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Digging without locates cause of Canada Day gas leak in Listowel

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LISTOWEL - There are a lot of questions regarding the massive gas leak in Listowel on Canada Day, but the cause is not one of them.

The incident took place in the area of Wallace Avenue South and Donegan Street West. Listowel firefighters, along with police, responded to the scene around 1:15 p.m. on July 1.

Jason Benn, North Perth's assistant fire chief, told the Banner on Monday that the gas leak was caused by a homeowner digging in their yard.

"There was a homeowner at that residence who was excavating some soil from the side of his house and he hit a four-inch main gas line from Enbridge," said Benn.

Benn also confirmed that no locate was completed before digging began at the property.

"Information received from Enbridge indicates that no locate was completed at that property," he said.

The wind that afternoon was beneficial, Benn said, as it helped to dissipate the gas fumes.

"However, the threat was still

North Perth to swallow **COLIN BURROWES** The letter also formally re-Local Journalism Initiative Reporter quested North Perth officially cburrowes@midwesternnewspapers.com recognize Pride Month next June. Official recognition is NORTH PERTH – Following requested through the flying

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a confusing discussion on July 5, which could leave residents wondering if an anti-racist flag could be against North Perth strategic policies or if North Perth Pride could be left to celebrate using old banners that are scattered around town, council gave staff the go-ahead to continue investigation into possible support of North Perth Pride in 2022.

On June 14, council received a letter from Gebadia Haverkamp sharing plans for an upcoming fundraising event and launch of the North Perth Pride community group.

As stated in the letter, Haverkamp was seeking support in principle from North Perth council for the fundraising event and the launch of the community group.

of the Pride flag at municipal buildings and consideration for a rainbow-painted crosswalk in

Listowel. Council passed a resolution directing staff to prepare a report looking at ways council can be supportive of the requests. Based on initial research of initiatives in neighbouring and other Ontario municipalities, staff have made four suggestions to support North Perth Pride.

The first is to fly the Pride flag. "Based on research staff have taken note that several municipalities in Huron-Perth have flown the Pride flag including West Perth, the City of Stratford, the Town of St. Marys and the Town of Goderich," said CAO Kriss Snell. "We would consider bringing forward an amended flag policy at a future council meeting that would permit flying of the Pride flag. We would also look at our proclamation policy which coincides with the flag policy.'

The second suggestion is the proclamation but the current flag and banner policy stated that "proclamations of any type are not made by the Council of the Town of North Perth," so that portion of the policy would also have to be revised. The third suggestion was to investigate the installation of a rainbow crosswalk.

"Rainbow crosswalks are being installed within many communities to promote inclusion and support towards the LG-BTQ+ community," the report from staff reads. "Popularity has grown over time and support has been shown with many municipalities across Canada and worldwide now participating in the installation of rainbow crosswalks."

Initial staff research has shown the installation of a rainbow

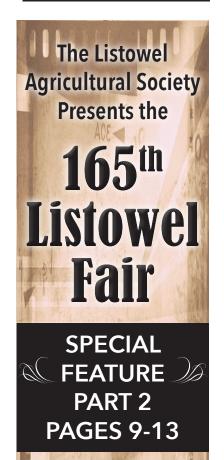


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there and we wanted to make sure that everyone was safe," said Benn.

Many homes were evacuated as a precaution. In order to keep everyone safe from the heat, the Steve Kerr Memorial Complex was opened for displaced residents. This also allowed emergency officials to keep those residents informed.

Workers from Enbridge Gas arrived at the scene later that afternoon to repair the damaged line. A hydro excavator truck was brought in to safely excavate the soil around the broken pipe.

"They crimped the lines and repaired them in fairly timely fashion, to be truthful," said Benn. Residents were able to return home around 7 p.m. that night, with Enbridge working until after midnight to complete the repairs. As of press time, no injuries were reported as a result of the incident. Continued on page 3 crosswalk ranging from \$7,000 in Owen Sound to \$15,000 in Kitchener-Waterloo.

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'It's crazy the support we get from the community'

Atwood Lions organize 64th Canada Day event, second straight year for pandemic restrictions

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ATWOOD – While fundraising totals have not been finalized at present, the Atwood Lions Club and the community as a whole already know that 2021 Canada Day celebrations last week were once again successful.

The COVID-19 pandemic had altered the Lions' approach to July 1 festivities to a more distanced and virtual kind of celebration for the second straight year, with 2021 featuring many similar aspects of the 2020 event given the current restrictions in place from the province.

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Dan McNee Photo

North Perth emergency crews responded to a multi-vehicle collision at the intersection of Highway 23 and Line 87 north of Listowel just after 3 p.m. on June 29. At least one person was taken to hospital with injuries as a result of the crash.

LOCAL NEWS Change announced to stunt driving laws

SPECIAL TO THE BANNER

PERTH COUNTY -Racing, stunt driving, speeding, following too closely, unsafe lane changes and road rage are all forms of aggressive driving that place drivers, passengers, cyclists, and pedestrians at risk.

The Perth County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) want drivers to be aware that as of July 1, 2021, two changes to the Highway Traffic Act took effect for racing/stunt driving. The changes form part of the Moving Ontarians More Safely (MOMS) Act, which received royal assent on June 3, 2021.

The first change is an increase in the seven-day vehicle impoundment period to 14 days. The second change is the introduction of a lower speed threshold for street racing offenders on municipal roads. On roads with a posted speed limit of less than 80 km/h, drivers caught traveling 40 km/h over the speed limit will face

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The fourth suggestion is to collaborate and promote events for the LGBTQ2S+ community.

"One of those suggestions is that we work with the North Perth Community of Character committee to look at how their activities could align with the activities that are being suggested by council to support this cause," said Snell.

The recommendation in the report was that council supports the request by Haverkamp for the fundraising event, which will be at no cost to North Perth, in principle and that staff further investigate revisions to the flying of banners, flags and proclamations policy, investigate the possible installation of rainbow crosswalks which, if approved, could be included in the 2022 budget, and investigate collaborations between North Perth Pride and other groups in the municipality. "I agree with the declaration and I support it in principle," said Coun. Neil Anstett.

He noted the flag policy was dated 2002 and it stated flags to be limited to nationally-recognized charities and local organizations. He asked if North Perth Pride counts as a local organization.

"The way we've interpreted that definition now is that they usually have to be an incorporated organization," said Snell. "I suspect that the Pride group is not looking into being incorporated so I would doubt that they would fit into that."

Coun. Julie Behrns agreed that it might be time to take a second look at banner, flag and proclamation policies.

"I don't like amending a policy specifically for one specific group but if we feel that the flag policy needs to be amended I think that's what we should... take a look at it," she said. "I still don't believe that the municipality should be making proclamations of any sort."

Behrns voiced concern about the cost estimates of rainbow crosswalks.

"I know in Minto what they did was they tied banners around the light posts instead in the Pride colours, which in my mind was far more attractive," she said. "I'm certainly willing to investigate the possibility of that."

She said her real concern is that staff are busy and hard working for the municipal endeavours. "I'm not certain that I want to tell staff that they must investigate and collaborate any specific initiatives, not just the one mentioned here," said Behrns. "Is it not on the group themselves to investigate their collaboration initiatives with the other service organizations within our municipality... as much as, yes it's lovely to try to do everything, I'm worried we're going to be spreading some of our staff too thin to manage all of it."

Concerning the collaboration aspect, Snell said that's why they are suggesting working with an already established group that has a mandate to be inclusionary - the Community of Character committee.

"We haven't had those discussions yet with the Community of Character," he said. "Certainly

our existing organizations such as... the North Perth Library and... program services do recognize and work with existing groups that meet our strategic plan.

Snell said that even decorating as Minto did takes staff resources as well.

'Tying colourful ribbons around a lamppost can be done by the organization itself and not necessarily by a staff person," said Behrns.

Deputy Mayor Doug Kellum said he is concerned and has had several comments, emails and phone calls about the lowering of the flag.

"I think this could be opening up something to a lot of different groups," he said. "One call to me, it was late on Saturday, they said it's no different than your bylaw with regards to setting a precedent for the halls around the municipality, you exclude one person to rent to ... are you excluding them here? You know if I want to lower an anti-racist flag are you going to allow that, where do you draw the line? So I think moving forward we have to be very careful with this decision. I'm open to hearing everyone but so far the lowering of the flag has been the biggest issue out of all the concerns that I have been receiving."

"I agree with Coun. Kellum," said Snell. "We want to be careful that we don't create a flag policy that would imply that we would fly flags that would go against our own strategic policies.'

"Just as an observation, it's not about lowering a flag, it's about flying a flag," said Mayor Todd Kasenberg.

Coun. Lee Anne Andriessen also clarified it's not about lowering the flag but raising the flag.

She then provided examples of what other government entities are doing. Such as installing an additional flagpole at the municipal office and continue to fly the Canadian flag.

In her previous work as a principal at a brand-new school, it had several flag poles.

"We always flew the Canadian flag and for the entire month of June the school board also required us to fly the Pride flag," said Andriessen. "I think that this report is helpful but I think it's a good consideration moving forward for us to be inclusive and look at these ways to make that happen with additional flagpoles."

Kellum apologized for his early comments about lowering the flag.

"There have just been so many things the last few weeks about lowering flags and raising flags," he said. "I meant about establishing a new flag - raising the flag." Kasenberg pointed out that the resolution as it was presented does recommend revisions to the policy for the flying of banners and flags and proclamations.

"I think if I heard things right there may be concern amongst council... on the issue of the installation of a rainbow crosswalk," he said. "Remember at this point it's just an investigation to finalize the approach and bring that to council for ... inclusion in the budget in 2022.

Continued on page 20 Kasenberg pointed out the recommendation about investigating the collaboration of Pride initiatives with other North Perth

groups. 'The way I read that it's fairly abstract," he said. "It allows for staff to come back and let us know what the resource implications are and if those are unacceptable then council can ask for revisions or decline to invest further."

Coun. Matt Richardson said he agreed with Behrns and that the flag bylaw is outdated.

"I think there's a certain understanding that there can still be a celebration of the month and the inclusivity and stuff like that might not necessarily incur the cost of (a) flagpole down at the town office," he said. "We do have a lot of banners... that are scattered throughout the town. There is certainly a possibility like we talked about with the banners that could certainly make it quite colourful in addition to wrapping the coloured ribbons around the telephone poles. We have a number of light standard banners that are still in the downtown core that could certainly be reflective of those initiatives if we decide to do so.'

Coun. Terry Seiler asked if they are going to use taxpayers funding to pay, is it council's decision or is it the taxpayers' decision.

"Should they have a say in this?" he asked. "That could be a good controversy towards us so I think we need to look at that... is the group going to raise the funds for this... I think that we should look at who is going to make the decision."

Council voted in favour of the recommendations in the report.



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Icy council discussions close arenas, freeze advertising costs, allow outdoor skating

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NORTH PERTH – The future of rinks in North Perth was on thin ice until council made some firm decisions on Jan. 18.

Due to high rates of COVID-19 transmission, the Ontario government imposed a provincewide shutdown which came into effect Dec. 26. The COVID-19 Response Framework was paused when the province-wide shutdown came into effect. As a result, North Perth facilities were closed to the public and adjustments were made to reduce operational costs. With the possibility cost-effective to keep the ice in, adjusting temperature controls so the refrigeration system did not work as much and using the cold outdoor temperatures to help maintain it.

Ontario declared a second provincial emergency to address the COVID-19 crisis effective Jan. 14. The municipality was faced with a decision whether to keep ice in as it is and be available to open after Feb. 11, or take the ice out of one or all of the arenas in North Perth.

Removing the ice and then putting it back in is estimated to cost more for a three-week break.

Y Coun. Terry Seiler asked if they

of reopening Jan. 25, it was more could come back with ice in fewcost-effective to keep the ice in, er arenas.

> Amy Gangl, interim manager of recreation, said the plan would be to only have ice in the Steve Kerr Memorial Complex after the lockdown since it operates better in warmer weather than the other two arenas.

> Council unanimously agreed to leave the ice in the Kerr Complex because of its efficiencies but remove the ice at the Wallace Arena and the Elma Logan Recreation Complex.

> The big issue for council in the discussion was how to be fair to the businesses who have paid for advertising in the arenas.

"We invoice once a year - it is

an annual fee," said Gangl. "Our policy is a one-year minimum agreement. They are invoiced in January. We have done that."

Staff was looking for direction from council on whether there should be a discount for advertisers.

Mayor Todd Kasenberg said he was not convinced 50 per cent would be a deep enough discount. He suggested charging 30 per cent of the normal annual rate.

Coun. Matt Richardson agreed 50 per cent was not a big enough discount considering 2020 was also cut short.

"I know this sounds very unusual coming from me but if they paid 100 per cent in 2020 they never got their money's worth either," said Coun. Julie Behrns. "I do think that in support of our local businesses, they're the ones who are advertising and not getting what their money's worth was, I would highly recommend 50 per cent for the past year and 2021."

OPP enforces stay-at-home order

LOCAL NEWS

She said that people who paid in full in 2020 should not owe any-thing for 2021.

Coun. Neil Anstett agreed and added that many businesses probably don't have money to put into advertising during the pandemic. All council members agreed to

the 50 per cent discount for both 2020 and 2021.

The Lion's Club has been working on its outdoor rink in Atwood, and outdoor rinks are being prepared at the tennis courts in Listowel and Monkton. The plan is to offer residents a rink close to where they live and prevent drawing people to a single location. There are COVID safety plans in place and the municipality is prepared to supervise all three rinks.

There will be active screening and the current capacity will be five skaters.

Council enthusiastically supported keeping the outdoor rinks open and allowing residents to get some exercise responsibly during the current shutdown.

MP Nater announces support for local Legions

SPECIAL TO THE BANNER

PERTH-WELLINGTON – John Nater, Member of Parliament for Perth-Wellington is pleased to finally announce the allocation of long-awaited emergency support funds for nine local branches of the Royal Canadian Legion.

"Like many organizations, Legion branches have been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic," said Nater in a release. "Unable to hold events or rent their facilities, the organizations have lost almost their entire revenue in 2020. Last June, I wrote to the minister of veterans affairs to advocate for immediate financial support for our Legions. In October, having not received a reply, I wrote the minister again."

On Nov. 10, the federal government announced new funding to create a temporary Veterans Organizations Emergency Support Fund (VOESF). \$14 million has been designated for legions. Veterans Affairs Canada has made the Royal Canadian Legion national headquarters responsible for distributing the funds.

"We are very fortunate none of the branches in Perth-Wellington was forced to close permanently in 2020," said Nater. "Unfortunately for some other branches across Canada, the support did not arrive soon enough. I am hoping this funding will allow our local legions to continue to serve veterans and our communities while honouring the sacrifices of Canadian soldiers."

Nine branches in Perth-Wellington submitted applications and all have been approved for funding through phase one of the VOESF disbursement. "Until we can become profitable again,

the Veterans Organization Emergency Funding will help to pay ongoing expenses like utilities and insurance," commented Casey Fraser, poppy chair for Royal Canadian Legion Branch 259 in Listowel. "This will allow our Branch to continue our work for veterans, seniors and youth in our community."

"This financial aid will allow our branch to weather the pandemic for longer and continue to work to help our veterans and our community in many ways," added Marilyn Dale, president of Royal Canadian Legion Branch 565 in Milverton. "We endeavor to be available whenever the need arises with the most significant focus on veterans."

Perth-Wellington Legion Branch VOESF Recipients

Listowel Branch 259 - \$10,845.05Milverton Branch 565 - \$10,845.05Stratford Branch 8 - \$10,845.05Mitchell Branch 128 - \$10,845.05Mount Forest Branch 134 - \$10,845.05Arthur Branch 226 - \$10,000.00St. Marys Branch 236 - \$10,845.05Harriston Branch 296 - \$10,845.05Drayton Branch 416 - \$3,476.00

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MIDWESTERN ONTARIO – The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is requesting that Ontarians voluntarily comply with the new stay-at-home order to limit mobility outside their homes, except for essential reasons, to limit the spread of the COV-ID-19 virus.

OPP officers will enforce the stay-at-home order, under the *Emergency Management* and Civil Protection Act (EMPCA), and the *Reopening Ontario Act* (ROA) by focusing on non-compliance in businesses and restaurants, complaints from the public and outdoor gatherings of more than five people. Officers can disperse and ticket individuals found to be non-compliance with the Acts.

Fines are \$750 for failing to comply with an order and/or \$1,000 for preventing others (including individuals, employees or other workers) from following an order. Maximum fines for individuals are up \$100,000 and \$10 million for a corporation. Failure to follow the rules can result in prosecution or jail time.

As a reminder, in the absence of a complaint or other grounds, officers will not arbitrarily stop an individual or a vehicle or enter a dwelling for the singular purpose of checking compliance with the order. Individuals are not expected to provide proof of essential work. Officers can ask an individual to identify themselves if they have reasonable grounds to believe the individual is violating an Act.

The OPP asks that 9-1-1 be used for emergency purposes only. If you have questions about the stay-at-home order, please visit covid-19.ontario.ca/zones-and-restrictions. To learn more about COVID-19 support services, visit https://www.211oncovid19. ca/ or call the hotline at 211 for assistance. 211 is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week and service is available in 150 languages.

For non-emergencies – including allegations of non-compliance – contact your police service of jurisdiction. If that is the OPP, call 1-888-310-1122 (toll free in Ontario). In an emergency, always call 9-1-1.

Lights expected at S-bend intersection before March

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PERTH COUNTY – While discussing capital projects for the Perth County 2021 budget, Director of Public Works John McClelland updated council members on the status of the temporary traffic lights to be installed at the intersection of Perth Road 140 and Perth Line 91, known locally as the 'S-bend.'

The installation of the traffic signals is a boundary project being completed with Wellington County. The cost to Perth County will be \$60,000.

"If the weather holds well and materials come in on time we expect these signals will be installed by the end of February but again weather may dictate that," said McClelland.

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North Perth adopts collaborative plan to fetch park for its four-legged friends

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NORTH PERTH – The long-anticipated dog park in Listowel may not have a location yet, but on July 5, council adopted, in principle, a set of guidelines that could bring the park to fruition.

At the March 15 council meeting, a resolution was made asking staff to bring back more information regarding guidelines for the development of a dog park in North Perth.

On July 5, a report came back to council listing a 10-step plan to bring the dog park to town.

Also in the report were plans for clear signage telling owners they are responsible for picking up all dog waste and disposing of it in designated receptacles. The signs will remind owners to "clean up after your dog... every time."

Additional signs with set fines for not removing dog excrement or not having a dog properly licenced will also be on display in the park.

The establishment of a dog park in Listowel will be dependent on community involvement, so work is being done to form a dog park group. Since the council meeting in March, some members of the public have reached out to express interest in being involved in the development of a dog park. "Staff checked with neighbouring municipalities to seek information about bylaw enforcement challenges that may have happened with dog parks and there was little to none," said Jeff Newell, manager of facilities.

"The feeling is that if you do have an active dog volunteer group that would steward the facility and enforce rules that would make it so that typically a bylaw would not be called in incidents because they would be managed by the community group."

Lighting needs will be evaluated when a park location has been selected. The option of using solar lighting is being considered and hours of operation will depend on sufficient lighting availability.

Coun. Terry Seiler said he has never seen a dog park with lighting.

"It's a big expense to have the lighting and maybe we should look at running the hours around without having lighting," he said. "I know that I've seen the one in Owen Sound... People have their hours set and work around lighting because the lighting is going to create a big bill."

Newell said lighting will depend on the location.

"There may be ambient lighting," he said. "There may be an opportunity for solar panel lighting as well... We could certainly look at adjusting the hours to make sure that it's suitable, whether that be a dawn til dusk type of rule or something along that lines, although in winter months dusk comes awful early."

Coun. Lee Anne Andriessen said she thought money had been already raised and she suggested it be tracked down for the group to access.

"I'm in support of this," she said. "I know that I've seen some community feedback out there and other communities have facilities like this and actually in reading the report... the majority of the bylaw complaints were around dogs. So my hope would be that this... outdoor facility could help with dogs... be more settled in our community once they have this type of opportunity to be more exercised."

The 10-step program is already in motion guiding the community towards the opening of the dog park and helping to maintain it for pets to enjoy far into the future. Step 1: Council adopted guidelines for developing a dog park in North Perth on July 5.

Step 2: Guidelines were posted on the municipal website on July 12, including an application for residents to form a dog park group.

Step 3: Interested community members come together to form a dog park group.

Step 4: Dog park group works with municipal staff on finding a location.

Step 5: Council approves the location of the dog park and design.

Step 6: Dog park group will be responsible for fundraising for park development.

Step 7: Once funds obtained, council considers approval for the development of the dog park.

Step 8: Park is developed.

Step 9: Dog dark opens; dog park group provides education to the public on safe dog park use; municipal staff provide grounds maintenance.

Step 10: Ongoing communication between the dog park group and municipal parks staff; any future maintenance or repair costs to be fundraised by the dog park group.

Under the adopted guidelines, the development of a dog park in the Municipality of North Perth is to be a community-driven project. The community-driven nature of this project is supported by the experience of many other municipalities, where the success of such an area is dependent upon a designated group of community volunteers who use the facility and are willing to share in ongoing responsibility for the operations and maintenance of the facilities.

North Perth staff will facilitate the initiation of the community group. Anyone interested in being part of this group or learning more about the expectations of the group, please contact Newell at jnewell@ northperth.ca.

"One of the additional notes is that even with a good policy and clearly outlined responsibilities, this is, after all, a community group and membership will change," said Newell.

"You are going to have some members that are very active and others that will fall off over time. There is a concern of continuity if the group dissolves and even more concern if the dog park is to be a municipal facility."

Despite concerns raised by North Perth councillors, county adopts OPA No. 189

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PERTH COUNTY – When it came to OPA No. 189, the Official Plan Amendment to revise surplus farm dwelling policies in Perth County, North Perth was the holdout, raising concerns after the other three lower-tier municipalities, the Perth County Federation of Agriculture and several community members had provided endorsements.

During the council meeting on July 5, several members of North Perth council raised concerns about the amendment.

"One of the issues of concern... illustrated in the report from (Perth County Manager of Planning) Sally McMullen dealt with the issue of a minimum size of the lot being created," said Coun. Allan Rothwell. "I stand firm in suggesting through this council, as in previous councils from North Perth, that surplus farmhouse severances are only for that – surplus farmhouse severances. If we are going to follow through with what the policy is suggesting here is the basis upon having larger parcels for surplus farmhouse severances and not the minimum parcel sizes required."

He also remained concerned about allowing any animals on surplus farmhouse properties.

"Now I understand that the policy leaves it up to the local municipality whether or not to allow for the keeping of animals for non-commercial purposes but I can assure you the answer has been clear in terms of what the province and the law have said in terms of the keeping and raising of livestock on undersized parcels in North Huron in particular," said Rothwell.

Coun. Julie Behrns shared some

of Rothwell's concerns.

"I am very concerned about what we're deeming consolidation of farming operations," she said. "We've heard the excuse about land ownership names and my concern is if you have two different owners owning a property it isn't a farm consolidation – that's simply put. I mean originally when Perth County talked about surplus farmhouse severances it was a concern that... we're going to be creating a lot of problems when these farms pass on and as we all know, they always do. So it may not appear to be a big issue right now, I do believe it is going to be a big issue 10 years from now when people are coming back purchasing what appears to be these empty acres." Behrns acknowledged zoning bylaws don't permit building on those empty acres but she anticipates there will be pressure to build to populate the rural countryside.

"One of my main concerns is the confusion between secondary farm occupation, home industry and I notice now the text includes small manufacturing," she said. "I'm not sure that is the intent of what was originally proposed as surplus farm house severances." Behrns said she realizes due to

policies in the past there already is small manufacturing in rural areas, but about the size of builds to accommodate small manufacturing.

"We've had this pressure, a 60 feet by 100 feet building to do small manufacturing on a surplus farmhouse severance lot, is that really the intention of what this policy was created for?" she asked. "So unfortunately right now because there are not really any answers I simply can't vote to endorse this at this time."

Mayor Todd Kasenberg said he was somewhat uneasy.

"I feel somewhat uneasy that some of our team are a little bit concerned still... and you know I wonder if endorsing is a premature step," he said. "Maybe we need to document some of these remaining concerns. I don't know how strongly felt they are by all councillors so I'm not sure where to go with that."

Kasenberg thought there very reasonable and rational explanations for the concerns.

"I don't want to sort of rush over that if that concern remains especially as we want to get this right in the interest of our community," he said.

Coun. Matt Richardson suggested it would be beneficial to take the concerns that were raised and have McMullen come speak to council and defer endorsing OPA No. 189.

Kasenberg informed council that they had until noon on July 6 to send staff an email if they had further concerns to be sent to McMullen.

They amended their motion to forward the concerns raised to McMullen and to defer endorsing OPA No. 189.

