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MOVE ROAD OR BUILD BREAKWATER, SAYS REPORT ON SAND COVE ROAD

City's Sand Cove Road report lists solutions, but says budget not available until 2017

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SAINT JOHN • There are two possible options to deal with land slippage along Sand Cove Road according to a report to Common Council – either move the road inland or build a breakwater across McLaren's Beach, the only section still open to the pounding of the waves.

Residents near the area, where the road has been reduced to one lane because of slippage, had a private meeting with city officials Thursday evening at Seaward School to discuss the options. A report on the Sand Cove Road slope failure was released by the city Thursday in the online agenda for councillors to be considered at Monday night's meeting.

"Based on the soils testing and the results of the monitoring, it appears as though this area is prone to slope failures and it is likely to continue in upcoming years," says the report submitted by Michael Hugenholtz, acting commissioner of transportation and environment services for the city.

The report says either building a new road or a breakwater will have to wait for the 2017 budget year.

Sand Cove Road carries a lot of tourist traffic to the popular Irving Nature Park, which is one of Saint John's major tourist attractions.

Willa Mavis, who lives along the road at the property formerly run as Inn on the Cove, said she believes building a breakwater will be a cheaper option than constructing a new road away from the shore on land that the city would have to purchase.

Area residents have received an estimate from a construction company that a breakwater would cost around \$560,000.

"I could see the legal fees for a new road being half a million dollars," she said.

Building a new road away from the shore also does not protect the city's water and sewer lines, which are laid underground in the area where the land is slipping away.

Hugenholtz said the city has engaged Fundy Engineering to examine the possibility of constructing a breakwater to either stop erosion or act as a counterweight to stop the slippage that is taking place up the bank near the road.

"It is staff's intent to firm up cost

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Daycares to feel brunt of busing changes

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SAINT JOHN • A Quispamsis daycare provider could lose a third of her business as Anglophone School District South eliminates transportation to after-school facilities that are outside a school's boundary.

Nathalie Harrigan, director of the Happy Clown Daycare, said she draws school-aged children from four nearby schools, but that number will fall to one after the district implements the new policy at the start of next school year.

The change now has some Kennebecasis Valley families scrambling to find a suitable replacement daycare within their school's boundary before September.

Harrigan said she expects to lose more than 60 children – more than a third of her 170 total clients.

Happy Clown Daycare receives kids from Lakefield Elementary, Quispamsis Elementary, Rothesay Elementary and Chris Saunders Memorial Elementary. The changes mean busing to the daycare will only be provided from Lakefield.

Harrigan said she's received some calls from Lakefield parents looking for a new daycare, but she expects to see a net loss come fall.

"It's not something we can predict, but 60 children is a lot of children," Harrigan said.

"It's not realistic for their parents to take their kids every day after school to our centres, so they will have to move daycares."

She said the loss of business could alter their programming and even result in layoffs.

John MacDonald, the district's director of finance and administration, said the policy change comes after a review of bus routes and the resources required to transport students to facilities outside the zoned school areas.

MacDonald said the district used to deliver kids to six after-school operators – a "manageable" number – but that figure has grown to 22. He said they use six buses to serve after-school operators.

"The distance we are travelling to some of the out of zone providers is lengthening the time for some of our students who are being transported in zone plus it is impacting our resources," he said in email to the Telegraph-Journal.

He said the policy change could save more \$70,000 annually, depending on where students end up when the dust settles.

As it stands, Anglophone South is the only district they are aware of that provides transportation to after-school facilities outside of school zones, he said.

MacDonald said in a letter to parents the district realizes the change could pose some challenges for families, but it's hopeful the six months notice will be sufficient time to make the transition as smooth as possible.

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Let them drink wine



The new East Point NB Liquor store has a black and neutral colour scheme to modernize the look of the store which is set to open at 1 p.m. Friday.

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Interactive liquor store opening in Saint John

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SAINT JOHN • NB Liquor is amping up an interactive design strategy for its newest store opening at East Point Friday afternoon.

Equipped with a cocktail station, growler bar, spirit sampling area and wine tasting room, the 13,000 square-foot store is unlike any other.

Cocktails are trending around the world and New Brunswickers are part of that, said NB Liquor spokesman Mark Barbour.

"This is to help customers educate themselves on how you make cocktails," he said, standing by the cocktail bar. "Our product advisers are able to stand here, make the cocktail, mix it up

and give you a sample."

All the employees at the new NB Liquor location will be trained in WSET level 2 and 3 wine/spirit training.

"This will allow staff to help customers get a sample and show them how it's done," Barbour said.

Another part of the company's evolution to engage customers are the pull-out tables in the speciality wine section. Customers can place a bottle or two on the board while they stand with staff who can educate them on the wine, Barbour said.

"Whether you're doing a wine tasting or comparing tasting notes from wine bloggers, you can display them here and interact in conversation to learn more about that particular wine," he said, adding part of NB Liquor's

mandate is social responsibility – which is why all samples will be featured in 1/4 ounces.

"You're not going to drink 12 of them. Staff will allow you to taste one or two products but when you combine a quarter and a quarter you're still only at half an ounce."

Although growler taps and wine-omatic machines are not necessarily new to NB Liquor stores, stationary tasting and filling stations are.

For 50 cents, customers can taste the wine before they buy it using the Enomatic wine machine dispenser.

Right beside it, featured at the growler bar, is Moosehead, Bigtide, Flying Boats and Hammond River – which will be on tap opening day.

"Those (brands) will continually

change on a weekly bases," Barbour said. "But for right now, locally brewed beers are being featured to give a Saint John local touch and feel."

Not unlike the new-and-improved beer cooler for ciders, speciality and imported beers, which has historic Moosehead photos decorating the walls.

"And as we move to Fredericton and Moncton we will also put a local focus of beer history in their coolers," Barbour said.

Another highlight of the new store is the wine tasting room equipped with a fully functional kitchen for pairing and tasting seminars.

"Up to 12-16 people can come in and hold a seminar," he said.

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