

**TOWN OF PETAWAWA**

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**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:** Daniel Scissons Dawn Recoskie  
Karen Cronier Jeff Miller  
Wayne Bando Patricia Leboeuf

**CALL TO ORDER** (Moment of Silent Reflection)

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOVED BY:** Theresa Sabourin  
**SECONDED BY:** Tom Mohns

- (1) That the agenda for the October 20, 2014 meeting of Council be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Council Meeting (October 6, 2014)

**MOVED BY:** Murray Rutz  
**SECONDED BY:** Frank Cirella

- (2) That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held October 6, 2014 be approved as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

## BY-LAWS

There were no by-laws.

## CORRESPONDENCE

### 1. Harvesting of Timber in Algonquin Park

Mayor Bob Sweet provided an overview of Mr. Gord Miller's (Environmental Commissioner of Ontario) 2013-2014 Annual Report to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. In the report, Mr. Miller recommends that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry publically commit to the end of commercial logging in Algonquin Provincial Park. Mayor Sweet commented that the report minimizes the impacts to wood supply from the recent Lightening the Footprint in Algonquin Park exercise, and implies that logging could be abolished from the Park within a decade without any jobs being lost. The report does not explicitly state how current forest management negatively impacts ecological integrity or biodiversity, and leans heavily on the argument that it should simply not be allowed in any provincial park.

**MOVED BY: James Carmody**  
**SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns**

- (3) Whereas seven communities in Renfrew County have substantial employment related to the forest industry and wood processing facilities that receive a significant portion of wood volume from Algonquin Park. Many of these businesses are multi-generational, with the longest running in its 7<sup>th</sup> generation, and are heavily invested in the sustainability of forestry in Algonquin Park; and

Whereas over 2,700 jobs are directly associated with wood harvested from Algonquin Park and an additional 8,000 jobs are indirectly associated with the support of these activities; and

Whereas approximately 40% of wood volume harvested from Algonquin Park is delivered to Renfrew County wood processing facilities; and

Whereas logging has occurred in Algonquin Park for over 180 years, in harmony with the protection of other forest values, and continues to be a thriving ecosystem that almost one million people visit annually to enjoy; and

Whereas sustainable forest management on Crown land goes hand-in-hand with maintaining ecological integrity, is science-based, heavily scrutinized and monitored for compliance to rules and regulations by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, an Independent Forest Auditor, and in the case of Algonquin Park, a third-party certification system; and

Whereas forestry in Algonquin Park ensures that ecosystem processes limited through human intervention (e.g. fire suppression) are emulated, so that forest types and wildlife habitat can occur at natural levels;

Now therefore be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa requests that the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry not consider the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario's recommendation to commit to the end of commercial logging in Algonquin Park; and

Further that the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry also be requested to permanently protect sustainable forest management in Algonquin Park; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario; Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry; Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner of Ontario; the County of Renfrew; and John Yakabuski, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

**CARRIED**

Staff was further directed to send a strongly worded letter along with a copy of the adopted resolution.

2. Planned Wood Pole Replacement Program – Hydro One

Daniel Scissons, CAO/Clerk, commented that Hydro One will be conducting an environmental assessment to refurbish approximately three kilometres of the existing transmission line along Black Bay Road. Hydro One will notify property owners adjacent to the work areas to advise them of the project and the environmental assessment screening process. The item of correspondence was received for information.

**MINUTES**

1. Council-in-Committee Meeting (October 14, 2014)

**MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin**

**SECONDED BY: James Carmody**

- (4) That the minutes of the Council-in-Committee meeting held October 14, 2014 be accepted by Council and that resolutions from that Committee become resolutions of Council.

**CARRIED**

2. Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee (August 26, 2014)

Councillor Theresa Sabourin provided an overview of the recent activities of the Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee.

**MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin**  
**SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns**

- (5) That the minutes of the Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on August 26, 2014 be adopted as information.

**CARRIED**

3. Pembroke & Area Airport Commission (June 19, 2014)

Councillor Frank Cirella provided an overview of the recent activities of the Pembroke & Area Airport Commission.

**MOVED BY: Frank Cirella**  
**SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin**

- (6) That the minutes of the Pembroke & Area Airport Commission meeting held on June 19, 2014 be adopted as information.

**CARRIED**

4. Petawawa Public Library Board (March 24, 2014; April 28, 2014; May 26, 2014; June 23, 2014)

Councillor James Carmody provided an overview of the recent activities of the Petawawa Public Library Board.

**MOVED BY: James Carmody**  
**SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin**

- (7) The minutes of the Petawawa Public Library Board meetings held on March 24, 2014; April 28, 2014; May 26, 2014; and June 23, 2014 be adopted as information.

**CARRIED**

**STAFF REPORTS**

1. PL-29-14 – Application for Site Plan Approval Mac’s Convenience Store & Gas Bar, 2959 Petawawa Boulevard

Karen Cronier, Planning Coordinator, explained that the proposed Mac’s development is to be located on the corner of Limestone Trail and Petawawa Boulevard and is to consist of a 3,500 sq. ft. convenience store and gas bar. Ms. Cronier reported that based on the review of the submissions it is the opinion of Town staff that the proposed site plan will create an attractive and convenient “one stop shop” type experience for local patrons. The site is very well suited for this type of development and no adverse traffic or servicing impacts are anticipated. Based on the

submitted plans and reports the proposal is justified from a land use planning perspective and represents good planning.

Mr. Jeff Miller of Miller & Urso Surveying Inc. was present to answer questions from Council. Staff was asked to review the length of the Limestone Trail left turning lane onto Petawawa Boulevard and determine who would be responsible for lengthening this lane should it be required in the future.

**MOVED BY: Tom Mohns**  
**SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz**

- (8) That Council supports the approval of the site plan for Mac's Convenience Stores Inc., on the following conditions:
1. Final clearance of plans and comments from the Town of Petawawa Director of Public Works, County of Renfrew Public Works & Engineering Department, Town of Petawawa Planning Coordinator and the Town of Petawawa Fire Department; and
  2. The applicant enter into a site development agreement with the Town of Petawawa.

**CARRIED**

2. ED-08-14 – Consultation on Policy Changes in the 3500 MHz Band

Mayor Bob Sweet provided an overview of Industry Canada's proposal to have internet providers sacrifice the 3,500 megahertz spectrum, which is being used to deliver high-speed internet in rural areas, and transfer it to wireless cell companies in support of mobile services for urban customers. If the proposal is implemented, it is estimated 11,000 residents and businesses in Eastern Ontario will lose high-speed connections so that more mobile accounts can be sold in urban areas.

**MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin**  
**SECONDED BY: James Carmody**

- (9) That Council supports the efforts of the EOWC and EORN Boards of Directors by writing to the Director of Spectrum with a copy to Minister Moore; and

That Council passes a resolution of support; and

That Council writes a letter to Mrs. Cheryl Gallant, MP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin**  
**SECONDED BY: James Carmody**

- (10) Whereas Industry Canada is proposing to re-classify the current spectrum license blocks (for 3500 Mhz) as either urban or rural; and

Whereas this proposal will result in more than 11,000 current residential and business customers in eastern Ontario who are part of the Eastern Ontario Regional (broadband) Network losing their existing internet services; and

Whereas more than \$12 million dollars in public and private funding has been spent through the EORN project and this investment is being put in jeopardy; and

Whereas this proposed policy will create significant uncertainties in terms of continued high speed, affordable and reliable internet services for existing and potential business users; and

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa requests Industry Canada to modify its policy proposals to permit current 3500 MHz license holders who are party to the Eastern Ontario Regional Network and delivering high speed fixed wireless internet services be exempt for any requirement to depart this spectrum.

**CARRIED**

### **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Deputy Mayor Tom Mohns – nothing to report.

Councillor Treena Lemay – nothing to report.

Councillor Theresa Sabourin – nothing to report.

Councillor Murray Rutz reported that he attended the grand opening of Valley Plumbing & Water Treatment on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor James Carmody – nothing to report.

Councillor Frank Cirella reported that he attended a Pembroke & Area Airport rate review committee meeting today.

Mayor Bob Sweet – nothing to report.

### **CLOSED MEETING**

There was no closed meeting.

**CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**MOVED BY: Tom Mohns**  
**SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin**

(11) That By-law 940/14 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**CARRIED**

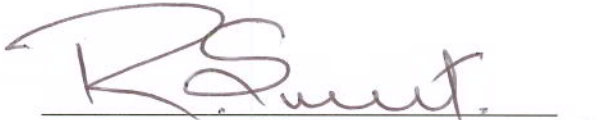
**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOVED BY: Treena Lemay**  
**SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz**

(12) That the meeting adjourn to the call of the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk