

6:30 p.m.

December 1, 2014

TOWN OF PETAWAWA

INAUGURAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

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

Also Present: **Daniel Scissons** **Dawn Recoskie**
 Annette Mantifel **Cyndy Phillips McCann**
 David Unrau **Karen Cronier**
 Kelly Williams **Chico Traclet**
 Reverend Eric Strachan **Colonel Marc Gagné**
 CWO Bill Richards **Sharon Dainty**
 Cy Steele **Judy Hill**
 Jim Hutton **Donna Rutz**
 Kelly Rutz **Tracey Williams**
 Rick Schroeder **Cathy Gibson**
 Dale Slater **Linda Mohns**
 Sonia Sweet **Brad Sweet**
 Sheena Strachan **Captain Daniel Fleming**
 Cpl Virgilio Silva **Todd Behnke**
 Gail Serviss **Graham Serviss**
 Marg Behnke **Terry Behnke**
 Patrick Twomey **Lisa Twomey**
 Tracey Serviss **Lauren Serviss**
 Sam Serviss **Samm Morris**
 Kerr Childerhose **Ed Chow**
 Sean Chase **Mike Giardini**
 Patricia Leboeuf **TVCogeco Pembroke**

CALL TO ORDER

Daniel Scissons, CAO/Clerk, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Members of Council entered the Council Chambers and stood behind their respective places around the Council table.

DECLARATIONS OF OFFICE

Mayor Bob Sweet took the Declaration of Office and the CAO/Clerk then presented him with his Chain of Office.

The remaining members of Council took their Declarations of Office in the following order:

- Deputy Mayor Tom Mohns;
- Councillor Theresa Sabourin;
- Councillor James Carmody;
- Councillor Treena Lemay;
- Councillor Murray Rutz; and
- Councillor Gary Serviss.

The CAO/Clerk then advised the Mayor that all members of Council have been duly sworn to their office. Mayor Sweet then chaired the rest of the meeting.

INAUGURAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

Reverend Eric Strachan offered the inaugural prayer and blessing.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

Mayor Sweet asked Council and delegates to stand for a moment of silent reflection.

GARRISON COMMANDER ADDRESS

Colonel Marc Gagné, Garrison Commander, addressed Council.

MAYOR'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Mayor Sweet offered his inaugural address.

Members of Council, Colonel Gagné, Jim Hutton, Reverend Strachan, staff, media and family members. Good evening.

Welcome to the inaugural meeting of the 2014-2018 Municipal Council. I extend to all Council my congratulations on your recent success in the municipal election, and I want to thank staff for an excellent and efficient election process in October. I am looking forward to working in harmony with all members of Council and staff over the next four years, as we continue to grow and prosper.

This new Council brings approximately 100 years of experience and I know enthusiasm. To Councillor Serviss, I extend a warm welcome and look forward to working with you during this term. Your many years of experience as an educator will be a great asset to you over the next four years. This is an exciting time and moment for you. Council and staff will assist you in every way as you transition into the world of municipal politics. I have great respect for all who commit and run for a position on Council. For those who were not successful I commend you on your efforts and your desire to serve our community. I recognize and acknowledge the dedication and commitment that one takes when contemplating seeking public office. It is not an easy or light decision to make. Regardless of where you finish, at the end of the day you have shown your willingness to commit to your community and I encourage you to continue to enhance the quality of life in our town through other avenues.

To Councillor Frank Cirella for your four years of service to our municipality; I commend you on your contributions to Council and your commitment to our community. Thank you and best wishes to you and your family.

Planning for the future has always been a large part of Petawawa's success. During this term, we will have the opportunity to review and update several planning documents, such as our Zoning By-law, Strategic Plan, Procedural By-law, and Asset Management Plan & Strategy – particularly the financial aspect. As our community continues to grow it is essential to conduct an organizational review of the Town's administrative structure to ensure the structure meets the needs of our ever growing community.

There are many challenges and issues that our team will have to consider. Some tabled from the previous administration, some as a result of initiatives identified during the election and some as a result of input from our constituents.

