

6:30 p.m.

July 30, 2012

TOWN OF PETAWAWA

**SPECIAL
COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE**

Present: Mayor Bob Sweet Deputy Mayor Tom Mohns
Councillor James Carmody Councillor Frank Cirella
Councillor Treena Lemay (late) Councillor Murray Rutz
Councillor Theresa Sabourin

Also Present: Mitch Stillman Dan Scissons
Jane Shames
Murray Chown
Sean Chase

The Special Council-in-Committee meeting was opened by the Mayor.

PECUNIARY INTERESTS

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

1. SHAMESS SUBDIVISION

Committee wished to discuss the Shamesse Subdivision and in particular the letter from Novatech dated July 6, 2012.

Deputy Mayor Mohns made a presentation to Council that he thought could solve the matters outstanding. He presented a revised plan that took the parking lot from Block 17 and spread it across the bottoms of lots 3, 4 and 5.

Councillor Lemay arrived.

Deputy Mayor Mohns spoke of having a clause in the subdivision agreement to advise that Rantz Road will not be upgraded and he also spoke of brushing out some areas on Shamesse Road to provide better sight lines.

There was a discussion of docks along Rantz Road and individuals using the Town property as their own.

Murray Chown asked for permission to speak and it was granted. This was his first look at this proposal but he was quite willing to look at it with his clients if Council generally supported the idea. There was a discussion on this matter and consensus of the majority was that it could be supported.

Councillor Lemay felt that people using the shoreline need to be told that they are using Town property and have no rights to it.

There was a discussion of the request to bring forward the Official Plan amendment and Zoning By-law amendment. Once a reply is received from the Shames family these documents could be amended accordingly and proceed.

Mr. Chown thanked Committee for bringing this matter forward for further discussion and he felt the Town has the tools to accomplish what has been discussed.

2. **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

a) Activity Report – June

The report was received for information.

3. **SIGN BY-LAW**

The latest version of the sign by-law had been circulated. It has been through several rounds of public consultation. During last round there were two individual comments in regard to the regulations on portable signs.

Councillor Cirella asked about enforcing the by-law along county roads. Karen Cronier replied that efforts are being made to co-ordinate Town and County By-laws. We are still awaiting formal comment from the County to the last by-law draft.

Mayor Sweet advised he would follow up at the County. The by-law will be held awaiting these comments.

4. **XENICA PRESENTATION**

Mitch Stillman reported that Mark Holmes from Xenica will be making a presentation at Council on August 7 to update Council on the power project. The town has also received word that there will be a candle light vigil that night ending at the Town Office at 6:30 pm and we expect a crowd from the general public to the meeting. Grant Tysick is also on the agenda to speak to the Xenica project from his perspective.

Mayor Sweet updated Council on discussions he has had with the Base Commander and the MNR District Manager on this subject. He reminded Committee the Town has no jurisdiction in this matter. He advised that the Base Commander did not support the Half Mile project and he is not sure on the other project. Town has been a neutral player to date but maybe down the road circumstances may change. There is also a public information meeting coming up. Council will have opportunity to ask questions following Mr. Holmes presentation on August 7.

5. **LEVEL II DROUGHT**

Mitch Stillman and Mayor Sweet updated Council on the Level II drought in Renfrew County and explained the sequence of drought categories and the repercussions of each. Mitch also explained the role of the Low Water Response Team (of which his Town representative) and the steps that the Town has taken in an attempt to meet the 20% voluntary reduction in water use as requested by the terms of the Level II drought. The

Town is providing water to those in rural areas who have had their wells run dry upon request.

6. **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS**

Councillor Lemay made a presentation on the rationale for a Council to have a code of conduct and provided a draft resolution for consideration.. She explained that the Code would assist transparency, be proactive, a good way to reinforce responsibilities of council members and would be valuable for new Councillors.

There was a general discussion among the Councillors on pro's and con's of having a code of conduct including legislated responsibilities, the role of the electorate, and enforcement of violations of the code.

After discussion Councillor Lemay withdrew her motion, but it was:

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin

SECONDED BY: Frank Cirella

That the Mayor of the Town of Petawawa appoint an "ad hoc" committee to develop a draft Code of Conduct for members of Council, which includes but is not limited to:

- Business relations
- Conduct in meetings
- Conduct of a political nature
- Conduct respecting staff
- Conduct respecting representing the Town
- Protection of confidential information
- Discreditable conduct
- Employment of relatives
- Failure to adhere to council policies and procedures\
- Receipts of gifts and benefits
- Use of Town property

And that the ad hoc committee report back to a Council in Committee meeting within one month.

NOT CARRIED

7. **LIST OF OUTSTANDING MATTERS**

The list of outstanding matters was left to the Mayor to bring forward.

8. **CLOSED MEETING**

MOVED BY: Treena Lemay

SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

Be it resolved that Committee move into a closed meeting pursuant to section 239 of The *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended for the following reason:

X Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including employees

CARRIED

The closed meeting was in regards to remuneration for Council and the Fire Department.

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

That the meeting be opened.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Treena Lemay
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

Committee adjourned at 8:28 p.m.



Clerk