

6:30 p.m.

January 21, 2019

TOWN OF PETAWAWA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Present: Mayor Bob Sweet
Councillor James Carmody
Councillor Tom Mohns
Councillor Theresa Sabourin

Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss
Councillor Matthew McLean
Councillor Murray Rutz

Also Present: Daniel Scissons
Debbie Robinson
Judy Hill
Patricia Leboeuf

Dawn Recoskie
Dr. Richard Johnson
Tony Grace
Kyle Robinson

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 January 21, 2019 meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council Meeting (January 7, 2019)

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin
SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (2) That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held January 7, 2019 be approved as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

1. Strategy for Physician Recruitment – Debbie Robinson

Dr. Richard Johnson explained to Council that a group of local doctors, along with the Pembroke Regional Hospital, have hired Debbie Robinson as a family physician recruiter for Petawawa, Pembroke and the surrounding area. This initiative began approximately one year ago and has been termed the Upper Ottawa Valley (UOV) Medical Group. Dr. Johnson noted there are approximately 1,800 local residents without a family doctor registered with Health Care Connect. There is a concern that a number of physicians in the area will be able to retire in the next few years, so this group is being proactive by having local doctors participate in the physician recruitment process along with Ms. Robinson acting as the official recruiter.

Ms. Robinson explained that presentations will be provided to local municipalities to get the message out to residents to get themselves registered on Health Care Connect if they do not have a family physician, and to also explain what the UOV Medical Group is doing to attract family physicians to our area. The UOV Medical Group is not seeking financial support from municipalities at this time.

The UOV Medical Group has received support from the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre, the West Champlain Family Health Team, the Whitewater Bromley Community Health Centre, and Pembroke's Family Medicine Teaching Unit. The Executive Directors of these groups are participating with the UOV Medical Group and promoting their clinics to prospective family physicians.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Sweet thanked Dr. Johnson and Ms. Robinson for addressing Council and bringing forward this important initiative to recruit family physicians.

BY-LAWS

1. By-law 1245/19 – being a by-law to authorize the execution of a road improvement agreement with Greenwood Asphalt Products Ltd.

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss

SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (3) That By-law 1245/19, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a road improvement agreement with Greenwood Asphalt Products Ltd., be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: James Carmody

SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (4) That By-law 1245/19, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

3. By-law 1246/19 – being a by-law to appoint members to the Petawawa Public Library Board

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (5) That By-law 1246/19, being a by-law to appoint members to the Petawawa Public Library Board, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (6) That By-law 1246/19, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

4. By-law 1247/19 – being a by-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (7) That By-law 1247/19, being a by-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

- (8) That By-law 1247/19, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

MINUTES

1. Council-in-Committee Meeting (January 14, 2019)

MOVED BY: Matthew McLean
SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

- (9) That the minutes of the Council-in-Committee meeting held on January 14, 2019 be accepted by Council, and that resolutions from that Committee become resolutions of Council.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

1. Resolution – Cannabis Retail Stores, Opting In

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin

SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (10) That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa hereby allows the location of Cannabis Retail Stores in the Town of Petawawa municipal boundaries and makes this decision to opt-in, in advance of the legislated deadline of January 22, 2019.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

1. Notice of Motion – Cannabis – Councillor James Carmody

Councillor Carmody introduced the following motion for discussion and debate at the January 28, 2019 Council-in-Committee meeting:

WHEREAS on October 17, 2018 the Federal Government's *Cannabis Act S.C. 2018, c. 16*, created a strict legal framework for controlling the production, distribution, sale and possession of cannabis across Canada;

AND WHEREAS the *Act's* aim was to accomplish three (3) goals:

- Keep cannabis out of the hands of youth;
- Keep profits out of the pockets of criminals; and
- Protect public health and safety by allowing adults access to legal cannabis.

AND WHEREAS the *Act* authorized provinces and territories to develop, implement, maintain and enforce systems to oversee the distribution and sale of cannabis;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Government adopted the *Cannabis Statute Law Amendment Act, 2018* on October 17, 2018 to allow private cannabis retail stores;

AND WHEREAS the province has adopted the following three main pieces of legislation pertaining to the legalization of cannabis:

- *Cannabis Control Act, 2017, S.O. 2017, c. 26, Sched. 1;*

- *Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation Act, 2017, S.O. 2017, c. 26, Sched. 2;*
and
- *Cannabis Licence Act, 2018, S.O. 2018, c. 12, Sched. 2.*

AND WHEREAS the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is the provincial regulator authorized to grant private cannabis retail store licences;

AND WHEREAS only 25 private cannabis retail store licences will be issued to municipalities with a population of 50,000 or more for 2019;

AND WHEREAS the province will revisit the issuance of private cannabis retail store licences and decide on next steps following December 13, 2019;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa encourages the Province of Ontario to consider the following amendments when revisiting the legislation in December 2019:

- Private cannabis retailers should not be exempt from municipal business licensing and land use planning. Municipal Official Plans and Zoning By-laws should have the latitude to introduce site specific zoning for cannabis retail stores and limit the number of cannabis retail stores within the municipal boundaries.
- The minimum distance of 150 metres between cannabis retail stores and schools, should be expanded to include places where children gather such as: community centres, recreational facilities, playgrounds, libraries, child care centres or where an early years program is provided, as well as hospitals (public/private), psychiatric facilities, long-term care homes, independent health facilities, and residential hospices.
- Municipalities should be notified when a cannabis retail store application has been submitted to the AGCO for its municipality. The onus should be on the AGCO to notify the municipality, such as is done by municipalities with planning matters under the *Planning Act*; the municipality shouldn't have to access the AGCO's website daily to search for applications.
- An appeal process should be implemented when the AGCO makes a decision on a cannabis retail store licence. Currently there is no appeal available to municipalities if it does not agree with the decision of the AGCO.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP John Yakabuski, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the County of Renfrew and all of its lower-tier municipalities, and the City of Pembroke for their consideration and support.

Councillor James Carmody – nothing further to report.

Councillor Theresa Sabourin – nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss – reported he attended the Drinking Water Standard of Care Training delivered by the Walkerton Clean Water Centre and hosted by Ontario Clean Water Agency at the Petawawa Public Library on January 16, 2019.

Councillor Matthew McLean – reported he attended two Cabin Fever events: Beards & Brews and Absolute Comedy on January 19, 2019.

Councillor Murray Rutz – reported the Community Policing Committee will be hosting the Annual Bicycle Rodeo at the Civic Centre on May 4, 2019. Councillor Rutz reported he attended the Budget Workshop on January 10, 2019; participated in a tour of the Pembroke and Area Airport on January 11, 2019; and attended a Festival Hall Committee meeting on January 17, 2019. Councillor Rutz was pleased to report that he was once again elected Chair of the Festival Hall Committee and Mr. Kelly Williams, Director of Community Services, has been appointed as a staff representative on the Committee for the Town of Petawawa; he noted 28% of the online ticket sales for Festival Hall in 2018 came from Petawawa residents; Festival Hall will be celebrating its 40th anniversary this year with many special events planned throughout; and Councillor Rutz reported the Jason Blaine Foundation donated \$5,000.00 to Festival Hall.

Councillor Tom Mohns – reported he attended a tour of the Pembroke and Area Airport on January 11, 2019 and the Drinking Water Standard of Care Training on January 16, 2019.

Mayor Bob Sweet – reported he has attended five meetings at the County of Renfrew recently including Development and Property, and Finance and Administration committee meetings. Mayor Sweet reported he also attended the Drinking Water Standard of Care Training on January 16, 2019.

CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

(11) That By-law 1248/19 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Matthew McLean


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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk