

6:30 p.m.

July 2, 2019

TOWN OF PETAWAWA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Present: Mayor Bob Sweet Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss
Councillor James Carmody Councillor Tom Mohns
Councillor Murray Rutz Councillor Theresa Sabourin

Regrets: Councillor Matthew McLean

Also Present: Dawn Recoskie Kate Bennett
Karen Cronier Christine Mitchell
Amy Scholten Gavin Balfour
Patrick Tighe Shawn DeGeer
Katherine DeGeer Judy DeGeer
Tony Grace Rudy Kadlec
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: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (1) That the agenda for the July 2, 2019 meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council Meeting (June 17, 2019)

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin
SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (2) That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held June 17, 2019 be approved as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

1. Delegation – Renfrew County Legal Clinic Funding Cuts – Amy Scholten, Executive Director

Amy Scholten, Executive Director of the Renfrew County Legal Clinic, supported by volunteer Board members Gavin Balfour and Patrick Tighe, reported to Council that the clinic's budget is in danger of being significantly reduced which will have an immediate and substantial effect on direct client service delivery across the County. The provincial government's 2019 budget, cut funding to Legal Aid Ontario (LAO) by \$133 million, which is 30% of its budget, retroactive to April 1, 2019. LAO is downloading a large portion of these cuts to Legal Clinics, which could result in the Renfrew County Legal Clinic closing. Ms. Scholten called upon Council to give immediate direction that budget cuts to LAO not be downloaded onto Legal Clinics in order to preserve front line service delivery to the community.

The Renfrew County Legal Clinic, funded by LAO has provided legal services to low income clients in the County for over 30 years. The clinic has successfully obtained over \$1.5 million dollars for their clients in a recent 12 month period in the areas of Canada Pension Plan Disability Benefits, Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), Housing (Landlord Tenant), Human Rights, Workplace Safety and Insurance Board, and Criminal Injuries Compensation. This money was spent locally and it came from outside sources; clients got off of Ontario Works Benefits, municipalities financially benefitted and the local economy was strengthened.

Ms. Scholten explained these cuts to the LAO budget have already had a direct negative impact on the clinic and the services they provide, and in the near future, it will have a devastating impact on the clinics ability to continue to provide services to our most vulnerable citizens.

Mayor Bob Sweet thanked Ms. Scholten, on behalf of Council, for providing her thorough presentation.

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

- (3) WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa believes all levels of government should provide fair, economically-sound, and evidence-based programs and supports to help low-income residents, vulnerable people, and other equity-seeking individuals escape poverty, precarious housing, and systemic disadvantage, and realize their full potential by living healthy and safe lives;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa calls upon the Premier and the Attorney General to make a commitment to access to justice, to respect the commitment of their government to not decrease front line services, and to confirm that funding for community legal clinics will not be decreased;

AND FURTHER the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa urges the province to restore funding to these critical services and ensure that all the residents of Renfrew County have access to a fair and equitable justice system, regardless of their incomes;

AND FURTHERMORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to MPP John Yakabuski, Attorney General Doug Downey, the Legal Aid Ontario Board, Premier Doug Ford, the County of Renfrew, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their consideration and support.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

There were no by-laws.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

MINUTES

1. Council-in-Committee Meeting (June 24, 2019)

MOVED BY: Tom Mohns
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (4) That the minutes of the Council-in-Committee meeting held on June 24, 2019 be accepted by Council, and that resolutions from that Committee become resolutions of Council.

CARRIED

2. Pembroke & Area Airport Commission (January 18, 2018; February 1, 2018; February 15, 2018; February 28, 2018; April 25, 2018; June 21, 2018; September 20, 2018; November 15, 2018; February 21, 2019; April 18, 2019; and June 13, 2019)

Mayor Bob Sweet introduced the minutes for adoption.

MOVED BY: Tom Mohns
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

- (5) That the minutes of the Pembroke & Area Airport Commission meetings held on the following dates be adopted as information: January 18, 2018; February 1, 2018; February 15, 2018; February 28, 2018; April 25, 2018; June 21, 2018; September 20, 2018; November 15, 2018; February 21, 2019; April 18, 2019; and June 13, 2019.

CARRIED

3. Petawawa Police Service Board (May 22, 2019)

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

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

- (6) That the minutes of the Petawawa Police Services Board meeting held on May 22, 2019 be adopted as information.

CARRIED

4. Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee (May 23, 2019)

Councillor Theresa Sabourin provided an overview of the recent activities of the Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee and reminded members of Council to complete their Accessible Customer Service Training if they haven't already done so.

