

6:30 p.m.

May 6, 2013

TOWN OF PETAWAWA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Present:	Mayor Bob Sweet Councillor James Carmody Councillor Treena Lemay Councillor Theresa Sabourin	Deputy Mayor Tom Mohns Councillor Frank Cirella Councillor Murray Rutz
Also Present:	Mitch Stillman Daniel Scissons Bob King Bruce Peever	Dawn Recoskié Kelly Williams Kayla Briard 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: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin**

- (1) That the agenda for the May 6, 2013 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, 2013)

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

- (2) That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held April 15, 2013 be approved as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

1. Delegation – Concerns regarding draft by-law to regulate and prohibit smoking on municipally owned property in the Town of Petawawa – Mr. Bob King

Mr. Bob King came forward and addressed Council regarding his concerns about the proposed by-law to regulate and prohibit smoking on municipally owned property in the Town of Petawawa. Mr. King apologized for his excitement during his last address to Council and thanked Council for hearing him again. Mr. King congratulated Council on the good things they have done, such as having the best roads in the Ottawa Valley and lower property taxes. Mr. King does not believe this type of by-law is needed, he believes the Town's By-law Enforcement Officer is busy enough without adding the enforcement of the proposed by-law to his duties. Mr. King also believes the survey initially conducted was not representative of the Town's residents as only 250 people responded. Mr. King is also concerned about the safety of smokers if they have to go to the middle of a parking lot to smoke, due to the proximity of moving vehicles. Mr. King thanked Council for listening to him and requested that Council discuss the proposed by-law further before making a decision.

2. Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) Video – Mayor Bob Sweet

Mayor Sweet showed a short video outlining the recent activities of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus.

3. Eastern Ontario Regional Broadband Network (EORN) Video – Mayor Bob Sweet

Mayor Sweet showed a short video outlining the recent activities of the Eastern Ontario Regional Broadband Network.

BY-LAWS

Mayor Sweet addressed Council and members of the public regarding the proposed by-laws to adopt the 2013 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 municipal operating budget as well as the water and wastewater budgets. Over the past several months, Council and staff have worked diligently to prepare these budget documents based on a foundation of sustainable financial planning while never compromising the service demands of our residents. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of staff, we have been presented budgets that reflect our core value of fiscal responsibility. I would like to thank the Treasurer, Dan Scissons and the CAO/Clerk, Mitch Stillman for leading Council and staff through the budgeting process this year. As mentioned before, I believe the Town of Petawawa has one of the most efficient budgeting processes in all of Renfrew County.

The year 2012 was a very successful year in terms of growth for the Town of Petawawa. The Building Department issued 335 building permits with a value of over \$56 million and 6 subdivisions remain active within the Town. Total property assessment for the Town increased by 2.62% from 2012 and now exceeds \$1.4 billion. It is important to note that 74% of Petawawa's assessment is from the residential class; therefore when making decisions impacting the tax rate, Council is always mindful that the residential class carries a majority of the tax burden.

With that said, I am pleased to present a municipal budget that not only allows the Town to continue to provide quality service to its residents, but it also allows the Town to complete an impressive number of capital projects, while maintaining a very reasonable tax rate. Petawawa's tax rate remains one of the lowest in the Renfrew County. I am pleased to report that the 2013 municipal tax rate will see a 0.22% decrease compared to 2012. This translates into municipal taxation of \$272.23 for every \$100,000 of assessment.

In addition to the tax rate applicable on property assessment, a special charge is levied for the collection and disposal of organic waste, garbage and recyclables. The 2013 rate will be \$164 per household to provide this service, a small increase of \$4 over the 2012 rate.

The Town of Petawawa continues to receive quality policing services through a contract arrangement with the Ontario Provincial Police. This service contract is valued at \$1.5 million. Although the Upper Ottawa Valley Detachment of the OPP will be expanding its coverage area this summer to include the City of Pembroke, the services provided to the Town of Petawawa will not be affected.

Due to Council's commitment to long-term planning, the municipal budget includes a wide variety of important capital projects without causing any increase to the tax rate. Long-term plans such as the Corporate Strategic Plan, Infrastructure Study, Recreation Master Plan, and capital replacement schedules give Council the ability to project spending requirements well into the future. This has ensured appropriate planning for growth and development, which has maintained our infrastructure over time. Total road infrastructure spending for 2013 is estimated at \$1.4 million, which includes the following key projects: Phase 2 of Sylvan Drive rehabilitation, Phase 2 of Herman Street reconstruction, Plum Tree Lane rehabilitation, Victoria Street reconstruction, and various sidewalk construction projects as well as design work for future road construction projects.

The 2013 budget also includes significant improvements to the Town's buildings and vehicle and equipment fleets. The Fire Department will be replacing a 1993 pumper this year for \$402,000. The Public Works Department will be replacing a 2001 trackless tractor, a 1998 single axle truck with plow/wing, a ribbon blower with sidewalk chute and a slide-in-sanding unit for a total capital investment of \$448,700. To house the fleet, Phase 2 of the extension to the public works garage worth \$120,000 will be completed in 2013. At the Municipal Office, a new corporate telecommunications system was installed in 2012 with upgrades to the Town's server, worth \$20,000, to be completed in 2013.

