

6:30 p.m.

May 16, 2016

**TOWN OF PETAWAWA**

**REGULAR 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 Christine Mitchell  
Kelly Williams Karen Cronier  
Annette Mantifel Ross Jeffery  
Paul Moreau Shawn Behnke  
Wayne Bando Peter Emon (7:11 p.m.)  
Rick Schroeder (7:26 p.m.) Patricia Leboeuf  
Sean Chase TVCogeco Pembroke

**CALL TO ORDER** (Moment of Silent Reflection)

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOVED BY:** Treena Lemay  
**SECONDED BY:** Murray Rutz

- (1) That the agenda for the May 16, 2016 meeting of Council be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Council Meeting (May 2, 2016)

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

- (2) That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held May 2, 2016 be approved as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

## PRESENTATIONS

1. 2016 Municipal Assessment Update – Ross Jeffery, Account Manager, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation

Annette Mantifel, Treasurer, introduced Ross Jeffery, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Account Manager, Municipal and Stakeholder Relations; who presented Council with an overview of the upcoming 2016 reassessment for the 2017-2020 tax years. Mr. Jeffery reported that residential property owners would receive their property assessment notices starting May 24<sup>th</sup>. Property assessments are primarily calculated based on location, lot dimensions, living area, age of the property, adjusted by any major renovations and the quality of construction. Extensive public consultation has resulted in a redesign of the assessment notice that is more user friendly, clearly indicating the value of the property and the four-year phase-in of assessment increases. The website AboutMyProperty.ca is an excellent resource that will allow property owners to compare their assessments to others in the community and learn about area property trends. Mr. Jeffery noted that owners have 120 days after assessment notices have been sent to appeal any factual errors in the assessment. Further details on the appeal process are outlined on the assessment notice. Mr. Jeffery noted that Petawawa's 2016 overall residential reassessment is slightly better than the rest of the County showing an average 1.6% increase.

Mayor Sweet thanked Mr. Jeffery for the informative presentation and congratulated him on his recent relocation to the Petawawa community.

Warden Emon was not yet available due to a conflicting appointment so the Mayor invited Shawn Behnke to proceed with his presentation on the Safe on 17 Survey Analysis.

2. Safe on 17 Campaign Survey Analysis – Shawn Behnke, ComBEtek

Mr. Behnke reported that Safe on 17 survey, to date, had 2,572 responses. Mr. Behnke noted the following demographics, median age of respondents was 27-57 years, 60% were female, 86% were the primary driver on this section of highway, a good cross section of user groups and types has been noted, along with frequency of travel along this corridor. 81% of respondents felt that Highway 17 should be four-laned through Renfrew County within the next ten years, 42.5% of those favoured an even shorter five year timeframe. In a review of the social media campaign that is supporting this initiative, Mr. Behnke reported more than two dozen users are providing regular content to the site and engagement has reached more than one million. Mr. Behnke credited the local media with keeping attention on the issue and urged people to complete the survey. Mr. Behnke noted that while the interaction on the social media site is growing, the hard data of the survey is material that County representatives can take to the Provincial and Federal governments in their lobbying efforts. The survey can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/petawawapsb/> or <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SAFEONSEVENTEEN>.

Mayor Sweet thanked Mr. Behnke for his presentation and invited him to return at a later date to further update Council.

3. Highway 17 and Petawawa Boulevard Updates – Peter Emon, Warden, Renfrew County

Mayor Bob Sweet welcomed County Warden Peter Emon to speak about progress made lobbying various levels of government on the expansion of Highway 17. Warden Emon presented a detailed report which documented the meetings and business case being presented. Warden Emon articulated that focus has been to demonstrate the expansion project as a multi-year infrastructure development that has a shovel ready phase from Scheel Drive to Renfrew and thus meets requirements of the new Government of Canada infrastructure funding parameters. As part of the strategy, the business case focuses on diverting traffic away from Toronto highways and supporting efficient movement of goods to and from port locations. Warden Emon indicated that reception has been favourable and lobbying local cabinet ministers is part of the next steps. Funding support is being sought through various programs and departments including making the entire project a nation building exercise as part of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> celebrations. Warden Emon highlighted the importance of Canadian Nuclear Laboratories and Garrison Petawawa, citing capital investments already announced for these employers and further noting the importance of expansion and improvement of Highway 17 through the County to accommodate safe movement of motor vehicle traffic.

Mayor Sweet thanked Warden Emon for his informative presentation and for the efforts of County staff to continue to push the expansion of Highway 17 as a priority and key economic driver for this region.

4. CP Rail Updates, Bob Sweet Chair of Development & Property, Paul Moreau, Director of Property and Development

Mayor Sweet introduced Paul Moreau, Director of Property and Development for the County of Renfrew, who provided Council with the presentation. Mr. Moreau indicated that in 1997 the County established a policy to acquire abandoned railway rights-of-way in an effort to potentially, one day, create a regional trail network. This was the principal used for the K&P trail. Mr. Moreau confirmed that after campaigning to keep the CP railway service, the focus changed to acquisition; a single purchase, equivalent to 296 km, 2447 acres, +/- 90 feet width with 37 bridges and underpasses in Renfrew, Lanark and Papineau-Cameron. Mr. Moreau noted that in Petawawa specific there were 18 km of trail and 174 acres. The purchase of the abandoned rail corridor was approved for an amount of \$500,000 and a tax receipt, by independent appraisal, equivalent to approximately \$77 million. The purchase will occur over three years with remaining sections leased until all three portions are legally surveyed and acquired. Mayor Sweet noted that public consultation will be conducted to determine what to do with the network and who will be users of the corridor, noting that it would not likely be a single use trail. Mr. Moreau indicated that a work plan and management committee would need to be established and that development would be incremental as funding opportunities permit.

Warden Emon thanked Mayor Sweet for his vision and tireless championship of this acquisition. Warden Emon acknowledged that it was due to Mr. Sweets' efforts and personal commitment to the project, his contacts with CP Rail associates that ensured the negotiations were ultimately successful.

### **BY-LAWS**

- 1 By-law 1045/16 – being a by-law to amend By-law 956/15 being a by-law to appoint members to the Petawawa Public Library Board.

Daniel Scissons, CAO/Clerk, reported that By-law 1045/16 is amending By-law 956/15, as it relates to the persons appointed to the Petawawa Public Library Board, specifically removing Nancy Andrechek who is replaced by Declan Rowan.

**MOVED BY: Gary Serviss**  
**SECONDED BY: James Carmody**

- (3) That By-law 1045/16, being a by-law to amend By-law 956/15, 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**

- (4) That By-law 1045/16, be read a third time and passed.

**CARRIED**

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### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship – Michael Chan, Minister of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade

The item of correspondence was received for information.

### **MINUTES**

1. Council-in-Committee Meeting (May 9, 2016)

**MOVED BY: Gary Serviss**  
**SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin**

- (5) That the minutes of the Council-in-Committee meeting held May 9, 2016 be accepted by Council and that resolutions from that Committee become resolutions of Council.

**CARRIED**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### 1. PR-07-16 Centennial Park Landscape Improvements

Kelly Williams, Manager of Parks and Recreation, provided an overview of the report. Mr. Williams indicated that the tender for the Centennial Park Landscape improvements was posted on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and closed May 11<sup>th</sup>. A total of two bids were received. The project includes creating concrete slabs, on which to place some benches and waste receptacles, creating a flat solid surface spectator viewing platform in front of the Evergreen Stage and extending the surface in front of the gazebo and redirecting a portion of the walking path to accommodate the extension at the gazebo. Mr. Williams reported that this phase could be completed within the total prescribed project allotment.

**MOVED BY: Murray Rutz**  
**SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss**

- (6) That Council awards the contract for Centennial Park Landscaping Improvements to CSL Group Ltd. in the amount of \$74,974.00 exclusive of HST.

**CARRIED**

## **COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Deputy Mayor Tom Mohns – nothing to report.

Councillor Theresa Sabourin – nothing to report.

Councillor James Carmody – nothing to report.

Councillor Treena Lemay reported that the OPP had conducted 74.75 hours of focused patrol, during the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> on distracted driving. Councillor Lemay reported that 22 distracted driving charges and 13 other Highway Traffic Act charges were laid during the patrol. Councillor Lemay reported that the traditional road safety patrols would be conducted this Victoria Day long weekend.

Councillor Murray Rutz reported that he participated in another successful bicycle rodeo held on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Rutz also represented Council at the 48<sup>th</sup> annual memorial service for the fallen paratroopers at Wegner Point on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Rutz extended congratulations to Ms. Cheryl Jordan on her 20 year anniversary of operating The Country Cupboard in Petawawa.

Councillor Gary Serviss reported that a successful joint application was made to host the 2017 Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association Cross Country Championships in Petawawa. Councillor Serviss noted this event would occur in two stages, first week of October and the first weekend in November. Mayor Sweet congratulated the Upper Ottawa Valley High School Athletic Association on their submission and noted that not all economic development is based on brick and mortar.

Mayor Bob Sweet indicated that he would bring forward his report at a future Council meeting.

**CLOSED MEETING**

There was no closed meeting.

**CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin**  
**SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns**

(7) That By-law 1046/16 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**


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

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

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk