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?Emergency Management System worked? ? Mayor Bennington

Council received an update Monday night from the Town's Director of Public Works Scott Wheeldon regarding the recent Shelburne water main break. Wheeldon said he received a call at 4:55 p.m. on May 28th that a water main had been hit during the construction process at Well #5/6 by Avertex Utility Solutions' construction team. Wheeldon reported that 11 individual apartments and one home in Shelburne were affected. Those residents were put on a boil water alert, which has since been lifted.

All emergency alerts were enacted, including involving the Ministry of the Environment, who reportedly were satisfied with all mitigation procedures. The County of Dufferin was contacted and provided for mutual-aid fire protection during the repair process.

Town CAO John Telfer noted it was deemed that the fault did not lie with Avertex, but rather with survey locals for the water main that were marginally incorrect. A temporary above ground link is in place until the break can be properly restored. Although, the incident was unfortunate, Mayor Bennington said, ?The good new is, emergency management was implemented and the system worked.?

Other presentations at the June 8th Council meeting included a report form the Town Planner Steven Wever regarding an application for the Draft Plan of Phase 8 of Greenbrook Village on behalf of Giampaolo Investments Ltd. The subject land, designated as residential in the Official Plan, is 7.14 acres north and south of Wansburgh Way and west of County Road 124. The applicant is proposing to develop the site as 45 single detached residential lots. Lands west of the proposed development are currently being developed as a subdivision of Greenbrook Village containing 321 residential lots.

Councillor Tom Egan asked for confirmation from the Planner that the waste water capacity currently existed for the development. Steven Wever confirmed, acknowledging that it left very little allocation going forward, but that there was no threat of system overload. The Planner reported the application plans had been circulated to the necessary parties with no significant objections and recommended further reports be presented at a future meeting.

Other discussions involved two Shelburne improvement projects that will be applying for a Canada 150 Grant through the Federal government: 1) improvements to Hyland Park and 2) roof replacement for the Centre Dufferin Recreation Centre (CDRC.) John Telfer CAO reported that work is progressing on the application for 33% of the cost of updating the washrooms and pavilion at Hyland Park. He noted an historical connection to the current facilities that were put in place for Canada's Centennial Celebrations making it fitting that they be updated for the 150th Celebrations. Councillor Wade Mills reported that a meeting with the CDRC earlier in the evening had resulted in a resolution to apply for 33 per cent of the cost of a new CDRC roof, to be built in 2017, through the same grant. The CAO said municipalities were encouraged to apply for more than one project and noted that the Federal application would not preclude the CRDC from seeking other grant funding for the roof renovations, for example through the Province.

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