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To: Mayor and members of Council

From: Karl Korpela, Chief Building Official

Date: May 5, 2020

Re: Septic Re-inspection Program – 2020 Recommendation

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council supports postponing the revisions to the revised Septic Re-Inspection Program in light of the COVID-19 restrictions;

And further, that Council directs staff to complete all requirements to have the revised Septic Re-Inspection Program ready to commence for 2021;

And further, that Council supports the proposed plan in completing the outstanding properties in Area #1 in 2020 provided the COVID-19 relevant COVID-19 restrictions are lifted in time.

BACKGROUND:

Through the February 25th Regular Meeting of Council, Council supported the recommended changes to the Septic Re-Inspection Program which included eliminating the mandatory pump out, a single source 3rd party contractor, and notifying owners of inspection dates.

It was further supported that the remaining Area #1 properties would be captured under the revised program.

Staff are now tasked with preparing a Request for Tender and By-law to accommodate the direction.

ANALYSIS:

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions imposed on Committee/Council meetings and defined essential services, it is not advisable to move ahead at this time with the revisions to the program. It is recommended that we aim for 2021 to implement the full revised program.

Development of the revised program would proceed throughout 2020 as restrictions are lifted and as time permits.

With regards to the remaining properties in Area #1, Staff recommend diverting from the February 25th Council direction and attempt to capture these properties provided COVID-19 restrictions for such inspections are lifted in sufficient time.

The following process is proposed to complete the remaining AREA #1 Outstanding Properties:

- Properties will be sent an Order to Comply identifying a date for the inspection. Order would also provide the opportunity for owner to retain a qualified 3rd party inspector and submit the form for review prior to the identified date.
- Inspector will attend the property on that identified date to complete the inspection at a cost of \$250 in accordance with fees associated with our Building By-law 2014-30.
- If owner or representative is not on-site, owner will be charged the \$250 and a report will be left on-site indicating the date of the next inspection – process will continue until inspection is completed, bi-weekly if possible with current staffing levels.
- If owner or representative is on-site, inspection will be completed. Regardless of outcome, owner will be provided 1 month to complete a septic tank pump out by a certified septage hauler. The hauler must have current Provincial qualification in On-Site Sewage Systems or an environmental compliance approval under the Environmental Protection Act, and must produce receipt of the pump out with statement from the hauler as to the general condition of the tank to the building department to review to complete the inspection.

To complete the recommended process, the following provisions will need to be in place:

1. Permit Clerk to be qualified in On-Site Sewage Systems through the Province. Note that our Permit Clerk has already completed the 1 week course held locally and is registered to complete the exam in May.
2. All 4 building staff will be tasked with completing these inspections.
3. 1 WAO property outstanding which is serviced by a grey water pit, no tank. Options to access the property to be considered.

SUMMARY:

The unforeseen restrictions as a result of COVID-19 has forced the Municipality to delay implementation of the revised Septic Re-Inspection Program to 2021. In the meantime, the Municipality is able to establish a plan for completing the outstanding inspection from Area #1 when or if the restrictions for such inspections are lifted.

FINANACIAL:

Revenue will be collected for each inspection and will be completely cost recoverable.