

TOWN OF PETAWAWA

COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE

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
 Steve Knott Cyndy Phillips
 Kelly Williams Colin Coyle
 Joe McDonald Wayne Bando
 Patricia Leboeuf Mike Giardini
 Steve Uhler

The Council-in-Committee meeting was opened by the Mayor at 6:31 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Municipal Signage Program, Cyndy Phillips, Economic Development Officer, Kelly Williams, Manager of Parks & Recreation

Cyndy Phillips presented a unified municipal signage concept that included signage for municipal infrastructure; buildings, parks, tourism, directional, trail, water access, neighbourhood and street name signs. The goal of adopting a common sign design is to create uniformity and brand identity for the municipality. Kelly Williams spoke to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the redevelopment of existing Town parks. Mr. Williams indicated that part of the 2016 plan for park rehabilitation included sign replacement. In a round table discussion, the municipal signage concept was well received however; there was consensus that at this time, they were not in favour of altering the current street name signs. Staff was directed to come forward with a final signage plan and definitive cost estimate. Ms. Phillips indicated that she would bring forward a recommendation at the May 24th Council-in-Committee meeting. Mayor Sweet thanked Ms. Phillips and Mr. Williams for their presentation.

2. Rural Recreation – “How To Use What You’ve Got,” Colin Coyle, Recreation Coordinator

Mr. Williams introduced Colin Coyle, Recreation Coordinator, indicating that Mr. Coyle was asked to speak at the recent Parks and Recreation Ontario annual conference. Mr. Williams reported that recreational efforts made in Petawawa and

more recently in Renfrew County with the Healthy Kids initiatives are garnering positive provincial attention. Mr. Coyle shared his presentation, citing the factors changing the recreation environment, and shared how a shift in focus and a return to basic outdoor play using the existing natural environment was the new trend. Mr. Coyle shared statistics indicating that participation in traditional sports were declining nationally and new sports were on the rise; citing specifically, soccer and swimming. Mr. Coyle also cited reports and statistical correlation between declining physical activity and the increase in poor physical and mental health. Mr. Coyle highlighted the many recreational attributes that Petawawa has and shared some plans for future programs, emphasizing the need for partnerships, collaboration, risk management and idea sharing. Mayor Sweet thanked Mr. Coyle for his presentation and echoed the message that partnerships were key to providing recreational programs, referencing specifically the partnership between Valour School and the Town in their facility sharing.

PARKS & RECREATION

1. Activity Report – April 2016

Kelly Williams, Manager of Parks & Recreation, provided an overview of the monthly report. Mr. Williams reported that discussions with recreational user groups had been conducted regarding the proposed Pricing Policy. Mr. Williams also noted that the second challenge in the Healthy Kids Community Challenge was to create a natural play space. Assistance in concepts and discussion of further financing for this type of project is being provided through a consultant retained by Renfrew County. Mr. Williams noted that the annual Hell or High Water event was taking place on Saturday, May 14th, with a military day on the 13th. Mr. Williams also noted that Civic Centre Days was scheduled for June 10th -19th with Lobsterfest occurring on the 18th. Mr. Williams reported that the funding application to Celebrate Ontario 2016 for support of the Upper Ottawa River Race and Paddle Festival was not successful. Mr. Williams reported that local support of this event is increasing, as is more regional attention.

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

That the Parks & Recreation monthly report for April be accepted as information.

CARRIED

FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Activity Report – April 2016

Chief Steve Knott provided an overview of the monthly report. Chief Knott reported on the extrication efforts of department personnel at two incidents, also noting the trauma support that personnel received. Chief Knott indicated that

recreational burn permits were on the increase and that platoon training, specific to attic fires and structural scenarios had occurred.

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin
SECONDED BY: Treena Lemay

That the Fire Department monthly report for April be accepted as information.

CARRIED

2. Fire Prevention Report – April 2016

Chief Knott presented the report, noting the increase in requests for fire prevention education, in schools.

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

That the Fire Prevention report for April be accepted as information.

CARRIED

ANIMAL CONTROL/BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT

1. Activity Report – April 2016

Daniel Scissons, CAO/Clerk, introduced the monthly report.

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

That the Animal Control/By-law Enforcement monthly report for April be accepted as information.

CARRIED

2. MLEO-04-15 – Taxi Licences-Applications 2015

Daniel Scissons presented the report, noting that one new taxi licence application was received.

MOVED BY: Tom Mohns
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

That Council approves the taxi licence applications in accordance with the current taxi by-law.

CARRIED

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT

1. Accounts Payable – April 2016

The accounts payable report was reviewed.

MOVED BY: Treena Lemay

SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

That the general cheque #'s 22370 to 22565 in the amount of \$1,303,104.18 be passed by Council and paid by the Treasurer.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz

SECONDED BY: Treena Lemay

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Clerk