

ADDENDUM TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION REPORT

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Prepared For: Development and Property Committee

March 8, 2022

RESOLUTIONS

4. Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) Petition [Strategic Plan Goal No. 1]

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to County Council that the Warden sign a petition to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) in collaboration with the Town of Deep River in their support of the Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF).

Background

Attached as Appendix ED-I is a letter from Mayor Sue D'Eon, Town of Deep River requesting that Warden Debbie Robinson sign a petition in support of the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) proposed Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) to be located on Chalk River Laboratories site. Mayor D'Eon is seeking the Warden's signature as one of ten (10) key supporters on the petition the Town of Deep River is submitting to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC).

Chalk River Laboratories (CRL) is Canada's premier nuclear research facility and has been a vital economic driver for the County of Renfrew since 1942. The site is the property of Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. (AECL), a federal Crown Corporation who manages the laboratories on behalf of Natural Resources Canada and the Government of Canada. CRL is the largest licensed nuclear site in Canada.

CRL is the site of major research and development to support and advance nuclear technology, in particular CANDU commercial electric power generation technology, and now Small Modular Reactors. The broad range of scientific research and development at CRL includes physics, metallurgy, chemistry, biology, engineering, mathematics, computer science, advanced materials, environmental monitoring, robotics, hydrogen, and nuclear medicine. The many unique research facilities in all fields of science and

technology and an employee team of 2,700 make this Canada's single largest science and technology research and development site.

The NSDF is an engineered waste management site designed to host low-level nuclear waste material. The vast majority of that material is already present on the Chalk River Laboratories site. This comprised of low-level radioactive legacy waste from seventy years of research and development, and construction and demolition waste from the 100 structures on site demolished as part of the site revitalization and construction of new research facilities. Additional low-level radioactive waste from hospitals, universities, industry and nuclear research facilities will be received and managed at the NSDF from across eastern Canada.

County Council has already agreed to intervene in support of the NSDF project with a written submission to the CNSC and as an intervenor at the CNSC Public hearings in April 2022.

From: Suzanne D'Eon
Sent: February 25, 2022 2:45 PM
To: Debbie Robinson; Warden
Cc: Reeve Doncaster

Subject: Fw: Requesting your support for a petition to the federal government in support of NSDF

Good afternoon Warden, I hope this finds you well.

Reeve Doncaster and I will be submitting the attached E-petition to Parliament in support of the Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) project.

As you are aware, the NSDF is critical to the future of the Chalk River Laboratories (CRL) and CRL is an environmentally responsible employer and a vital economic engine in Renfrew County.

We understand that opponents of NSDF have used such petitions in the past and believe it's important to ensure that supporters' voices are heard as well.

The petition must be sponsored by a Member of Parliament and I understand Renfrew Nipissing Pembroke MP Cheryl Gallant is willing to sponsor it. The Reeve and I will be identified as the initiators.

In order to submit the petition to the federal government website, *I need to identify at least five (and up to 10) Canadian citizen/Canadian resident supporters along with their email addresses.*

That is why I am contacting you.

Would you please consider being one of our 10 supporters?

Having the support of local leaders like yourself would provide a strong message.

Once the petition goes live, it will be promoted by CNL for 60-90 days.

If it receives more than 500 signatures, the Government is committed to provide a written response.

Thanks very much for your consideration.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Sue D'Eon
Mayor
Town of Deep River

ADDENDUM TO THE FORESTRY AND GIS DIVISION REPORT

Prepared By: Jason Davis, Manager of Forestry and GIS

Prepared For: Development and Property Committee

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INFORMATION

3. Infrastructure Canada Active Transportation Fund

Infrastructure Canada is accepting applications for both the planning and capital funding streams of the Active Transportation Fund between January 27, 2022 and March 31, 2022.

The first-ever Active Transportation Fund will provide \$400 million over five years to support a modal shift away from cars and toward active transportation, in support of Canada's National Active Transportation Strategy. The Active Transportation Fund will invest in projects that build new and expanded networks of pathways, bike lanes, trails and pedestrian bridges, in addition to supporting active transportation planning and stakeholder engagement activities.

Staff will review the application guidelines and if applicable apply for work on the Algonquin Trail before the March 31, 2022 deadline. Application for funding opportunities is consistent with the March 2021 County Council direction provided to staff under RESOLUTION NO. DP-CC-21-03-37 which included the statement "AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to continue to seek any grant opportunities, revenue streams and/or partnerships to offset funding requirements."

RESOLUTIONS

4. Canadian Pacific (CP) Rail Acquisition Support

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend to County Council that the Warden send a letter to the Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry requesting that the Province's Registry permit the use of compiled plans, instead of very costly surveys, to transfer the remaining Canadian Pacific (CP) lands

running through Crown Land to the County of Renfrew and the Township of Papineau-Cameron; AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this letter be sent to MPP John Yakabuski, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke and MPP Vic Fedeli, Nipissing.

Background

Trails staff continue to engage with Provincial staff for their support to accept from the Province's Registry staff to use compiled plans, instead of very costly surveys, to transfer the remaining lands running through Crown Land to the County of Renfrew and the Township of Papineau-Cameron for a savings to the County of Renfrew, Township of Papineau-Cameron and Lanark County of \$400,000.

BY-LAW

5. By-law 119-18 – To Regulate and Govern the Use of the Algonquin Trail

Recommendation: THAT the Development and Property Committee recommend that County Council amend By-law 119-18 being a By-law to Regulate and Govern the Use of the Lands Known as the Algonquin Trail (Formerly known as the CP Rail Corridor) as a Linear Park to be consistent with County of Lanark's closing date for the All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) season of November 30 and to include a schedule of fees.

Background

Partnering with Lanark County and the Township of Papineau-Cameron, By-law 119-18 to regulate and govern the use of the Algonquin Trail was created and passed by Council. Staff is aware of inconsistent dates for ATV use between Lanark County and the County of Renfrew and also the lack of a schedule of fees within the By-law. Staff continue to work with the Provincial Offences Act Manager in the process to register the schedule of fees with the Regional Senior Justice of the Peace for the East Region through the Ministry of Attorney General.

COUNTY OF RENFREW

BY-LAW NUMBER

(Amended January 29, 2020)

A BY-LAW TO REGULATE AND GOVERN THE USE OF THE LANDS KNOWN AS THE ALGONQUIN TRAIL (FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE CP RAIL CORRIDOR) AS A LINEAR PARK

WHEREAS Section 9 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority;

AND WHEREAS Section 8 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, provides that Sections 9 and 11 shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to a) enable municipalities to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate and, b) enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues;

AND WHEREAS Section 11 (3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25 as amended, provides that a municipality is authorized to pass by-laws with respect to matters within the sphere of jurisdiction of culture, parks, recreation and heritage;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the County of Renfrew developed and adopted a management plan for the Algonquin Trail, as part of the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail that addresses issues such as use, control, liability, etc.;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient and in the interest of public safety to regulate and govern the use of the Algonquin Trail in the County of Renfrew;

AND WHEREAS the Council has determined that any breach of the provisions of this By-law should be subject to an Administrative Monetary Penalty.

1. DEFINITIONS

“Administrative Monetary Penalty” is a penalty imposed for a contravention of this By-law and issued upon discovery of the unlawful event. It is due and payable with no right of appeal and constitutes a debt to the County.

“Algonquin Trail” means a 30-metre wide linear park to include all owned and leased land in the County and the City of Pembroke, and is the County of Renfrew portion of the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail.

“Camp” includes the placement of a tent or trailer at any time on the Property or the lodging or staying overnight on the Property.

“County of Renfrew” means the Municipal Corporation of the County of Renfrew.

“Debris” includes anything that is not natural to the Property.

“Dirt Bike” means a two-wheel motorized machine used primarily for traveling on land other than registered roadways.

