

**TOWN OF PETAWAWA**

**PUBLIC MEETING**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Mayor Bob Sweet Councillor James Carmody Councillor Treena Lemay</b>	<b>Deputy Mayor Tom Mohns Councillor Frank Cirella (6:33 p.m.) Councillor Murray Rutz</b>
<b>Regrets:</b>	<b>Councillor Theresa Sabourin</b>	
<b>Also Present:</b>	<b>Mitch Stillman Karen Cronier Luke Desjardins Adam Hodnett Robert Rantz Wayne Pitzner Brad Clouthier Dale Behnke Judy Bando</b>	<b>Dawn Recoskie Charles Cheesman Sean Chase Brian Whitehead Pauline Rantz Todd Clouthier Dean Clouthier Wayne Bando</b>

The Public Meeting was opened by the Mayor at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Sweet advised the Public Meeting has been called to give the public an opportunity to make representations to Council regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment – 5 Year Review.

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no pecuniary interests.

**OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT – 5 YEAR REVIEW**

Karen Cronier, Planning Coordinator, advised that the Notice of Public Meeting had been provided as required under the *Planning Act*. Ms. Cronier stated that the notice had been circulated to a number of agencies. The Town received correspondence from both Ontario Power Generation and the Ministry of Transportation who had no concerns regarding the review. Correspondence was also received from Lehman & Associates on behalf of TransCanada Pipelines Limited; Robert and Pauline Rantz; and Brian Whitehead of Jp2g Consultants Inc. representing the owners of 175887 Ontario Inc. (Petawawa Town Centre), Civic Centre Developments (2012) Inc., and 1668849 Ontario Inc. (Limestone Trail). Their letters will be taken into consideration.

At this point, Councillor Frank Cirella arrived at the meeting (6:33 p.m.).

Charles Cheesman, Manager of Planning Services for the County of Renfrew, provided an overview of the revisions to the Town of Petawawa's Official Plan. Mr. Cheesman noted the review process proposes changes to policies that deal with such matters as parks and open space, pre-consultation and complete application requirements, partial services, design guidelines, second dwelling units and garden suites. The revised draft Official Plan also includes proposed changes to the map schedule, such as the addition of various lands to the residential growth areas and the removal of certain lands from the Mineral Aggregate designation. Mr. Cheesman explained the review of the Town's Official Plan began in 2011 with a series of meetings as follows: April 26, 2011; June 21, 2011; July 3, 2012; November 26, 2012; and the January 23, 2013 Open House.

Mr. Cheesman further outlined the next steps for the review: receive comments from the public and agencies and have one or two more council meetings to present further revisions to the Official Plan prior to adopting the by-law. Mr. Cheesman also explained the appeal process to those present in the audience.

Mayor Sweet then asked to hear comments from members of the public. Mr. Brian Whitehead of Jp2g Consultants Inc. came forward and outlined the concerns contained in his written submission.

Mr. Robert Rantz came forward and outlined the concerns contained in his written submission.

Mr. Wayne Bando came forward and requested notification of future meetings regarding the Official Plan review, including meetings at the County of Renfrew. He also requested notification of the decisions of Petawawa Council and the County of Renfrew respecting the Official Plan. Mr. Bando questioned the "natural heritage" portion of the Provincial Policy Statement as he felt this item was not met on the draft Schedule "A" map attached to the Official Plan. Responding to Mr. Bando, Mr. Cheesman advised that written comments will be received until February 15, 2013.

Mayor Sweet then asked to hear from members of Council. Councillor Treena Lemay asked questions regarding the secondary dwelling units, garden suites, and a reference in the Official Plan to a bicycle master plan. She further noted the Town of Petawawa has already adopted a Sign By-law. Councillor Lemay will provide further written comments.

Councillor James Carmody would like to see trail systems, for bicycles and pedestrians, included in subdivision agreements.

Deputy Mayor Tom Mohns requested updated maps to show the current development within the Town be added to the plan.

Mayor Bob Sweet explained there is still work to do on the revisions to the Official Plan. Mayor Sweet asked if Mr. Dale Behnke had any comments. Mr. Behnke came forward and asked Mr. Cheesman to explain the designation change of the Petawawa Terrace Provincial Park which is now an Area of Natural and Scientific Interest (ANSI) as designated by the Ministry of Natural Resources. Mr. Cheesman explained this change means that an environmental impact study will need to be conducted should someone wish to develop property within a 120 metre buffer surrounding the Park.

Mayor Sweet thanked all for attending the meeting and declared the Public Meeting closed.  
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
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