

TOWN OF PETAWAWA
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
ELECTRONIC MEETING

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

Regrets: **Councillor Matthew McLean**

Also Present: **Daniel Scissons** **Dawn Recoskie**
 Inspector Stephan Neufeld **Constable Shawn Peever**
 Sharon Dainty **David Unrau**
 Shawn Behnke

This meeting was held virtually using Zoom Video Communications; it was aired live on the Town’s YouTube Channel and recorded for future viewership. The only participants physically present in the Council Chambers included Mayor Bob Sweet and Dawn Recoskie, Deputy Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER (Moment of Silent Reflection)

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (1) That the agenda for the April 19, 2021 electronic meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council Meeting (April 6, 2021)

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss
SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin

- (2) That the minutes of the regular electronic meeting of Council held April 6, 2021 be approved as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

1. Petawawa Police Services Board 2019/2020 Year End Report – James Carmody, Chair, Petawawa Police Services Board

Councillor James Carmody, Chair of the Petawawa Police Services Board (PPSB), introduced Board member Sharon Dainty, Provincial Appointee; Inspector Stephan Neufeld, Detachment Commander of the Upper Ottawa Valley OPP; and Constable Shawn Peever, Media Relations, Community Safety/Mobilization Officer, and Mental Health Mobile Crisis Team Liaison for the Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Detachment.

Chair Carmody provided a presentation regarding the activities of the PPSB for both 2019 and 2020. Chair Carmody touched on items such as the legislated mandate of police services boards; the Board/UOVOPP joint action plan; Community Safety and Well-Being Plans; the proposed OPP Detachment Area Police Service Boards; and public awareness campaigns via Facebook, radio, and billboard, regarding accidental 911 calls, the legalization of recreational marijuana, distracted driving, impaired driving, and safe boating.

Mayor Bob Sweet thanked Chair Carmody for providing a detailed summary of the activities of the PPSB for 2019 and 2020.

2. Upper Ottawa Valley Ontario Provincial Police 2020 Year End Report – Inspector Stephan Neufeld, Detachment Commander

Inspector Stephan Neufeld remarked 2020 was a year of unprecedented challenges for the OPP and the communities it serves due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Inspector Neufeld touched on the OPP's vision, mission, and values, and highlighted the 2020-2022 Strategic Plan. Inspector Neufeld presented 2020 seatbelt and distracted driving statistics which in his opinion are skewed when compared to the 2019 statistics for the same offences. The 2020 statistics for seatbelt charges are 41.8% less than the previous year; and distracted driving charges are 65.5% less than the previous year. Inspector Neufeld suspects this reduction is in response to people working from home and not travelling due to COVID-19. On another note calls significantly increased in 2020 regarding noise complaints, neighbour disputes, and domestic disputes; also in response to people being home more often.

Inspector Neufeld highlighted the local partnership with Renfrew County Mental Health; Project Unite (which provides cell phones and other technology to victims of domestic violence to ensure they can get the assistance they need); and the UOVOPP Detachment Area Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Mayor Bob Sweet thanked Inspector Neufeld for providing a detailed summary of the activities of the Upper Ottawa Valley OPP for the year 2020.

3. OPP Partnership with the Mobile Crisis Team – Constable Shawn Peever

Constable Shawn Peever provided an overview of the mental health mobile crisis response team since the partnership was launched last year. Two mental health professionals are partnered with officers to attend calls for service related to mental health. The crisis team also conducts medication compliance and wellness checks after patients are discharged from the hospital to ensure they are not alone and continue to be connected to support services. Constable Peever reported since implementation the crisis team responded to 98 calls for service in 2020 (only operational for eight months due to COVID), and from January to April 2021 the crisis team has responded to 76 calls for service already. The OPP is experiencing positive results with this partnership as the crisis team has been able to significantly cut down the amount of time police officers spend in the hospital when bringing an individual to the emergency department; residents in crisis are getting the help they need sooner and officers can get back to patrolling our communities.

Mayor Bob Sweet, on behalf of Council, commended Constable Peever on the remarkable partnership between the OPP and Renfrew County Mental Health and extended his thanks for the community support the partnership is providing to area residents.

BY-LAWS

1. By-law 1403/21 – being a by-law to authorize the execution of a transfer payment agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal (Fire Safety Grant Program)

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

- (3) That By-law 1403/21, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a transfer payment agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Office of the Fire Marshal, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin
SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (4) That By-law 1403/21 be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

MINUTES

1. Council-in-Committee Meeting (April 12, 2021)

MOVED BY: James Carmody

SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (5) That the minutes of the electronic Council-in-Committee meeting held on April 12, 2021 be accepted by Council, and that resolutions from that Committee become resolutions of Council.

CARRIED

2. Petawawa Business Advisory Network (March 2, 2021)

Councillor Theresa Sabourin provided an overview of the recent activities of the Petawawa Business Advisory Network.

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin

SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (6) That the minutes of the Petawawa Business Advisory Network meeting held on March 2, 2021 be adopted as information.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

1. PW-11-2021 – Award of Tender PW-08-2021, Reconstruction of Laura Street

David Unrau, Director of Public Works, provided an overview of the report.

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz

SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

- (7) That Council approves the award of Tender PW-08-2021, Reconstruction of Laura Street to JWK Contracting in the amount of \$ 244,674.98 + HST.

CARRIED

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Councillor Tom Mohns reported he attended a meeting of the Pembroke and Area Airport Commission on April 15, 2021.

Councillor James Carmody reported he met recently with Mayor Bob Sweet and Inspector Stephan Neufeld to discuss the OPP Detachment Police Service Board proposal under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*.

Councillor Theresa Sabourin – nothing to report.

Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss thanked Executive Assistant Kate Bennett and Councillor Matthew McLean for their collaboration on the Town Times portion of the Community Guide publication.

Councillor Murray Rutz reported he attended a recent meeting of the Town of Petawawa 25th Anniversary organizing committee. Councillor Rutz also attended a meeting of the Pembroke and Area Airport Commission on April 15, 2021.

Mayor Bob Sweet reported he participated in a recent meeting hosted by Canadian Nuclear Laboratories (CNL) President and CEO Joe McBrearty. Mayor Sweet also attended the Town of Petawawa 25th Anniversary organizing committee, as well as an additional four meetings for the County of Renfrew including the Ontario Winter Games organizing committee.

CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

(8) That By-law 1404/21 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED

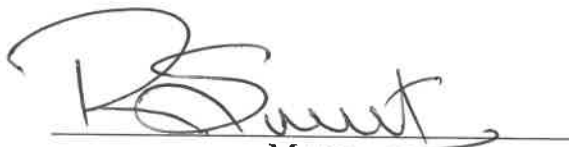
ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin
SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk