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Dear Sir or Madam,

### **Status Update: Paradise Point and Grandview Beach Servicing**

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update on the status of the Paradise Point and Grandview Beach Servicing Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA). The Class EA, conducted in 2015, was completed in order to investigate opportunities to improve the water and wastewater services to properties in the Grandview Beach and Paradise Point community. The Class EA ultimately recommended the expansion of the existing municipal water and wastewater systems in Port McNicoll to the Grandview Beach and Paradise Point community. The following is an update on the status of the project.

#### Year-round Water Servicing

Council has decided to proceed with detailed design of the year-round water system only. The decision to proceed with year-round water only was made to take advantage of a funding opportunities (see below), implement part of the preferred alternative identified by the Class EA, and address immediate water quality issues in the community. The contract for detailed design of the year-round water system only in Grandview Beach and Paradise Point has been awarded to C.C. Tatham & Associated Ltd (refer to Regular Council Meeting Jan. 25, 2017). There are a number of construction milestones that must be met in order to qualify for the funding, as such, construction of the year-round water system is anticipated to begin fall 2017.

#### Government Funding

In October 2016, Council directed staff to pursue the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Top-up and Clean Water and Wastewater Fund funding for a variety of projects in the Township including year-round water only servicing for Grandview Beach and Paradise Point (refer to Special Council Meeting Oct. 12, 2016). Funding has not been awarded; however, the Township is optimistic that it will be received.

#### Project Funding and Financing

At this time, is expected that external funding and Township reserves will be adequate to cover most of the project costs including installing the new year-round water system in the road right-of-way to the property line. A report will be presented to the Committee of All Council March 8, 2017 with various options for allocating the remaining costs to property owners and timelines for connection. Consideration will be given to properties

currently serviced by the seasonal system, un-serviced properties, and vacant lots. Connection for developed lots will be mandatory; however, Council will give consideration to allowing property owners to defer connection for a specified number of years or until sale of the property.

#### Decision on Detailed Sewer Design and Medium Term, Interim Actions

The issues around provision of a municipal wastewater collection system for the area will be the subject of a future report to Council. That report will likely follow the preliminary design work and costing that is being completed now. Following consideration of that report, Council will decide if sewer servicing is likely to proceed in the near term or be deferred to a considerable length of time. If there is to be significant deferral, the remaining medium term, interim actions will need to be implemented. The first medium term, interim action (if immediate funding for the whole project was not forthcoming) was to construct year round water servicing. The other medium term, interim actions focused on septic re-inspection and monitoring-based septic system assessment.

#### Boil Water Order and Back Flow Prevention Program

On September 1, 2016 a Boil Water Order was issued by the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit for the seasonal water system in Grandview Beach and Paradise Point. The Order was issued due to indications that the system is compromised and unsuccessful efforts to address the issue. As a short-term response to the issues, the Township has adopted a backflow prevention and cross connection control by-law. This by-law was ratified by Council October 26, 2016. The Township implemented the by-law and is pleased by the high response rate from residents. The Health Unit will review the status of the Order when the seasonal system is started; however, preliminary discussions indicate that backflow prevention will address the Health Units present concerns regarding cross contamination.

#### Have Your Say

Members of the public are invited to contact the undersigned with questions, and a Public Information Centre providing additional information will be scheduled in the spring of 2017.

Items to be discussed at the Public Information Centre include:

- Overall project description and funding status;
- Methods for allocating project costs to various property types;
- Description of work required on private property to connect;
- Construction schedule and timing;
- Mitigation measures to reduce disruption during construction;
- Status of the sewer design and medium term interim actions.

### More Information

Recent reports and historical information about the study can be found online and at the Township of Tay Office. You can access the project specific webpage by going to <http://www.tay.ca> and clicking on “Your Municipality” followed by “Paradise Point and Grandview Beach Servicing”. Copies of these documents can also be viewed at the Township Office upon request.

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Yours very truly,

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