Other significant investments to be made in 2013 revolve around recreation and tourism. Council has committed \$85,000 towards the design of the first phase of the Petawawa Point Concept Plan as well as committing \$6,500 towards a visitor's information centre pilot project. The budget also includes Phase 2 of the recently adopted Horticultural Plan, the Laurentian Drive beautification project statue element, esthetic improvements to Petawawa Boulevard from Mohns avenue to Civic Centre Road, and other beautification projects for a total investment of \$107,500. The Petawawa Civic Centre will also see some improvements in 2013, including kitchen and bar renovations, arena exhaust alterations, and office and lobby HVAC alterations, for an investment of \$133,000. Two significant additions to the Town's recreation facilities in 2013 will be installation of the much anticipated splash pad valued at \$250,000, which is the result of a partnership between the Rotary Club, the Civic Centre Fundraising Committee, the Town, and a \$45,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, plus the upgrade to the bike skills park valued at \$47,200; both facilities will be located at the Civic Centre grounds. These plans will help shape the future of recreation and tourism in our Town.

Council has also chosen to donate \$25,000 towards the Image Matters MRI Fundraising Campaign. Having an MRI at the Pembroke Regional Hospital will reduce wait and travel times for our residents and improve the quality of health care in Renfrew County.

The Town's water and wastewater customers will be pleased to see that this year, water and wastewater flat rates will be maintained at the previous year's levels. Metered rate customers will see a 5.97% increase for water rates and an 8.58% increase for wastewater rates in 2013 as recommended in the recent water and wastewater rate study. Due to diligent past and present financial planning, the Town's water and wastewater budgets not only pay for the operation of the systems, but they also have reserve provisions for future capital replacements, all without the need for flat rate increases. Spending for capital improvements to the water and wastewater systems in 2013 will reach over \$2.2 million, including the following projects: \$1,174,000 for the resumption of the Victoria Street water and sanitary sewer works, \$135,000 for the Petawawa River syphon chamber sanitary flow meter, \$74,000 for the Janet Street booster pump station watermain extension, and \$320,000 for Phase 2 Herman Street watermain and sanitary sewer work.

2013 will be a very busy year in the Town of Petawawa. Our Town continues to grow at a fast pace and these budgets reflect Council's commitment to ensuring this growth is supported by investments in our infrastructure and capital assets. Overall, the 2013 budget and resulting tax implications are strong evidence of the Town of Petawawa's commitment to financial sustainability and excellence in customer service.

1. By-law 832/13 – being a by-law to adopt estimates of all sums required for municipal purposes during the year and to strike the rates of taxation and charges for waste management services for the year 2013.

MOVED BY: Treena Lemay
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (3) That By-law 832/13, being a by-law to adopt estimates of all sums required for municipal purposes during the year and to strike the rates of taxation and charges for waste management services for the year 2013, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

Mayor Sweet pointed out that the combined taxes (County/Education/Town) for 2012 per \$100,000 of assessment was \$861.32; in 2013 the amount will be \$845.56.

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Treena Lemay

- (4) That By-law 832/13, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

2. By-law 833/13 – being a by-law to adopt estimates of all sums required for municipal utilities purposes and to set water and sewage service rates for the year 2013.

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Frank Cirella

- (5) That By-law 833/13, being a by-law to adopt estimates of all sums required for municipal utilities purposes and to set water and sewage service rates for the year 2013, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Frank Cirella
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (6) That By-law 833/13, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

3. By-law 834/13 – being a by-law to appoint a Property Standards Committee for the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa.

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Treena Lemay

- (7) That By-law 834/13, being a by-law to appoint a Property Standards Committee for the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Treena Lemay
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (8) That By-law 834/13, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

4. By-law 835/13 – being a by-law to regulate and prohibit smoking on municipally owned property in the Town of Petawawa.

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Treena Lemay

- (9) That By-law 835/13, being a by-law to regulate and prohibit smoking on municipally owned property in the Town of Petawawa, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

Members of Council discussed the proposed by-law and addressed such issues as: protecting non-smokers from second hand smoke; recognizing that the proposed by-law sets out three designated smoking areas on municipal property; and recognizing there will be a public education plan to roll out the proposed by-law.

MOVED BY: Treena Lemay
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (10) That By-law 835/13, be read a third time and passed.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor Treena Lemay.

NAME	FOR	AGAINST
Tom Mohns	X	
James Carmody	X	
Frank Cirella		X
Treena Lemay	X	
Murray Rutz	X	
Theresa Sabourin	X	
Bob Sweet		X

CARRIED 5 TO 2

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Municipal Levy – Pembroke and Area Airport Commission

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin

SECONDED BY: Frank Cirella

- (11) That Council approves the Town of Petawawa's portion of the Pembroke and Area Airport Commission's 2013 budget in the amount of \$18,144.00.

