. This sum will be transferred to the Cochin Days Committee bank account which will leave a balance of \$38, 243.42 in that account.

The Committee is considering options for use of these funds for the public benefit.

As previously noted in Council Comments, the funds in the account are not for transfer to Village general revenue.

Cochin Days 2023 will be held on August 11, 12 and 13, 2023.

5. Connecting footpath

At the request of a resident, the Village will cut a footpath from McLennan Drive to Nolin Drive so that pedestrians do not have to walk on the highly travelled Delorme Drive.

6. Tennis Courts

Resurfacing of the tennis courts is now complete. Root removal is just about finished. The fence will be repaired. It is the plan to plant vines (maybe hops) along the outside perimeter of all sides of the fence. Product to paint lines is caught in the supply chain challenge. Then the question is: tennis only, pickle ball only, both? Dennis Pirot is paying ½ of the cost of approximately \$48,000. Does anyone have an interest in funding the vines?

7. Lakeside Environmental

The bins have all been delivered. On week two, the hydraulics on the garbage truck failed so Landon and his wife hand-picked all the garbage. Now that is dedication. Despite the naysayers, the new system is working well, and the sun still comes up every morning.

8. Taxes

The total taxes levied by the Village to be paid by Cochin ratepayers is \$938,392.98. Of that amount, 33.6% (\$314,921.61) is school taxes over which the Village has no control. Remember, penalties for late payment begin to accrue on October 1, 2022.

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