

Economic Development Lags in NK

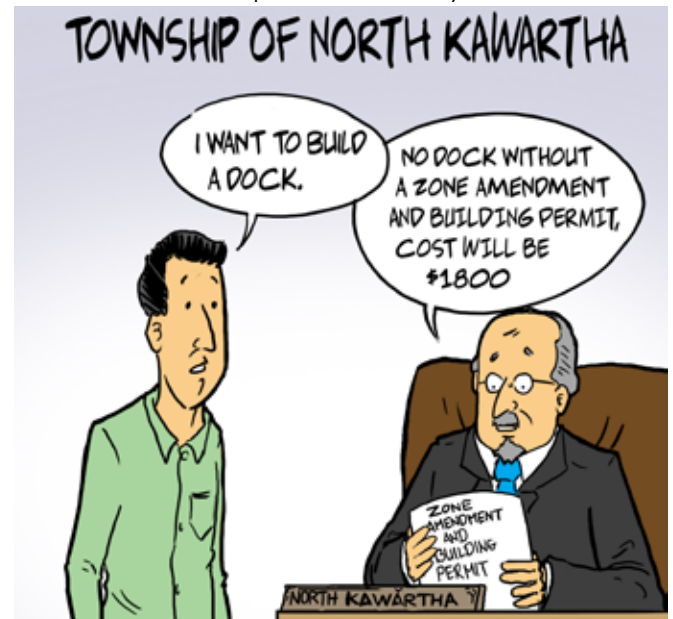
Council Scores a Zero on Business Development + Support

Will a butcher shop and bakery be coming to Apsley?
Can you help make it happen Mayor Woodcock?

Apsley is a small rural town with a lot of growth potential and a lot to offer visitors. Growth will be dependent on local businesses which are a source of jobs and a source of amenities for both residents and visitors. If you bring businesses to town, we will see an increase of residents and visitors. Council's actions, and inactions, do not indicate an interest in supporting growth of local businesses. Following are three examples of where NK Council has failed to support business development – with the new dock bylaw, inaction on Hwy 28 new business zoning issues and ridiculously high road allowance costs.

We operate an Apsley business - a growing marina. Our dock business saw incredible growth of 50-100% from one year to the next progressively each year until 2016. What happened in 2016? Council passed the infamous dock bylaw which led to SIX appeals. Not their finest moment. Currently, to build or replace a dock, a resident requires a *zoning amendment* as well as a *building permit*, at a total cost of \$1,650. A hefty expense which explains why client interest in docks has fallen dramatically as a result. Our docks are just as great as they were before 2016 but the new fees totaling \$1,650 and red tape/delay courtesy of the town is now a deterrent. The impact on the dock-building industry was an *unintended* consequence. Perhaps it could be viewed as a 'municipal cash-grab?'

MTO will not allow new commercial zoning on any property along Highway 28 if the property already has a driveway on Hwy 28. Period. No discussion. Businesses favor exposure and Hwy 28 offers a lot



A Friendly Reminder:

It has come to our attention that alcohol is being consumed on the cemetery grounds and the empties are being left lying about. Most people know that this is not appropriate and very disrespectful to all involved.

If this activity continues, the Ontario Provincial Police will be notified.

Thank you,

*K. Roenigk,
Chair of the Apsley Union Cemetery Board*

AA Meetings:

**Mondays 7:00 at the
Glen Alda Community Centre**

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