“Enforcement Officer” means a Provincial Offences Officer, an Ontario Provincial Police Officer, or any person exercising a power or performing duty under this By-law.

“Firearm” includes any type of gun or other firearm including an air gun, spring gun, pellet gun, tranquillizer gun, cross-bow, long-bow or other type of bow, sling shot, or any similar thing.

“Licensee” means an association or club issued a license by the County of Renfrew to use the Algonquin Trail and allow their members to use the Algonquin Trail through the issuance of permits in accordance with an executed License Agreement between the association or club and the County of Renfrew.

“Litter” includes the throwing, dumping, placing, depositing of any debris.

“Motor Vehicle” means a vehicle used for transportation relying upon a motor for operation including vehicles described as Off-Road Vehicles, Snowmobile/Motorized Snow Vehicles, Motorcycles, Dirt Bikes.

“Natural Features” means all geology, vegetation, and wildlife pertaining to, existing in or produced by nature throughout the Algonquin Trail. This includes all plant and wildlife species and wetland areas.

“Off-Road Vehicle” shall mean an off-road vehicle within the meaning of the Off Road Vehicles Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O. 4, as amended.

“Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail” or “OVRT” means the 296 km section of trail owned and leased by the County of Renfrew, County of Lanark and the Township of Papineau-Cameron running from outside Mattawa to outside Smiths Falls.

“Pedestrian” means any person travelling on foot or with related foot gear and not requiring the aid of a motor for propulsion.

“Permit” means a current permit issued by a Licensee authorized by the County of Renfrew to allow the use of the trail by Permit Holders.

“Permit Holder” means a person issued a Permit by a Licensee authorized by the County of Renfrew.

“Signage” means postings throughout the Algonquin Trail erected by or authorized by the County of Renfrew.

“Property” means the property described as the Algonquin Trail in the County of Renfrew.

“Snowmobile/Motorized Snow Vehicle” means a motorized snow vehicle, within the meaning of the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M. 44, as amended.

2. PERMITTED USES

The following are considered permitted uses of the Algonquin Trail:

- (i) Walking, running, hiking, dog walking.
- (ii) Cross country skiing, snowshoeing.
- (iii) Orienteering, geocaching.
- (iv) Nature appreciation, bird watching, nature study.
- (v) Dog sledding.
- (vi) Cycling, including the use of E-bikes.
- (vii) Horseback riding.
- (viii) Harvesting of non-wood products such as tree seed/cones, mushrooms for personal use.
- (ix) Electric-powered personal mobility vehicles (scooters, wheelchairs, etc.)
- (x) Operating an Off-Road Vehicle on or between May 1 and November 30 inclusive, in any year. Vehicle must hold valid insurance and be properly licenced. Dates may be modified at the discretion of the

Director of Development and Property, and dependent on dry conditions and an assessment of weather, safety, and consultation with user groups of which hold lease agreements.

- (xi) Other activities as approved through the execution of a land use agreement or special event permit obtained from the County of Renfrew.
- (xii) Other personal transportation as approved by the County of Renfrew.

3. PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The following activities are prohibited on the Algonquin Trail:

- (i) Tampering with or removing any signage.
- (ii) Using the Algonquin Trail during a closure of the Algonquin Trail by the County of Renfrew due to extreme weather conditions, maintenance, or other reason at their discretion.
- (iii) Disobeying signage posted by the County of Renfrew.
- (iv) Camping or causing any person to camp.
- (v) Hunting or causing any person to hunt.
- (vi) Discharging or operating a weapon or firearm or causing any person to discharge or operate any weapon or firearm.
- (vii) Littering, or failing to pick up after pets or horses. Failing to control a pet, including dogs and horses.
- (viii) Vandalizing the Property or cause any person to vandalize the Property.
- (ix) Starting or feeding an open air fire.
- (x) Removing, destroying, or otherwise disturbing any natural features without written consent of the County of Renfrew.
- (xi) Operation of a Dirt Bike or Motorcycle.
- (xii) Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

- 4. If a person is using the Algonquin Trail while operating a Motor Vehicle in accordance with Section 2, they shall not interfere with or impede the use of the Algonquin Trail by a pedestrian or any other person using the Algonquin Trail.

5. SPEED LIMIT

The maximum speed limit permitted throughout the Algonquin Trail is 50 km/hour on rural parts of the trail and 20 km/hour on urban parts of the

trail. Urban and rural sections of the Algonquin Trail and their respective speed limits will be delineated by signage.

6. PERMITS

Sections of the Algonquin Trail are leased on an annual basis to the local snowmobile clubs, who operate under the auspices of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. As per the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, no person shall drive a motorized snow vehicle upon a prescribed trail except under the authority of, and in accordance with, a trail permit for the motorized snow vehicle issued. During the period from December 1st to April 30th in each calendar year, permits for snowmobiles may be acquired from the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs. Permits for other uses by any other authorized organization approved by the County of Renfrew may be required.

7. CANINE AND EQUESTRIAN USE

Canine and equestrian use requires the removal of excrement from the Algonquin Trail surface and violations are subject to penalty. Equestrian excrement shall be considered in the same manner as canine excrement.

8. CURFEWS/TIME OF USE

Users of the Algonquin Trail may do so from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. unless otherwise posted by local by-laws with appropriate legislation cited.

9. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- (i) Every person who uses the Algonquin Trail is subject to all Municipal by-laws and all Provincial and Federal laws and regulations. Any person violating any Municipal by-law or other law may be ordered by the County of Renfrew or an Enforcement Officer to leave the Algonquin Trail.
- (ii) No person shall hinder or obstruct, or attempt to hinder or obstruct an Enforcement Officer.
- (iii) No person shall neglect or refuse to produce information, identification or to provide any information required by any person acting pursuant to this By-law.
- (iv) In addition to any other authority they may have, an Enforcement Officer is authorized to enforce the provisions of this By-law and to

- order any persons believed by such Enforcement Officer to be contravening or who has contravened any provision of this By-law:
- (a) To desist from the activity constituting or contributing to such a contravention;
 - (b) To remove from the Algonquin Trail anything owned by or in the control of such person which the officer believes is or was involved in such contravention, and;
 - (c) To leave the Algonquin Trail.
- (v) The court in which a conviction has been entered pursuant to this By-law and any other court of competent jurisdiction thereafter may make an order prohibiting the continuation or repetition of the offence by the person convicted, and such order shall be in addition to any other penalty imposed by the court on the person convicted.
- (vi) Every person who contravenes any provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a fine or penalty as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P. 33, as may be amended from time to time and to any other applicable penalty, including but not limited to those defined in the Off-Road Vehicles Act, the Highway Traffic Act, the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act and the Trespass to Property Act.
- (vii) The County of Renfrew appoints the Ontario Provincial Police ("OPP") with the authority to enforce this By-law.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY

- (i) Any person found by an Enforcement Officer to have breached any provision of this By-law including applicable offences in Schedule 'A' may be subject to an Administrative Penalty as follows:
 - a) A breach by a Permit Holder or any user of the Trail of any provision of this By-law shall be subject to an Administrative Penalty of \$85.00 or as designated in Schedule "A".
 - b) Upon receipt of a notice of Administrative Monetary Penalty, the Permit Holder or the person or corporation named in the notice shall pay the penalty within seven (7) days to the Municipality.
 - c) An Administrative Monetary Penalty Notice shall include the following information:
 - i. the Administrative Monetary Penalty Notice Date;
 - ii. the date on which the Administrative Monetary Penalty is due and payable;

- iii. the signature of the issuing Enforcement Officer;
 - iv. particulars of the contravention reasonably sufficient to indicate the nature of the contravention;
 - v. the amount of the Administrative Monetary Penalty; and,
 - vi. a statement advising that an unpaid Administrative Monetary Penalty will constitute a debt of the person or corporation to the Municipality.
- d) An Enforcement Officer may serve the Penalty Notice on a person or corporation by one of the following methods:
 - i. delivering it personally to the person or to the head office of the corporation;
 - ii. sending a copy by registered mail to the last known address of the person or the head office of the corporation; or,
 - iii. posting a copy of the notice in a conspicuous place at the site of the contravention and sending a copy by registered mail to the last known address of the person or the head office of the corporation.
- e) An Administrative Monetary Penalty remaining unpaid after the date when it is due and payable, constitutes a debt to the Municipality owed by the person or corporation named in the notice. The Municipality may take all steps available in law to collect the unpaid penalty.
- f) An Administrative Monetary Penalty may not be challenged or appealed.

11. SHORT FORM WORDINGS

- 11.1 The Municipality shall make application to the Ministry of the Attorney General of Ontario for approval of Short Form Wordings and Set Fines in accordance with the Set Fine Schedule approved by resolution of Council, and such fines shall come into effect upon the approval or amendment by the Attorney General of Ontario or his designate.
- 11.2 Staff shall be authorized to make changes to the By-law or Set Fine Schedule without amendment to the By-law or Resolution of Council, if so recommended by the Attorney General or his designate in order for the Set Fines to be approved.

11.3 Council may, by Resolution, amend the Set Fines under this By-law at any time. Any amendment made to the Set Fines by Resolution of Council will come into force upon approval of the Attorney General or his designate.

12. **APPLICABILITY**

This By-law does not apply to vehicles or persons:

- (i) of authorized law enforcement, firefighting, emergency medical, or other emergency personnel when carrying out authorized duties, or
- (ii) engaged in work on or along the Algonquin Trail on behalf of the County of Renfrew.

13. THAT this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon the final passing thereof.

READ a first time this 25th day of March 2022.

READ a second time this 25th day of March 2022.

READ a third time and finally passed this 25th day of March 2022.

DEBBIE ROBINSON, WARDEN

PAUL V. MOREAU, CLERK

Schedule "A"

Item	Offence	Set Fine
1.	Vehicle must meet all applicable provincial and manufacturer safety standards with regard to safety equipment and serviceability of the vehicle.	\$185.00
2.	Failure to operate the vehicle in an unsafe manner for the driver, passengers and other trail users.	\$185.00
3.	Does not meet the manufacturer sound level standards.	\$300.00
4.	Drive ATV with passenger seated improperly.	\$360.00
5.	Speeding — more than 20 km/h where limit is 20 km/h or less.	\$220.00
6.	Speeding — more than 50 km/h where limit is 50 km/hr.	\$220.00
7.	Tampering with or removing signage posted by or in partnership with County of Renfrew.	\$185.00
8.	Disobeying signage posted by the County of Renfrew.	\$185.00
9.	Using the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail (OVRT)/Algonquin Trail during a closure of the OVRT/Algonquin Trail by the County of Renfrew due to extreme weather conditions, maintenance, or <u>before or after prescribed dates and times the trail is open.</u>	\$220.00
10.	Littering, or failing to pick up after dogs or horses.	\$185.00
11.	Failing to control a pet, including dogs and horses.	\$185.00
12.	Camping or causing any person to camp.	\$185.00
13.	Hunting or causing any person to hunt.	\$185.00
14.	Discharging or operating a weapon or firearm or causing any person to discharge or operate any weapon or firearm.	\$185.00
15.	Vandalizing the Property or causing any person to vandalize the Property.	\$250.00

Item	Offence	Set Fine
16.	Starting or feeding an open-air fire.	\$185.00
17.	Removing, destroying, or otherwise disturbing any Natural Features without written consent of the County of Renfrew.	\$185.00
18.	Operation of a Dirt Bike or Motorcycle	\$185.00
19.	Operation of a Motor vehicle without Ontario Federation ATV (OFATV) permit displayed on vehicle pending permit required approval of County Council.	\$220.00

****At the discretion of enforcement official fines doubled in Community Safety Zones areas as signed along the Trail.**