



Town of Petawawa

Regular Electronic Meeting of Council Minutes July 19, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Bob Sweet
Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss
Councillor James Carmody
Councillor Matthew McLean
Councillor Tom Mohns
Councillor Murray Rutz
Councillor Theresa Sabourin

Also Present:

Daniel Scissons, CAO/Clerk
Dawn Recoskie, Deputy Clerk
Shawn Behnke, Combetek Multimedia

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 6:30 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

Resolution #1

Moved by James Carmody

Seconded by Murray Rutz

That the agenda for the July 19, 2021 regular electronic meeting of Council be adopted.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes

1. Council Meeting (July 5, 2021)

Resolution #2

Moved by Theresa Sabourin

Seconded by Gary Serviss

That the minutes of the regular electronic meeting of Council held July 5, 2021 be approved as printed and circulated.

Carried

Presentations

There were no presentations.

By-laws

There were no by-laws.

Correspondence

1. Request to Change Name of “Indian Diamond Park” – Joann McCann

Mayor Bob Sweet presented the item of correspondence. Mayor Sweet explained the request is to change the name of “Indian Diamond Park” and the name of the baseball team “Petawawa Indians” to demonstrate respect and reconciliation for all Indigenous persons. Mayor Sweet noted the name of the baseball team is outside the purview of Council, but Council can consider a name change for the park.

Council discussed the history of the name of the park which has been in use for over 75 years. At that time, the park was called “Indian” to honour Petawawa’s Indigenous population; the term is no longer acceptable and perceived to be discriminatory and derogatory.

Following discussion, Council directed staff to review the request in detail, consult with local Indigenous agencies, and provide a report back to Council for review. The item of correspondence was received for information.

Minutes

1. Council-In-Committee Meeting (July 12, 2021)

Resolution #3

Moved by James Carmody

Seconded by Theresa Sabourin

That the minutes of the electronic Council-In-Committee meeting held on July 12, 2021 be accepted by Council, and that resolutions from that Committee become resolutions of Council.

Carried

Staff Reports

There was nothing to report.

Councillor Reports

Mayor Bob Sweet thanked residents and the local business community for their continued patience and support of public health measures and COVID vaccinations in order for the province to move to Step Three of the Roadmap to Reopen. Mayor Sweet congratulated all local high school graduates and wished them well on their post-secondary journey. Mayor Sweet reported he attended recent meetings concerning the Algonquin Trail and Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN). Mayor Sweet also attended the grand opening ceremonies for two new businesses: McDougall Insurance and Financial and Kushys Cannabis.

Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss reported he attended the grand opening for McDougall Insurance and Financial on July 12, 2021. Deputy Mayor Serviss reported he and Councillor McLean have completed the first draft of the fall/winter version of the Town Times and Deputy Mayor Serviss met recently with new Library Board member Mary McCaw and welcomed her to the board.

Councillor Tom Mohns reported he attended a meeting of the Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board on July 15, 2021.

Councillor Murray Rutz reported he attended a meeting of the Festival Hall Committee on July 13, 2021.

Councillor Matthew McLean reported his participation in the fall/winter version of the Town Times.

Councillor James Carmody reported he attended the grand opening for McDougall Insurance and Financial on July 12, 2021 and the grand opening for Kushys Cannabis on July 16, 2021.

Councillor Theresa Sabourin reported she attended a meeting of the Petawawa Business Advisory Network on July 6, 2021 and a meeting of the Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee on July 12, 2021. Councillor Sabourin thanked all health care professionals for their service during the pandemic and requested residents support local businesses and shop Petawawa.

Mayor Bob Sweet thanked residents for their patience during construction season; specifically the paving of Petawawa Boulevard.

Closed Meeting

There was no closed meeting.

Confirming By-law

Resolution #4

Moved by Gary Serviss

Seconded by James Carmody

That By-law 1420/21 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

Carried

Adjournment

Resolution #5

Moved by Murray Rutz

Seconded by Matthew McLean

That the meeting adjourn to the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Signature of the Mayor (Original Signed)

Signature of the Clerk (Original Signed)