



Town of Petawawa
Regular Meeting of Council Minutes
September 15, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.
Silver Threads Seniors Centre

Present:

Mayor Gary Serviss
Deputy Mayor Theresa Sabourin
Councillor James Carmody
Councillor Lisa Coutu
Councillor Karen Donovan
Councillor Adam Driscoll
Councillor Murray Rutz

Also Present:

Colin Howard, Chief Administrative Officer
Dawn Recoskie, Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
Kate Bennett, Legislative Services Coordinator
Christine Mitchell, Manager of Economic Development
Chris Mantha, Director of Public Works
Stacey Foley
Charity Parisian
Dane Riemenschneider
Debra Owens
Diane Trylanski
Bruce Bailey
Beth Bailey
Janice Bunn
Pat Bunn
Mike Dumouchel
Henry Coutu
William Coutu

Call to Order

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

Land Acknowledgement

The land acknowledgement including a Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action was read.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Mayor Gary Serviss asked those in attendance to stand for a moment of silent reflection.

Approval of Agenda

Mayor Serviss invited residents to attend a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation ceremony at Centennial Park on September 30, 2025.

Resolution #1

Moved by Murray Rutz

Seconded by James Carmody

That the agenda for the September 15, 2025 regular meeting of Council be adopted as presented.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes

1. Council Meeting (September 2, 2025)

Resolution #2

Moved by James Carmody

Seconded by Theresa Sabourin

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held September 2, 2025, be approved as printed and circulated.

Carried

Presentations

1. Protecting Health & Forests in Renfrew County – Stacey Foley, Holistic Nutritionist and Charity Parisian, Environmental Technician

Mayor Serviss welcomed Stacey Foley and Charity Parisian to address Council.

Stacey Foley and Charity Parisian discussed the herbicide Glyphosate and its risks to the environment and human health. They presented alternatives to the use of Glyphosate such as sustainable development and reforestation, sheep grazing partnerships, manual brushing crews, mulching equipment and biomass

jobs. Stacey Foley and Charity Parisian presented success stories in British Columbia, Alberta, and Quebec.

The presenters asked Council to support alternatives to the use of Glyphosate, support petitions to federal/provincial leaders, send letters to the province and AMO urging a ban/moratorium, encourage other municipalities and the County of Renfrew to pass resolutions, and host public forums and surveys to reflect community voice.

On behalf of Council, Mayor Serviss thanked Stacey Foley and Charity Parisian for their presentation.

By-laws

There were no by-laws.

Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence.

Minutes

1. Council-In-Committee Meeting (September 8, 2025)

Resolution #3

Moved by Murray Rutz

Seconded by Karen Donovan

That the minutes of the Council-In-Committee meeting held on September 8, 2025, be accepted by Council, and that resolutions from that Committee become resolutions of Council.

Carried

2. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee (May 28, 2025 & July 23, 2025)

Councillor Lisa Coutu provided an overview of the recent activities of the EDI Committee.

Resolution #4

Moved by Lisa Coutu

Seconded by Theresa Sabourin

That the minutes of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Advisory Committee meetings held on May 28, 2025 and July 23, 2025 be adopted as information.

Carried

3. Petawawa Business Advisory Network (August 12, 2025)

Councillor Murray Rutz provided an overview of the recent activities of the Petawawa Business Advisory Network.

Resolution #5

Moved by Murray Rutz

Seconded by James Carmody

That the minutes of the Petawawa Business Advisory Network meeting held on August 12, 2025 be adopted as information.

Carried

Staff Reports

1. ED-20-2025 – Municipal Wayfinding Signage Strategy (Includes Community Art Concept)

Christine Mitchell, Manager of Economic Development, provided an overview of the report.

Resolution #6

Moved by Murray Rutz

Seconded by Lisa Coutu

That Council endorses the Syntax Strategic Municipal Wayfinding Signage Strategy, which includes a Community Art Concept. Endorsement will allow staff to implement that Strategy using the design concepts therein.

Carried

2. ED-21-2025 – Kiddyland Ball Diamond and Petawawa Letter Sign

Christine Mitchell presented the report.

Deputy Mayor Theresa Sabourin requested a recorded vote.

Resolution #7

Moved by Adam Driscoll

Seconded by Murray Rutz

That Council supports the proposed reorientation of the ball diamond at Kiddyland Park and authorizes staff to proceed to tender for this work in fall 2025.

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Deputy Mayor Theresa Sabourin		X
Councillor Lisa Coutu	X	
Councillor James Carmody		X
Mayor Gary Serviss	X	
Councillor Murray Rutz	X	

Councillor Karen Donovan

X

Councillor Adam Driscoll

X

Carried 4 to 3

Resolution #8

Moved by Theresa Sabourin

Seconded by Murray Rutz

That Council approves the proposed location of the Petawawa Letter Sign at the Kiddyland Park site.

Carried

3. PW-27-2025 – Norman Street Access to Petawawa Boulevard – Design Option Review

Chris Mantha, Director of Public Works, provided an overview of the report.

Resolution #9

Moved by Karen Donovan

Seconded by Lisa Coutu

That Council endorses Design Option #1 for the construction of the Norman Street extension to access Petawawa Boulevard (County Road 51).

Carried

Councillor Reports

Deputy Mayor Theresa Sabourin reported she chaired a meeting of the Seniors Advisory Committee and also attended the open house at the Silver Threads Seniors Centre on September 3rd. Deputy Mayor Sabourin attended the Rotary Club Golf Tournament on September 7th as well as the 2nd Annual Emergency & Protective Services United event on September 13th.

Councillor James Carmody reported he attended the Public Information Session for the Kiddyland Park redevelopment on September 4th.

Councillor Lisa Coutu reported she recently attended a Friday Night Market at the Container Market and received a tour of the new Public Works Administration building addition.

Councillor Adam Driscoll reported he also attended the Public Information Session for the Kiddyland Park redevelopment on September 4th.

Councillor Karen Donovan also attended the Seniors Advisory Committee meeting and the Silver Threads Seniors Centre open house on September 3rd. Councillor Donovan reported she attended the 2nd Annual Emergency & Protective Services United event on September 13th. Councillor Donovan also remarked the local Jiu Jitsu Club is off to Japan this week to represent Canada at the World Jiu Jitsu Championships.

Councillor Murray Rutz reported he attended the Garrison Family Day event on September 13th. Councillor Rutz invited residents to participate in the many Petawawa Ramble events scheduled for October 16th to 19th and encouraged residents to continue to shop local.

Mayor Gary Serviss reported he attended the open house on September 3rd at the Silver Threads Seniors Centre as well as the Public Information Session on September 4th for the Kiddyland Park redevelopment. Mayor Serviss also participated in the Rotary Golf Tournament on September 7th, attended an Intermunicipal meeting with local mayors and CAOs on September 8th, attended a Renfrew County/Pembroke Liaison Committee meeting on September 9th, and attended a meeting of County Council on September 10th. Mayor Serviss also welcomed both the Ontario and Quebec Hand Cycling Teams to Petawawa on September 13th.

Closed Meeting

There was no closed meeting.

Confirming By-law

Resolution #10

Moved by Lisa Coutu

Seconded by Adam Driscoll

That By-law 1778/25 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

Carried

Adjournment

Resolution #11

Moved by Lisa Coutu

Seconded by James Carmody

That the meeting adjourn to the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Signature of the Mayor (Original Signed)

Signature of the Clerk (Original Signed)