Councillor Sabourin also noted regretfully the resignation of committee member Jackie Nieman, stating that Ms. Nieman may have resigned; however, she is willing to participate in future audits or provide assistance to the committee if needed.

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin
SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (7) That the minutes of the Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on May 23, 2019 be adopted as information.

CARRIED

5. Petawawa Public Library Board (May 27, 2019)

Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss provided an overview of the recent activities of the Petawawa Public Library Board. Deputy Mayor Serviss reported the Library's 2018 Audit was presented by Tami Sylvestre of Welch LLP, who was pleased with the condition of the books.

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (8) That the minutes of the Petawawa Public Library Board meeting held on May 27, 2019 be adopted as information.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

1. PL-11-19 – Consent Applications B146/18, B147/18 and B148/18, Shawn DeGeer, Part of Lot 21, Concession 8, Harry Street

Karen Cronier, Director of Planning and Development, provided an overview of the report.

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (9) That Council supports the approval of Files B146/18, B147/18 and B148/18 on the following conditions:
 1. All sanitary and water services are to be installed for all lots as well as the retained lands at the same time followed by the road resurfacing.
 2. The submission of a lot grading and drainage plan for each lot and the retained lands is to be submitted at the time of building permit application. The drainage and grading plan is to be to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works.
 3. Driveway access will not be granted between the existing pumping station and the Petawawa River and any construction on the retained lands must occur to the south of the existing pumping station.
 4. Formalization of the easement to allow the continuation of access to the Millennium Trail as well as entering into an agreement for the maintenance of the trail on the retained lands. The costs associated with the trail agreement would be assumed by the Town.
 5. A development agreement may be required to consolidate all conditions and to ensure any prospective purchasers are aware of such conditions.

CARRIED

2. ADMIN-24-2019 – Resignation of Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee Member Jackie Nieman

Dawn Recoskie, Deputy Clerk, provided an overview of the report.

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin
SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (10) That Council accepts the resignation of Jackie Nieman with regret.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss reported he attended the Valour JK-12 School Graduation ceremony held on June 27, 2019. Deputy Mayor Serviss also attended the Canada Day festivities reporting he received many wonderful comments from residents on the event and

shared in the responsibility of grilling 1,200 hotdogs along with Councillor Mohns and Councillor Carmody.

Councillor Tom Mohns reported he attended a special meeting of the Pembroke and Area Airport Commission on June 13, 2019 and a regularly scheduled meeting on June 20, 2019. Councillor Mohns noted the approval for the construction of a new hangar was passed and the new hangar is almost completely rented. Councillor Mohns also attended the Canada Day festivities at the Civic Centre.

Councillor Theresa Sabourin reported she attended the grand opening of Beyond the Coast on June 20, 2019. Councillor Sabourin also attended the Canada Day festivities and thanked the Community Services staff for all their hard work putting on such a great event for the community.

Councillor Murray Rutz reported he also attended both Pembroke and Area Airport Commission meetings in June. Councillor Rutz attended the grand opening of A New Leaf Food Experience on June 24, 2019. Councillor Rutz noted Festival Hall will soon be selling tickets for a performance by Glass Tiger which is scheduled for November 30, 2019 in celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Festival Hall.

Councillor James Carmody reported he also attended the grand opening ceremony for A New Leaf Food Experience, along with the Canada Day festivities at the Civic Centre.

Mayor Bob Sweet reported he attended several county meetings throughout the month of June, including County Council, the Algonquin Trail Advisory Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, and a Development and Property Committee meeting. Mayor Sweet attended the Relay for Life ceremony on June 21, 2019, and also attended the grand openings for both Beyond the Coast and A New Leaf Food Experience.

Mayor Sweet spoke in regards to the recent vandalism to the Town's two deer statues placed at the corner of Murphy Road and Petawawa Boulevard. Mayor Sweet noted this was a senseless act and very disappointing to see, as the Town works very hard on the beautification of our community. The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating the matter.

CLOSED MEETING

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

- (11) That the meeting be closed pursuant to Section 239 (2) (c) of the *Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25* to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

CARRIED

Council went into closed session at 7:44 p.m.

Council reconvened to open session at 8:01 p.m.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

A closed meeting was held. Council discussed a potential disposition of municipal property. Direction was given to the Deputy Clerk. There is nothing further to report.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

(12) That By-law 1279/19 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED


ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Tom Mohns
SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



Mayor



Deputy Clerk