

TOWN OF PETAWAWA

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE

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

Also Present: Mitch Stillman Dawn Recoskie
Karen Cronier David Unrau
Christine Mitchell Charles Cheesman
Luke Desjardins Ann McIntyre
Bob McIntyre Rose VanHoof
Richard Mayer Edna Molson
Julie McBride Robert McBride
Shane Allard Sue Root
Don Root Bob Ross
Linda Ross Neil Corriveau
Gary Moore Brad Bishop
Sharon Tivendale Patti Carter
Gerry Carter Samuel Briek
Maria Hotston Bill Murray
Mike Helferty Sean Chase
Kyle Robinson Adam Hodnett

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

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no pecuniary interests.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Delegation – Concerns regarding soil compaction and vibrations from new school construction

Mayor Bob Sweet welcomed the delegation and explained the process. He advised the delegation that this is not a public meeting per se but members of Council will hear their concerns. He further noted that the school construction project is a project of the Renfrew County District School Board, not the Town of Petawawa.

Patti and Gerry Carter came forward and outlined their concerns regarding the dynamic compacting process that is taking place on the school property located on Leeder Lane:

- concerned for their well and septic system;
- concerned that the consultant did not conduct a core sample in their back yard or a soil inspection;
- their home experienced two cracks between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. on the first day of compacting;
- concerned they did not receive a copy of the inspection report conducted on their home and that they weren't asked to sign off on it;
- they want to know who will be responsible for any damage to their home, they are concerned as they have installed a new well, new oil tank, new water tank, and new windows;
- they want their property to be put back to its original condition before the school project started and they shouldn't have to go to court to fight to have their property reinstated.

Gary Moore came forward and outlined his concerns:

- he too is concerned because he did not receive a copy of the inspection report conducted on his home;
- one of the consultants told him that he may experience discoloured well water, Mr. Moore wants to know who will pay for his hotel room when he can't use his water;
- he wants something in writing to explain who is 100% responsible for any damage caused to his home;
- concerned about his well and septic system and his chimney also;
- he noted there is a potential for a lot of damage and he wants assurances from those responsible that any damage to his home will be paid for.

Neil Corriveau came forward and outlined his concerns:

- concerned that the residents on Laurentian Drive were not made aware that dynamic compacting would be conducted;
- damage is occurring to their homes right now after the first day of compacting;
- would like the compacting to stop now so that more research can be conducted regarding the method;
- would like a meeting between the residents and the project leads.

Sharon Tivendale and Brad Bishop came forward and outlined their concerns:

- concerned that core tests were not conducted on their property;
- their home already has a crack in the wall which occurred between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. this morning;
- want to know who is responsible for damages to their home;
- their insurance company wants the contact information for the Renfrew County and District School Board's insurance company as well as Geopac's insurance company;
- also concerned that the Town of Petawawa issued the building permit, would like to see a stop work order put in place.

Rose VanHoof advised that she agrees with everything that has been said by the previous residents.

Bob Ross questioned if there are alternative methods to dynamic compacting. He wants the shaking to stop.

Bob McBride explained he did not know anything about the dynamic compacting until the project started. He advised he was present at the meeting to support his neighbours.

Mayor Sweet thanked everyone for attending. He explained he was disappointed with the home inspection situation and he would have thought the homeowners' would be provided with a copy of the inspection report. Mayor Sweet advised those in attendance that he had been in contact with the Renfrew County District School Board and suggested that a meeting should be held as soon as possible with the homeowners, contractors, school board and any other parties involved.

Councillor Carmody advised that he sympathized 100% with the homeowners and that the home inspection report should have been shared with the homeowners.

Councillor Sabourin thanked the residents for attending and agreed a meeting should be held as soon as possible with the school board.

Deputy Mayor Mohns recommended that BEI and Geopac should take the residents' concerns seriously and that they should voluntarily stop the compaction for now until further details can be worked out.

Councillor Lemay agreed that a meeting should be held as soon as possible with the school board.

Councillor Rutz thanked the residents for attending.

Councillor Cirella also thanked the residents for attending and sympathized with them. He hopes the contractors will stop the compaction until they can make new plans.

Mayor Sweet thanked all for attending.

Mr. Shane Allard questioned how the notice of the meeting will be communicated and noted that residents on both sides of Laurentian Drive from Dundonald Drive to Civic Centre Road should be notified.

Ann McIntyre advised that the Heritage Society has \$1 million worth of heritage buildings on its property and questioned how this compaction will affect not only these buildings but also the ambulance station, health centre, and St. Francis of Assisi School.

Sharon Tivendale thanked Council for hearing their concerns and that Council should put a stop work order on the project now.

Mayor Sweet noted he will be on the phone with the school board first thing in the morning.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

1. Activity Report – October

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin

SECONDED BY: Treena Lemay

That the Building Department monthly report for October be accepted as information.

CARRIED

2. Request to work weekends on new school – Bonnechere Excavating Inc.

Due to the concerns raised by the residents of Laurentian Drive, Council felt the request was premature at this time and tabled the item.

PLANNING

1. Activity Report – October

Karen Cronier, Planning Technician, presented her monthly report.

MOVED BY: James Carmody

SECONDED BY: Treena Lemay

That the Planning and Emergency Planning monthly report for October be accepted as information.

CARRIED

2. Draft Official Plan – 5 Year Review

Charles Cheesman, Manager of Planning for the County of Renfrew, presented the comprehensive review of the Town's Official Plan. An Open House will be held on January 23, 2013 and a Public Meeting will be held on January 30, 2013.

PUBLIC WORKS

1. Activity Report – October

David Unrau, Director of Public Works, provided an overview of his monthly report. Mr. Unrau was asked to follow-up with Hydro One regarding the street light repairs.

MOVED BY: James Carmody

SECONDED BY: Frank Cirella

That the Public Works monthly report for October be accepted as information.

CARRIED

2. Capital Works Status Report

David Unrau provided an overview of the report submitted by Steve Webster of Jp2g Consultants Inc. Staff was directed to check the budget for cost overruns and report how the overruns will be financed. The report was received for information.

3. Correspondence – Ministry of Infrastructure – MIII Capital Program

The correspondence was received for information. David Unrau will discuss the application process for the MIII Capital Program with Tom Renaud and Jp2g Consultants Inc.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Activity Report – October

Christine Mitchell, Economic Development Assistant, presented her monthly report.

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin

SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

That the Economic Development monthly report for October be accepted as information.

CARRIED

2. ED-14-12 – 2013 Chamber of Commerce Gala Sponsorship

Christine Mitchell provided an overview of her report. Discussion took place regarding the merits of a silver sponsorship vs a gold sponsorship.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Treena Lemay.

MOVED BY: Tom Mohns
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

That the Town of Petawawa provide a Silver Sponsorship for the 2013 Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala.

NAME	FOR	AGAINST
Tom Mohns	X	
Theresa Sabourin		X
James Carmody		X
Frank Cirella		X
Treena Lemay		X
Murray Rutz		X
Bob Sweet	X	

DEFEATED, 2 FOR and 5 AGAINST

A recorded vote was requested by Deputy Mayor Tom Mohns.

MOVED BY: Treena Lemay
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

That the Town of Petawawa provide a Gold Sponsorship for the 2013 Chamber of Commerce Awards Gala.

NAME	FOR	AGAINST
Treena Lemay	X	
Theresa Sabourin	X	
Tom Mohns		X
James Carmody	X	
Frank Cirella	X	
Murray Rutz	X	
Bob Sweet		X

CARRIED, 5 FOR and 2 AGAINST

GENERAL MATTERS

1. Budget Reports (Building Inspection, Economic Development, Planning and Zoning, Public Works, Sewage System, Waterworks)

Received for information.

CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.



Clerk