- *Our “pay as you go” philosophy has enabled us to provide exceptional services to our residents for many years. We will continue to monitor and review the relevance of this policy moving forward.*
- *We look forward to continued growth in building construction, and in particular commercial expansion within our community. I am proud to report that we will see new commercial construction in 2015 in our community. This commercial growth will complement the already large residential growth that we have experienced over the last number of years.*
- *Partnerships have always been and will continue to play a vital role in the success of Petawawa. We will continue to enhance communications with the County of Renfrew as well as our neighbouring municipalities on joint ventures such as the Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board, Festival Hall Consortium, and Pembroke and Area Airport Commission, to name a few.*
- *The special relationship that we enjoy with Garrison Petawawa will continue to be a priority for this Council. As we work in harmony and partnership on many issues of common interest we will continue to enhance the quality of life for all civilian and military members within our community.*
- *We look forward to keeping the lines of communication open with Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Limited as their structure continues to evolve. We will keep abreast of the many changes forecasted for this institution.*
- *We look forward to the official opening of Valour School; this institution will educate the children of our community for many generations to come. Another great example of partnerships within our community, as was St. Francis of Assisi.*
- *Council will continue to seek opportunities to satisfy the senior housing needs within our community.*

- *Council will address economic development and tourism opportunities by reviewing federal and provincial grant programs.*
- *Council will further address tourism within our community by conducting a review of our annual festivals and special events.*

We have an important milestone to celebrate in 2015 – the 150th Anniversary of our Town. Anniversary celebrations have been scheduled over the weekend of August 21st to 23rd at the Petawawa Civic Centre. Volunteer opportunities will be available during this weekend and I encourage all residents to get involved in the celebration of “Then-Now-Tomorrow”.

I wish to thank our Staff for their continued guidance and support. I am sure each member of Council will agree that the employees of the Town are not only reliable, but also knowledgeable, hard-working and committed to enhancing the quality of life we all enjoy.

Thank you to our families for their patience, understanding and support. It is not always easy being the spouse, son or daughter of a politician. The long hours of separation and sacrifice are greatly appreciated. I am sure Council will agree that without the support of our families, this job would not be possible.

This Council has a vast array of experience and qualifications. Teamwork and harmony will be the keys to success over these next four years. I look forward to working with a dedicated and committed Council to ensure the continued growth and prosperity of our most dynamic municipality.

STRIKING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Mayor Sweet appointed the Striking Committee, consisting of himself, Deputy Mayor Tom Mohns and Councillor James Carmody. The Striking Committee and the CAO/Clerk then left the Council Chambers to review the appointments of Councillors to various Committees.

Council broke for a short recess at 7:00 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:06 p.m.

STRIKING COMMITTEE REPORT

Deputy Mayor Tom Mohns presented the recommendation from the Striking Committee.

MOVED BY: Tom Mohns
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (1) That members of Council be appointed to the following Committees for the 2014-2018 term of Council, as follows:

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Councillor Sabourin

Accommodation Review	Deputy Mayor Mohns, Councillor Lemay
Pembroke & Area Airport Commission	Councillor Carmody, Councillor Sabourin
CPR Corridor	Councillor Carmody, Councillor Serviss
Committee of Adjustment	Councillor Lemay, Councillor Serviss
Community Policing Committee	Councillor Rutz
Doctor Recruitment Committee	Deputy Mayor Mohns
Festival Hall	Councillor Rutz
Forestry Committee	Councillor Carmody
Petawawa Public Library Board	Councillor Carmody, Councillor Serviss
Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board	Deputy Mayor Mohns
Petawawa Police Services Board	Councillor Lemay
Property Standards	Councillor Rutz, Councillor Sabourin
Seniors Housing	Councillor Lemay, Councillor Sabourin
Striking Committee	Deputy Mayor Mohns, Councillor Carmody
Tourism (including 150th Anniversary)	Councillor Rutz, Councillor Sabourin
Town Times	Councillor Rutz, Councillor Serviss

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (2) That By-law 944/14 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk