

HLCA Communications January 23, 2016

Dear Cottagers & Residents

Just following up on our last communication January 3, 2016 this note provides you the current status of the land fill and road issues.

The following is an excerpt of an email Gord Cochrane, president FIRA sent out on January 20 to all attendees of the January 9, 2016 meeting at the FIRA Hall. It explains current status of the land fill and roads issues. All comments welcome, we will keep you informed, no response as of yet.

Below is the e-mail which Anna Tilman, President of Percy Lake Ratepayers Association, sent yesterday to Murray Fearey and Walt McKechnie. Attached is the full letter prepared by Anna, which was attached to her e-mail. Also attached are the Notes prepared by Glenn Scott, President of Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association, which summarize the meeting held on January 9 at Fort Irwin Residents' Association Hall.

..... Anna, Glenn and I will be following up on the Dysart Agendas since we are obviously interested to see if Council will be discussing the roads or the landfill sites. If the landfill issue will be on the Agenda, we will have someone present to monitor what is happening.

We will let you know of any developments and if we hear from either Murray or Walt.

Gord Cochrane, President of FIRA

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Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 10:23:57 AM
Subject: Town Hall meeting - FIRA, PLRA, HLCA

Hi Murray and Walt;

On Saturday January 9, 2016, the three associations (FIRA, PLRA, HLCA) held a meeting at the Fort Irwin hall to discuss issues in common, the main ones being the West Bay Landfill, and the condition of roads in the area. The meeting was well attended (approximately 45 people) and there was a lot of good discussion on these topics.

At the meeting, it was agreed upon that the three of us, (Anna, Glenn and Gord), as presidents of the associations, act as representatives to you (and thus the municipality) on these issues, and other related matters affecting our area.

The attached letter briefly describes our discussions on the two critical matters, namely landfills and roads.

We look forward to opportunities to meet with both of you at a time and location that is mutually convenient. In that way, we will maintain open communication, trust and engagement on these matters.

Respectfully,

Anna Tilman

c.c. Gord Cochrane, Glenn Scott

Your HLCA Board

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Attachment(s)

Notes Town Hall January 9, 2016 (FIRA, HLCA, PLRA)

Meeting Time: 10:30am - 12:15 pm, Attendance 44

Landfill

Background

- About 1000 users of West Bay between Haliburton, Percy, Ross, Oblong and south part of Redstone
- About 100 new lots available with development starting this increased tax base
- West Bay is currently a transfer station for recycle and a landfill site garbage
- Quite often illegal dumping already occurs increased activity if West Bay closed
- Dysart has recently purchased 14 acres adjacent to West Bay, intended for expanded landfill

Summary

- Need to understand Municipal / County Waste Management Plan together with Ministry of Environment expectations and compliance requirements, in addition the role of Dysart's Environment Committee
- Information flow and consultation needs to start now and not when the solution is virtually finalized, need to understand Dysart's timelines
- Need to connection with CHA and FOCA to understand what information they may have on the subject
- Need to educate residents and cottagers of need to communicate with renters about waste management on the Lake

Roads

Summary

Road conversations started with owner's raising concerns about the condition of Haliburton Lake Road from East Lake Road to Percy Lake Road.

- Need to understand holistic plan and strategy for maintenance and repair of Haliburton and Percy Lake area roads. This includes but not limited to,
 - Road classification and resulting maintenance and snow removal (Note - Ross Lake Road half completed with tar and chip has been downgraded to a lower classification)
 - Decision making strategy to prioritize work
 - Repair vs resurface techniques, methods, (Note - Bowen Drive resurfaced with 5/8" granite which seems to be superior compared to Ross Lake tar and chip),

Specifics to be addressed

- Oblong Bridge a known safety concern what is the timing of to repair
- Disrepair of Sullivan and Dunn Roads
- Requirement to focus on "Downtown Fort Irwin" and Haliburton Lake Road from the Oblong Bridge to Fort Irwin Garden Center
- Disposition of \$500k developer has provided Dysart for road work related to construction activity

Letter to Murray and Walt

To:

Murray Fearrey, Reeve,
Walt McKechnie, Councilor Ward 5
Municipality of Dysart

From:

Anna Tilman, Percy Lake Ratepayers' Association (PLRA)
Glenn Scott, Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association (HLCA)
Gord Cochrane, Fort Irwin Residents' Association (FIRA)

January 19, 2016

Re: Town Hall Meeting, January 9, 2016 (FIRA, HLCA, PLRA)

Dear Murray and Walt;

On January 9, 2016, the three associations held a meeting at the FIRA hall to discuss two main issues of concern, namely, the West Bay Landfill, and Roads. Approximately 45 people attended the meeting. It was agreed upon that the three of us, (Anna, Glenn and Gord), the current presidents of the three associations, serve as their representatives with the municipality on these issues.

This letter briefly outlines a summary of our discussions on two critical matters discussed, namely landfills and roads.

1) West Bay Landfill

It is our understanding that the West bay Landfill currently serves as a transfer station for recycling and as a landfill site for garbage. There are approximately 1000 users of the West Bay Landfill (including residents of Haliburton, Percy, Ross, Oblong and the south part of Redstone). In addition, 100 new lots have recently been created. This will increase the usage and need for a landfill as well as adding to the tax base of the municipality.

However, if this landfill site is closed, it would adversely affect issues related to the proper waste diversion and disposal in the area it serves and could very well lead to an increase in illegal dumping.

It is not clear to us what the Municipal/County Waste Management Plan is as a whole, including waste diversion targets, recycling efforts, the different types of waste management options, or the role of the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change with respect to landfills in the province or local municipalities.

The Council had had discussions on options pertaining to landfill sites, which included the closure of the West Bay and Kennisis Landfills. It is critical that there be information flow and consultation with the municipality and affected communities, prior to any proposals or options being finalized.

Thus, we are requesting that we be fully informed and participate in discussions by the Council on this matter. This would be beneficial to both the residents and the Council.

2) Roads

Residents at the meeting raised a number of issues pertaining to road conditions. In general, we need to understand the plans for the maintenance and repair of Haliburton and Percy Lake area roads. This includes but is not limited to;

- The classification of roads and how it impacts on maintenance and snow removal (For example, Ross Lake Road has been partially completed with tar and chip and downgraded to a lower classification).
- How decisions are made to prioritize road work.
- The various repair vs resurface techniques and their longevity.

Some of the specific road issues raised at the meeting include:

- The Oblong Bridge - a known safety issue. We need to understand the timeframe for addressing the repair of the bridge.
- Haliburton Lake Road (from East Lake Road to Percy Lake Road.)
- The poor condition of Sullivan and Dunn roads and the "Downtown Fort Irwin" road (from the Oblong Bridge to the Fort Irwin Garden Center).
- The status and disposition of funds provided to Dysart by the developer for road work related to construction activity.

We trust that you or Dysart staff will engage us in discussions on these matters. As mentioned, keeping us informed and getting our input in an open and transparent manner will be beneficial to all parties.

We would be very interested in meeting with both of you on these issues at a mutual convenient time.

Please let us know how to proceed.

Yours truly;

Anna Tilman, Percy Lake Ratepayers' Association (PLRA)

Cc: Glenn Scott, Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association (HLCA)

Gord Cochrane, Fort Irwin Residents' Association (FIRA)