



Town of Petawawa
Council-In-Committee Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

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, CAO
Colin Howard, Clerk
Dawn Recoskie, Deputy Clerk
Craig Proulx, Deputy Fire Chief
Kelly Williams, Director of Community Services
Annette Mantifel, Treasurer
Rudy Kadlec, myFM
Patricia Leboeuf, Petawawa Post

The Council-In-Committee meeting was opened by the Mayor at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Bob Sweet took a moment to acknowledge Councillor Theresa Sabourin and Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss for their assistance the past week while he was absent. Mayor Sweet also took a moment to acknowledge his distress over the situation taking place in Ukraine and his hope for a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Presentations

There were no presentations.

Fire Department

1. Activity Report – February 2022

Deputy Fire Chief Craig Proulx provided an overview of the monthly report. Deputy Chief Proulx reported one motor vehicle collision call, one gas leak call, one call for a false alarm, and five fire alarm calls for the month of February. Deputy Chief Proulx also reported on Project Zero which is a partnership with Enbridge Gas, the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council and the Town to provide smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to area residents to help improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero. Deputy Chief Proulx highlighted the monthly platoon virtual training which focused on fire ground operations, and specialty training on ice/water rescue technician recertification.

Moved by Murray Rutz

Seconded by James Carmody

That the Fire Department activity report for February be accepted as information.

Carried

2. Fire Protection Budget Report

Received for information.

Community Services

1. Activity Report – February 2022

Kelly Williams, Director of Community Services, provided an overview of the monthly report. Mr. Williams reported on the various services, programs and rental activities realized over the month. Mr. Williams reported the Town's 25th anniversary event schedule is close to being finalized and a full presentation will be shared with Council at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Williams commented on securing event sponsorship from Roseburg Forest Products Canada Ltd. for the upcoming Water and Dirt Festival scheduled for August 4 to 14, 2022. Mr. Williams confirmed that the outdoor rink and sliding hill are now closed for the season. Mr. Williams further highlighted the recent lifting of the COVID-19 capacity restrictions and the planned revocation of the masking mandate on March 21, 2022.

Moved by Theresa Sabourin

Seconded by Gary Serviss

That the Community Services monthly report for February be accepted as information.

Carried

2. Community Services Budget Report

Received for information.

Finance and Management

1. Accounts Payable – February 2022

Annette Mantifel, Treasurer, presented the report.

Moved by Murray Rutz

Seconded by James Carmody

That the general cheque #'s 36251 to 36397 in the amount of \$1,368,326.47 be passed by Council and paid by the Treasurer.

Carried

2. 2021 Statement of Council and Board Remuneration and Expenses

Ms. Mantifel presented the report.

Moved by Theresa Sabourin

Seconded by Gary Serviss

That Council approves and accepts the 2021 Statement of Council and Board Remuneration and Expenses report as presented.

Carried

3. CAO-03-2022 – COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

Daniel Scissons, CAO, provided an overview of the report. Mr. Scissons explained the rationale for repealing Policy # G-08 COVID-19 Vaccination due to key public health indicators continually improving and upon recommendation from Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Robert Cushman that municipalities be in sync with provincial guidelines.

Moved by Murray Rutz

Seconded by James Carmody

That Council repeals Policy # G-08 COVID-19 Vaccination, and that the Town's Human Resources Corporate Policies and Procedures By-law 843/13 be amended accordingly.

Carried

4. ADMIN-05-2022 – Taxi License Applications 2022

Colin Howard, Clerk, provided an overview of the report.

Moved by Tom Mohns

Seconded by Gary Serviss

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

Carried

5. ADMIN-06-2022 – Animal Control/By-law Enforcement Activity Report – February 2022

Dawn Recoskie, Deputy Clerk, provided an overview of the monthly report.

Moved by Theresa Sabourin

Seconded by James Carmody

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

Carried

6. ADMIN-07-2022 – Request to Increase Taxi Fares

Colin Howard, Clerk, provided an overview of the report. Mr. Howard provided background information and rationale for the request to increase taxi fares and provided four options for Council's consideration.

Council discussed the various recommendations.

Moved by James Carmody

Seconded by Theresa Sabourin

That Council considers Option #3 as follows:

That Council authorizes the rates charged for taxi fares to be set at the discretion of the Taxi Service Provider and said taxi fares shall be communicated to the passenger prior to engagement and said taxi fares shall be posted in a conspicuous place within the taxi for passengers to review. Taxi fares shall be paid by the passenger prior to exiting the taxi, or in the case of delivery of goods, immediately upon receipt of the goods by the person engaging the taxi. Service providers may enter into contractual agreements for services described in this by-law and may establish fees for such contractual services at their discretion. Charges for like services provided outside the scope of this by-law may also be established by the Service Provider. Every owner and operator of a licenced taxi shall not charge a higher fare or additional fee to people with a disability than they would normally charge a passenger without a disability for the same trip, nor charge a fee for storage of mobility aids or mobility assistive devices. Full licencing of drivers and vehicles by the Town would continue (eg. annual vulnerable sector criminal record checks; annual driver abstracts; annual vehicle safeties; and confirmation of commercial vehicle and liability insurance).

And that a by-law to amend Schedule "A" of By-law 314/04 be prepared for the next Council meeting.

Defeated

Moved by Gary Serviss

Seconded by Tom Mohns

That Council considers Option #1 as follows:

That Council approves the request to increase taxi fares as follows:

- Minimum fare from \$4.25 to \$7.80;
- Each kilometre or part thereof from \$1.75 to \$3.60.

And that a by-law to amend Schedule "A" of By-law 314/04 be prepared for the next Council meeting.

Defeated

Councillor Murray Rutz put forth a motion that Council considers Option #2 (raising the proposed taxi fares based on the Consumer Price Index increases from 2011 to 2021. There was no seconder for the motion.

Moved by Theresa Sabourin

Seconded by James Carmody

That Council reconsiders the motion to adopt Option #3.

Carried

[*Note: A motion to reconsider needs to be supported by a two-third majority vote of the members of Council, present and voting, before the matter to be reconsidered can be debated (two-third majority equals 4 members, out of 6 members present and voting). A vote to reconsider shall not be considered more than once in any twelve month period.]

Council further discussed the option to deregulate the taxi fares and provide for the continuation of driver and vehicle licencing as contained within By-law 314/04.

Moved by Theresa Sabourin

Seconded by James Carmody

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Carried

7. Budget Reports (Administration, Animal Control/By-law Enforcement, and Council)

Received for information.

General Matters

There was nothing to report.

Closed Meeting

There was no closed meeting.

Adjournment

Moved by Murray Rutz

Seconded by Tom Mohns

That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Signature of the Clerk (Original Signed)