

6:30 p.m.

May 6, 2019

TOWN OF PETAWAWA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Present: **Mayor Bob Sweet** **Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss**
 Councillor James Carmody **Councillor Matthew McLean**
 Councillor Tom Mohns **Councillor Murray Rutz**

Regrets: **Councillor Theresa Sabourin**

Also Present: **Daniel Scissons** **Christine Mitchell**
 Kate Bennett **Karen Cronier**
 Karl Green **Rod Paul**

CALL TO ORDER (Moment of Silent Reflection)

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: **Murray Rutz**
SECONDED BY: **James Carmody**

- (1) That the agenda for the May 6, 2019 meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council Meeting (April 15, 2019)

MOVED BY: **Gary Serviss**
SECONDED BY: **Tom Mohns**

- (2) That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held April 15, 2019 be approved as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

BY-LAWS

There were no by-laws.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

MINUTES

1. Council-in-Committee Meeting (April 23, 2019)

MOVED BY: Matthew McLean

SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (3) That the minutes of the Council-in-Committee meeting held on April 23, 2019 be accepted by Council, and that resolutions from that Committee become resolutions of Council.

CARRIED

2. Petawawa Police Services Board (March 20, 2019)

Councillor James Carmody provided an overview of the recent activities of the Petawawa Police Services Board.

MOVED BY: James Carmody

SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (4) That the minutes of the Petawawa Police Services Board meeting held on March 20, 2019 be adopted as information.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

1. Flood Emergency Update – Verbal Report – Karen Cronier, Community Emergency Management Coordinator

Karen Cronier, CEMC, provided a verbal update to Council regarding the flood emergency. Ms. Cronier detailed actions and responses related to the emergency declared on Sunday, April 28, 2019.

Early April during a regular scheduled Freshet call the Ottawa River Regulation Secretariat indicated that the 2019 freshet was expected to be above average this year due to the amount of snow pack and the active tributaries that were depositing into the Ottawa River. Public Works personnel began conducting daily patrols of vulnerable areas in response to rising water levels. Sandbags were requested from residents in the MacGregor Bay Trail and River Drive areas. Some areas in Town reported groundwater issues; Lisa Crescent, Portage Landing, Biesenthal Road and Briarwood Drive.

By April 24, 2019 several active sandbagging areas were established; MacGregor Bay Trail, River Drive and Black Bay Road. Active sandbag filling stations were located at the end of Shames Road, Risto Road, Southshore Drive, Deer Run, Melody Trail and Tall Pines Road.

To highlight the historic water levels realized in both the Petawawa and Ottawa Rivers, during the 2017 spring freshet a total of 5,400 sandbags were provided to area residents. As of May 3 this year, 34,000 sandbags have been distributed.

By April 28 as water levels continued to escalate and additional concerns were reported, Daniel Scissons, CAO/Clerk, initiated a meeting of the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG). As a result of the meeting for precautionary measures, Mayor Sweet declared an emergency related to the flood waters. The MECG followed protocols identified within the Emergency Response Plan and notified the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC) as well as Council, staff and stakeholders.

As a result of the emergency declaration, the military were able to engage with the Town and respond to the need within the community. The military assisted in the creation of a preventative berm at the water treatment plant as well as providing filled sandbags which were placed at designated locations to assist residents.

The County of Renfrew closed the Petawawa Boulevard bridge, on April 30 due to identified erosion of the river bank which could have eroded the bridge support structures. Remedial efforts to shore up the slope and redirect the water included big boulder material being placed along both sides of the bridge pillars. Work was completed, inspected and the County opened the bridge in the late afternoon the following day.

A community assessment and update was compiled for the PEOC, noting 135 primary residences and 6 secondary residences (cottages) having been affected by the flood. A few households were displaced, the Town continues to receive reports of vacated properties.

Continued slope erosion rendered the building at 3584 Petawawa Boulevard at risk of sliding into the Petawawa River, creating potential dangers to residential properties and municipal infrastructure downstream and environmental concerns with contamination. Orders prohibiting occupancy of the unsafe building and to immediately remedy said unsafe conditions were issued to the property owner by the Chief Building Official on

May 4. Remedial actions were not undertaken within the required 24 hour timeframe resulting in the building's demolition on May 5.

The Town remains under the emergency declaration and the MECG continues to meet regularly.

The Ottawa River water level is expected to peak on May 7 with significant precipitation (30 mm) expected later in the week. Filled sandbags remain available for residents.

The Community Services Department in partnership with the Renfrew County and District Health Unit are arranging a Community Wellness Centre on May 9 for residents regarding information on food safety, mental health, drinking water safety and other health related information.

Mayor Bob Sweet acknowledged Town personnel on all their efforts in dealing with the flood emergency, along with the assistance of the military, OPP and other community partners. Mayor Sweet acknowledged each agency working in collaboration to ensure the safety and protection of the community.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss reported he attended the opening of Tick Tock Escape Rooms on April 25, 2019 where he and other members of Council and staff participated in the escape room experience. Deputy Mayor Serviss attended the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM) conference in Pembroke on May 1 and 2, 2019. Deputy Mayor Serviss also attended a Petawawa Public Library Board meeting, participated in the municipal booth at Petawawa Showcase and assisted in filling sandbags at various locations.

Councillor Tom Mohns reported he attended a Pembroke and Area Airport meeting on April 18, 2019.

Councillor Murray Rutz reported he also attended the Pembroke and Area Airport meeting on April 18, 2019. Councillor Rutz reported that on June 9, 2019 the airport will be hosting a fundraiser called "Airport Runway Gala". Tickets are \$100.00 with a charitable receipt of \$75.00. Councillor Rutz attended a Festival Hall meeting on April 25, 2019 in preparation for the 40th Anniversary celebrations. Councillor Rutz participated in the Tick Tock Escape Rooms opening, attended Petawawa Showcase, the OSUM Conference, Motown Show at Festival Hall, Boston Pizza opening event on May 3, 2019, Bike Rodeo on May 4, 2019, and assisted in filling sandbags at various locations.

Councillor James Carmody reported he attended Petawawa Showcase with the Petawawa Police Services Board booth. Councillor Carmody also attended the OSUM conference May 1 to 3, 2019, the Boston Pizza opening, a Petawawa Public Library Board meeting, and represented Council at the Paratrooper Memorial Service at Wegner Point on May 5, 2019.

Councillor Matthew McLean – nothing to report.

Mayor Bob Sweet reported that he attended the Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee (ATAC) meeting on May 7, 2019 noting a favourable response to the Town's request to twin the trail from Murphy to Portage Roads. Mayor Sweet attended various events representing Council including, the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association Awards Gala, Petawawa Showcase, Boston Pizza and Giant Mart grand opening events.

Mayor Sweet noted that the OSUM conference held in Pembroke, May 1 to 3, 2019 had a record attendance of 225 delegates, excellent programs and networking opportunities.

CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Matthew McLean

- (5) That By-law 1270/19 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED

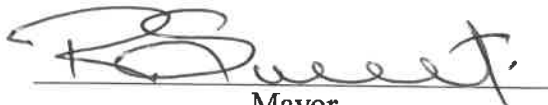
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Tom Mohns
SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (6) That the meeting adjourn to the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk