

Public Notice Policy Revisions Public Comments – July 9, 2024

Pamela Spence (Highway 26 in Craighleith), Received via email on July 5, 2024

The notice methods are challenged these days by the lack of newspapers and our dependency on technology. I support the use of email for notices and suggest that taxpayers should be registered not only with a snail mail address but an email address. This is particularly important and helpful in this community where many taxpayers are seasonal or part-time and may not subscribe to Town news or Collingwood Today.

I support using the Blue Review but I have not been able to find it. If this is the Town's preferred outlet then The Review should be available at the Town Hall and the Town centres like the Library, Depot, school and Community Centre.

Definition of "days" being calendar days should be added to the Definition Section instead of within General Guidelines.

I respectfully suggest that the social media outlets utilized by the Town, along with the specific "handles" or "addresses", be set out in the policy to clarify which of the many outlets are the primary sources of information.

The phrase "in a timely manner" is a weak phrase and should be avoided. Specific timelines would be more helpful to all those reading the policies.

Furthermore, I suggest policy should be written to ensure that written inquiries made to the Town are given a proper response within a specified timeline (ie. 3 days) or an explanation within the 3 days that a more fulsome response will come in X days.

Accountability and Transparency Committee, Received via Committee of the Whole on July 8, 2024

Public Notice related to Planning and Development Projects to not only adhere and meet the minimum requirements of the *Planning Act* and other applicable legislation but to go above and beyond these requirements, whenever possible, in order to ensure adequate time for public engagement, for matters related to planning.