

6:30 p.m.

February 4, 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

Regrets: **Councillor Matthew McLean** **Councillor Theresa Sabourin**

Also Present: **Daniel Scissons** **Dawn Recoskie**
 Karen Cronier **Annette Mantifel**
 Sherwood Nieman **Manon Cole-Myers**
 Tina Peplinskie **Kyle Robinson**

CALL TO ORDER (Moment of Silent Reflection)

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

- (1) That the agenda for the February 4, 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 21, 2019)

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

- (2) That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held January 21, 2019 be approved as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

PUBLIC MEETING

1. Zoning By-law Amendment (from “Rural” to “Residential One”) – 2580819 Ontario Ltd. (Nieman), Part of Lot 21, Concession 3, Doran Road

The Public Meeting was opened by the Mayor at 6:33 p.m. Karen Cronier, Director of Planning and Development, advised that the Notice of Public Meeting had been provided as required under the Planning Act. The Town received correspondence from Enbridge Inc. which had no concerns regarding the application.

Ms. Cronier explained the purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is to rezone the severed lands in Consent Files B030/18(1) and B031/18(2) from Rural (RU) to Residential One (R1) as a condition of consent. All other provisions of the Zoning By-law shall apply.

Mayor Sweet asked to hear comments from members of the public. No one from the public came forward to speak for or against the application.

Ms. Cronier then explained the appeal process to those present in the audience.

Mayor Sweet thanked all for attending the meeting and declared the Public Meeting closed at 6:35 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

BY-LAWS

Mayor Bob Sweet addressed Council and members of the public regarding the proposed by-laws to adopt the 2019 budgets, as follows:

Good evening members of Council, staff, residents of Petawawa, and the media. At tonight's meeting, Council will have the opportunity to pass by-laws approving the general, waterworks and sewage municipal spending programs for 2019. The impacts of these budgets will affect those residents using those respective services.

Council and staff have worked diligently to prepare these budgets maintaining a foundation of sustainable financial planning while never compromising the service demands of our residents. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our team, we present spending plans that reflect our core value of fiscal responsibility. I would like to specifically acknowledge the Treasurer, Annette Mantifel, and the CAO/Clerk, Daniel Scissons, for their leadership during the budgeting process.

On the revenue side of the 2019 general budget, the Town has faced challenges that impact our ability to meet the increasing costs associated with service delivery. The continued reduction in the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, a fund which has been reduced by 30% in the last two years is now anticipated to be reduced further by the current government

who has yet to announce the annual envelope as it conducts a spending review analysis. This new era of tightened financial restraint is impacting grant opportunities and other levels of support once available to municipalities. All of these unknown factors have contributed to an increase in the Town's tax levy. Council has worked determinedly to ensure this increase will have immediate and significant positive impacts to the ratepayers of this community, acknowledging that residential property owners bear the major share of any additional financial burden. Council remains committed to seeking sustainable efficiencies which will impact future budgets.

I am pleased to present general, waterworks and sewage system budgets that allow the Town to continue to provide high quality services to residents with some significant and impressive capital projects within our pay as you go philosophy, all while maintaining a fundamentally debt free community.

Residential property owners can expect Town taxes to increase by approximately \$27.65 per \$100,000 in assessment over last year. The 2019 average residence is assessed at \$247,250 up \$3,750.00 from the previous year, this increased value will realize an additional \$81.47 in lower tier tax levy. Customers of the municipal water and sewage systems will see continued adjustments to user rates to support the current provision of efficient services and to ensure the sustainability of these vital assets well into the future.

Council is dedicated to the safety and security of ratepayers and fulfills these obligations with first rate fire and police response. Our Public Works Department is unwavering in its efforts to keep the roads and sidewalks maintained for the travelling public. Planning and Development personnel effectively promote the controlled and orderly growth of the municipality. Our Community Services Department (formerly Parks and Recreation) and Library facilities provide progressive and outstanding programming for all our residents. Our reputation for providing a high level of service at a reasonable public cost remains unchanged.

Council's commitment to long-term planning is reflected in this budget with the anticipated updating of some guiding documents; the Corporate Strategic Plan, Development Charges Study, a Fire Master Plan, and finalizing the Asset Management Strategic Policy will occur in this fiscal year. These documents along with our endorsed Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Active Transportation Plan, Economic Action Strategy, Infrastructure Study and vehicle and equipment replacement schedules provide us with a roadmap of planned spending our departments need to realize success and ensure their ability to maintain exceptional core services to the residents. Partnerships continue to be sought, as feasible, with our neighbours and associative network.

Total road infrastructure spending for 2019 is estimated at \$4.0 million on capital projects such as rehabilitations of John Street and Black Bay Road where the second lift of asphalt from Doran to Carla and then Industrial to Petawawa Boulevard will fully complete this road project. Additional money has been allocated for design work for the future rehabilitation of Portage Road, Roy Street and Golf Course Road. Investment will include the construction of a much needed sand dome a subject of the last three budget cycles to accommodate the escalating timely need for this product during our winter control

operations. Other infrastructure projects, which have been proposed under funding envelopes, will only proceed if grant applications are successful.

Money has been set aside for the continued twinning of the Algonquin Trail through from Murphy Road to Portage Road, a high priority, identified in our Active Transportation Plan.

Investment in our vehicle and equipment inventory will include the replacement of a tandem snowplough and the purchase of a new MT6 trackless to accommodate the increased sidewalk maintenance needs for the community. The Fire Department will purchase a new bush truck which they have planned for with reserve contributions.

Investments in our recreation facilities will include continued investment in the reserve fund for the arena floor which is projected for replacement in 2020. A new arena plate and frame heat exchanger will replace an existing chiller along with upgrades to a number of neighbourhood parks and continued investment in improvements and services at Petawawa Point. Funds have been allocated to continue efforts to explore options and opportunities to resolve identified needs for the Catwalk infrastructure and develop a unified long term vision for Centennial Park.

Within the water and sewage budgets capital works will include upgrades to operating systems; electrical and mechanical elements at the plants as well as at the Renfrew Street Pumping Station. A biogas feasibility study has been approved with funds from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities – Low Carbon Economy Fund for Net Zero Projects. Additional monies have been earmarked for water and wastewater upgrades to be completed in tandem with road infrastructure work which is subject to grant application approvals.

These budgets reflect Council's commitment to ensuring that this growth is supported by appropriate investments in our infrastructure and capital assets. I am confident that the spending program introduced will reinforce our adherence to financial sustainability and excellence in customer service.

1. By-law 1249/19 – being a by-law to adopt estimates of all sums required for municipal purposes during the year 2019

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (3) That By-law 1249/19, being a by-law to adopt estimates of all sums required for municipal purposes during the year 2019, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (4) That By-law 1249/19, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

2. By-law 1250/19 – being a by-law to adopt estimates of all sums required for municipal utilities and to set water and sewage service rates for the year 2019

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss
SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

- (5) That By-law 1250/19, being a by-law to adopt estimates of all sums required for municipal utilities and to set water and sewage service rates for the year 2019, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Tom Mohns
SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (6) That By-law 1250/19, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

3. By-law 1251/19 – being a by-law to adopt a Tree Canopy Policy for the Town of Petawawa

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (7) That By-law 1251/19, being a by-law to adopt a Tree Canopy Policy for the Town of Petawawa, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (8) That By-law 1251/19, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

4. By-law 1252/19 – being a by-law to adopt a Council Pregnancy and Parental Leave Policy for the Town of Petawawa

MOVED BY: Tom Mohns
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (9) That By-law 1252/19, being a by-law to adopt a Council Pregnancy and Parental leave Policy for the Town of Petawawa, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

- (10) That By-law 1252/19, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

5. By-law 1253/19 – being a by-law to amend By-law Number 456/07 of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa, as amended (from “Rural” to “Residential One”, Part of Lot 21, Concession 3, Doran Road)

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (11) That By-law 1253/19, being a by-law to amend By-law Number 456/07 of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa, as amended, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (12) That By-law 1253/19, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

6. By-law 1254/19 – being a by-law to provide that Section 50(5) of the Planning Act not apply to Block 54 Registered Plan 49M-89 (Chad Street, Phase 2B Laurentian Highlands Subdivision)

MOVED BY: Tom Mohns
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (13) That By-law 1254/19, being a by-law to provide that Section 50(5) of the *Planning Act* not apply to Block 54 Registered Plan 49M-89, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

- (14) That By-law 1254/19, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

MINUTES

1. Council-in-Committee Meeting (January 28, 2019)

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (15) That the minutes of the Council-in-Committee meeting held on January 28, 2019 be accepted by Council, and that resolutions from that Committee become resolutions of Council.

CARRIED

2. Petawawa Public Library Board (December 10, 2018)

Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss provided an overview of the recent activities of the Petawawa Public Library Board. Deputy Mayor Serviss reported the policy manual has been finalized; three new members were welcomed to the Library Board, Elizabeth Tregunno, Alexandra Turcotte, and Daniel Hunton; Deputy Mayor Serviss recognized both Ed Chow and Nick Chan who contributed many years to the operation of the Library Board and decided not to seek re-appointment this term of Council. Deputy Mayor Serviss was nominated to the position of Chair of the Library Board, while Councillor James Carmody is returning as Treasurer, and Beth Bailey will take on the role of Secretary.

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (16) That the minutes of the Petawawa Public Library Board meeting held on December 10, 2018 be adopted as information.

CARRIED

3. Festival Hall Committee Meeting (August 30, 2018)

Councillor Murray Rutz provided an overview of the recent activities of the Festival Hall Committee. Councillor Rutz noted this is the 40th anniversary of Festival Hall and special events will be held throughout the year.

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

- (17) That the minutes of the Festival Hall Committee meeting held on August 30, 2018 be adopted as information.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

1. ADMIN-07-2019 – Pecuniary Interest Registry

Dawn Recoskie, Deputy Clerk, provided an overview of the report. Ms. Recoskie explained Bill 68, the *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017*, amended the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* (MCIA) to require a member of Council who has declared a pecuniary interest to file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk. The municipality must also establish and maintain a registry of each statement filed and each declaration recorded by March 1, 2019, and the registry shall be available for public inspection. A draft Pecuniary Interest Form was provided for Council's review.

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (18) That Council endorses the Pecuniary Interest Form as presented, and directs the CAO/Clerk to establish and maintain a registry of each statement filed and each declaration recorded, and to make the registry available for public inspection, effective March 1, 2019.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss reported he attended several events during Cabin Fever and thanked the Community Services Department for coordinating a wonderful and well attended winter festival. Deputy Mayor Serviss attended the first meeting of the new Petawawa Public Library Board on January 28, 2019, and also participated in a meeting of the Town Times Committee.

Councillor James Carmody reported he also attended several Cabin Fever events as well as the Petawawa Public Library Board meeting.

Councillor Murray Rutz reported he attended the New Year's levee for MP Cheryl Gallant in Cobden, as well as a meeting of the Festival Hall Committee.

Councillor Tom Mohns – nothing to report.

Mayor Bob Sweet congratulated the Public Works Department hockey team which was victorious for a second year in a row at the City of Pembroke's Downtown HockeySpree. Mayor Sweet reported the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail Partners Group received the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Economic Development Excellence for the trail partnership, which includes the Algonquin Trail. The award was presented at the Economic Developers Council of Ontario's annual conference. The partners, County of Renfrew, Lanark County, and Township of Papineau-Cameron, also received the Collaboration and Partnership Award in the regional and cross-border collaboration and partnership category

for communities with a population between 50,000 and 250,000. Mayor Sweet reported he also attended four meetings recently at the County of Renfrew and many Cabin Fever events.

CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

(19) That By-law 1255/19 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss
SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.


Mayor


Clerk