

5.0 CORRESPONDENCE COPIED FOR WHICH THE DIRECTION OF COUNCIL IS REQUIRED

5.12 4H Shelter

Mr. Gallant has requested attendance at Council tonight to speak to this matter. Mr. Gallant has sent an email noting the following in regards to the 4H Shelter:

“There was a meeting yesterday on proposed beef cattle building with some concerns of the location. The people that were at this meeting all had a concern. The solution that we have all agreed on is the building goes back to the original location, located to the north of the tennis court. When and if the water well goes on line then the building will no longer house livestock.”

STAFF COMMENTS: In reviewing the file this matter was discussed in great detail in 2012 and 2013. The proposed siting of the shelter by the tennis courts was problematic from a Source Water Protection perspective. Representatives from B.M. Ross had indicated that if livestock were housed in this shelter this would be considered a significant drinking water threat under Source Water Protection. The 100 m area around the well is considered highly vulnerable and under Source Water Protection policies, the storage of agricultural source material is prohibited in this area.

Even though the Saugeen Drinking Water Source Protection Plan is not in place, and the tower is not yet built, staff are aware of the policies and would have a very difficult time issuing a permit for the shelter knowing that it will hold livestock within 100 meters of the well. Enough information has been produced to indicate that this type of use is not and will not be in compliance with the Area Protection Plan.

Further staff have reviewed the proposed site adjacent to trees near the well heads north of the diamond outfield. After careful review staff suggests that the pavilion would be not be well utilized outside of the Mushball Tournament and the Fall Fair. The approved location adjacent to the east of ball diamond infield would provide parking nearby, better accessibility for users, is closer to sewer services, and will also be in a “safe location” with “higher visibility” for after-hours visits from youth in the community. Further, any future expansion of the Ripley Huron Community Centre may be limited by placing a permanent structure in the location by the tennis courts.

After a great deal of discussion in 2013 on this matter Council had received letters of support from the Ripley Ag Society, Ripley Classics, and the Ripley Reunion supportive of the construction to occur east of the Ripley ball diamonds. A resolution was passed by Council on June 18th, 2013 accepting the supporting letters and approving the location east of the ball diamonds.

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Staff have attached an aerial photo of the 100m Well buffer showing the proposed placement of the shelter.

Staff is very supportive of the 4 H shelter but we cannot ignore the Drinking Water Protection Policies or the proper development of the lands surrounding the Ripley Huron Community Centre.

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