CARRIED

2. Support for the Proposed Amendment to the Endangered Species Act – County of Renfrew

Mayor Sweet explained the County of Renfrew is looking for support regarding their resolution with respect to the Endangered Species Act.

MOVED BY: James Carmody

SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

- (12) That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa hereby supports the County of Renfrew's Resolution No. DP-CC-13-03-35 (copy attached) with respect to the Endangered Species Act;

And that a copy of the Town's resolution of support be forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne; The Honourable David Orazietti, Minister of Natural Resources; MPP John Yakabuski; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association; the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus; and the County of Renfrew.

CARRIED

3. Contraband Tobacco

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz

SECONDED BY: Frank Cirella

- (13) That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa hereby supports the Township of Whitewater Region's resolution adopted on April 17, 2013 (copy attached) with respect to contraband tobacco;

And that the Town of Petawawa hereby encourages the Provincial government to continue to strengthen their strategies to address the manufacture and supply of contraband tobacco and maintain their commitment to introduce amendments this fall to implement these measures;

And that a copy of the Town's resolution of support be forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne; The Honourable Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance; MPP John Yakabuski; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; the Ontario Convenience Stores Association; and the Township of Whitewater Region.

CARRIED

4. Wind Turbine Development – Resolution from Municipality of Bluewater

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

- (14) That Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa hereby supports the motion made by the Township of Wainfleet declaring that they are not a “Willing Host” for Wind Turbine Development;

And that a copy of the Town's resolution of support be forwarded to Premier Kathleen Wynne; The Honourable Jim Bradley, Minister of the Environment; The Honourable Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Energy; The Honourable Jeff Leal, Minister of Rural Affairs; MPP John Yakabuski; and the Township of Wainfleet.

DEFEATED

MINUTES

1. Council-in-Committee Meeting (April 22, 2013)

MOVED BY: Frank Cirella
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (15) That the minutes of the Council-in-Committee meeting held April 22, 2013 be accepted by Council and that resolutions from that Committee become resolutions of Council.

CARRIED

2. Petawawa Police Services Board (March 19, 2013)

MOVED BY: Treena Lemay
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (16) That the minutes of the Petawawa Police Services Board meeting held on March 19, 2013 be adopted as information.

CARRIED

3. Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee (March 12, 2013)

Councillor Sabourin reminded members of Council and the public that the Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee is conducting a customer service satisfaction survey during the month of May and encouraged participation.

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (17) That the minutes of the Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on March 12, 2013 be adopted as information.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

1. PR-06-13 – Civic Centre Splashpad Project Award

Kelly Williams, Manager of Parks and Recreation, provided an overview of his report. Once the project is awarded, installation is expected to be completed early to mid-July.

MOVED BY: Frank Cirella
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (18) That Council authorizes the Manager of Parks and Recreation to proceed with the contract award for the design, supply and installation of a splashpad facility at the Petawawa Civic Centre to A.B.C. Recreation Limited in the amount of \$248,844.40 exclusive of HST.

CARRIED

2. PR-08-13 – Demolition of 1064 Victoria Street Contract Award

Kelly Williams, Manager of Parks and Recreation, provided an overview of his report. After the project is awarded and the building is demolished and removed, staff will negotiate with the contractor a fee to backfill and seed the site so as to create a hill overlooking the Indian Ball Diamond that provides gentle slopes and a maintainable surface.

MOVED BY: Frank Cirella
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (19) That Council awards the contract for the demolition of the building located at 1064 Victoria Street to G.P. Splinter Forest Products and Construction Ltd. for \$11,900.00 exclusive of HST.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Treena Lemay – nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Tom Mohns – nothing to report.

Councillor Theresa Sabourin advised that she attended the recent OSUM Conference.

Councillor Murray Rutz advised that he attended the Petawawa Showcase event on April 19th, the grand opening of Santa Fe Express on April 22nd, and the Petawawa Community Policing Committee's spring bike rodeo on May 4th.

Councillor James Carmody advised that he attended the Petawawa Showcase event on April 20th. Councillor Carmody reported that the Petawawa Public Library Board is conducting interviews for the Acting CEO position this week.

Councillor Frank Cirella advised that he attended the Petawawa Showcase event on April 20th, as well as the recent OSUM Conference.

Mayor Bob Sweet advised that he attended the grand opening of Coldwell Banker on April 12th, the food show at the Civic Centre on April 17th, the Petawawa Showcase event on April 19th, the grand opening of Santa Fe Express on April 22nd, the luncheon with the Governor General on April 23rd, and the Clergy Association's Civic Leader's Breakfast on May 1st. Mayor Sweet also attended the recent cenotaph meeting and he reported that the Petawawa runners' group held a tribute recently for the victims and survivors of the Boston Marathon bombings.

CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Treena Lemay

(20) That By-law 836/13 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Treena Lemay

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk