

TOWNSHIP OF PELEE  
Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday July 9, 2018  
Royal Canadian Legion at 8:00 p.m.

Mayor: Rick Masse  
Deputy Mayor: Dave DeLellis  
Councillors: Darlene Wiper  
Dayne Malloch  
Aurella Moritz

Staff: Katrina DiGiovanni, CAO/Clerk  
Michelle Feltz, Treasurer  
Stephanie Rodgers, Admin Asst.

Delegations: None.

**1.) Agenda**

The agenda was presented for adoption and adopted with the following changes:

Change to 11.) (a) – There will no longer be an in camera meeting.

*Moved by:* Aurella Moritz

*Seconded by:* Dave DeLellis

**Carried.**

**2.) Minutes**

(a) The Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council on June 25, 2018 were presented and adopted.

*Moved by:* Dayne Malloch

*Seconded by:* Darlene Wiper

**Carried.**

**3.) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

**4.) Petitions and Delegations**

**(a) Dianne Mitchell-Canadian Union of Postal Workers; Canada Post Recommendations**

Ms. Mitchell provided a brief history of the union intervention regarding Canada Post's program to eliminate home delivery and convert to community mailboxes, followed by an overview of key recommendations that the union has made to increase and expand postal services into areas such as postal banking. Ms. Mitchell and the Canadian Union of Postal Workers asked that the Township send a letter with recommendations to maintain and expand postal services. Mayor Masse asked Council if they would like to act in support of this request. Council agreed to have administration draft a resolution in support of the union's request. Ms. Mitchell requested a copy of the letter, which Mayor Masse agreed to provide.

**(b) Jacquie Lang-National Marine Conservation Area for Western Basin Lake Erie**

Ms. Lang provided brief information regarding areas currently designated as marine conservation areas and stated that there has been an interest in designating an area in Lake Erie, due in part to the issues with blue-green algae. She commented that with provincial reserves on the Island and a federal park on the mainland, waters surrounding Pelee Island made sense as a location for a marine conservation area. Ms. Lang provided an overview of the proposal which was developed based on a 1997 report which was now outdated. Ms. Lang commented that if Parks Canada becomes involved they could act as a coordinator to complete the needed study. Ms. Lang continued to outline that common activities like commercial fishing would still be permitted, docks, lifts and ramps would not be impacted, and permits would be issued via ERCA as is the current practice. Ms. Lang stated that a petition in favour of the study will go before parliament once sufficient support is acquired, and a request for the study will be made. Ms. Lang then asked if Council had questions regarding the proposal.

Deputy Mayor DeLellis questioned whether there was already an underwater diving park, and whether it was provincial or federal. Ms. Lang responded that, yes there is a park, but she was not familiar with the details. Deputy Mayor DeLellis asked how this current park would overlap with a conservation area, to which Ms. Lang responded that this is a piece of what the study would illuminate and that there would be no issues with overlap. Deputy Mayor DeLellis asked Ms. Lang her thoughts on blue green algae. She stated that she has undertaken writing a letter to everyone in the Thames Valley area addressing farming practices and the response from farmers has been that they are doing their best. Ms. Lang believes addressing the algae would be a 10 year project. Deputy Mayor DeLellis disputed that the cause of algae is related to farming and stated that a contributing factor was poor sewage treatment. Ms. Lang stated that septic tanks have come up in early

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discussion and that it will need to be addressed, and that if that sewage was indeed the biggest issue then federal funding related to the conservation area could be used to improve sewage treatment facilities of communities on the Lake Erie shoreline. Mayor Masse stated that he was in favour of preventing development in Lake Erie. Councillor Malloch asked if water quality would be a focus and if there would be funding for more research. Ms. Lang said she believed that water quality would be a focus, but that more research into the causes to algae are not required but rather that it is time to start addressing proper sewage treatment and supporting farmers. Councillor Moritz asked if there would be interaction with the US, to which Ms. Lang stated that there would be through the International Joint Commission. Mayor Masse asked if at this point Council would be committed to supporting the study, to which she said, yes. Mayor Masse then put the question of support to Council. Councillor Malloch stated that he liked the idea in theory, but has reservations due to issues with conservation efforts in the past. Mayor Masse agreed, and stated that Council will read the information provided and administration will draft a resolution to discuss at the next meeting.

**(c) Mike Cowan-BDO, 2017 Audited Financial Statements**

Mr. Cowan thanked the Treasurer, CAO and administrative team for their support through the audit process. An overview of the 2017 draft audited financial statements was provided, and the 2017 surplus was added to the 2018 budget as revenue. The Treasurer stated that when the statements are finalized they will be distributed to Council. Deputy Mayor DeLellis asked how long term debt repayment could be shortened. Mayor Masse stated that an aggressive repayment plan had previously put the Township in a poor position with cash flow and lead to higher taxes. Councillor Malloch concurred and stated that borrowing spreads the cost of an asset over the life of the asset, which spreads the cost over time and rate payers accordingly. Mr. Cowan stated that he only provides auditing services not financial advice, but stated that it is a common mistake to use operating funds for capital purchases.

The following Resolution was passed:

Resolution 2018-138:

*Moved By:*

Aurella Moritz

*Seconded By:*

Dave DeLellis

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby agrees to accept the 2017 Audited Financial Statements”.

**Carried.**

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5.) **Old Business**

6.) **New Business**

**(a) Treasurer-Revenue Report as at June 30, 2018 (2018-21 MF)**

The Treasurer briefly stated that hunt revenue is down due to one large hunting party have yet to purchase licenses.

The following Resolution was passed:

Resolution 2018-139:

*Moved By:*

Dave DeLellis

*Seconded By:*

Dayne Malloch

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby accepts the Treasurer’s Revenue Report for the period ending June 30, 2018”.

**Carried.**

7.) **Correspondence**

**(a) Ontario Conservation Officers Association-Pheasant Hunt License Request**

The following Resolution was passed:

Resolution 2018-140:

*Moved By:*

Dayne Malloch

*Seconded By:*

Darlene Wiper

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby agrees to donate two 2018 pheasant hunt license to the Ontario Conservation Officer’s Association”.

**Carried.**

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**8.) Disbursements**

- (a) June 22, 2018
- (b) June 27, 2018

Councillor Malloch questioned what the cheque to Affordable Sound System included, to which the CAO responded it was the Canada Day sound system rental. Deputy Mayor DeLellis questioned Southwestern Sales, to which the Treasurer responded she would look into it and inform Council.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2018-141:

*Moved By:* Dayne Malloch  
*Seconded By:* Darlene Wiper

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby agrees to pay disbursements, as attached and presented in the amount of \$104,872.47”.

**Carried.**

**9.) Boards and Committees**

**(a) Drainage Committee Recommendations**

Deferred to next meeting.

**10.) Councillor and Miscellaneous Reports**

**(a) Councillor Wiper**

Councillor Wiper questioned whether the Township would be seeking compensation for damage to the asphalt resulting from Erie Sand & Gravel hauling armour stone. She also stated that she would like to see signage alerting visitor unfamiliar with the area that heavy duty trucks are at work and crossing the roadway. Brief discussion ensued and Mayor Masse requested that administration speak to the Roads Department regarding signage.

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**(b) Deputy Mayor DeLellis**

Deputy Mayor DeLellis requested that the water dispenser at the water plant be cleaned.

Deputy Mayor DeLellis asked if trimming trees along the roadway was still underway, and the CAO confirmed this project is ongoing.

Deputy Mayor DeLellis questioned if dust suppressant will be applied to Herderson. The CAO stated that she would check with the Roads Department Manager to determine the answer. Deputy Mayor DeLellis stated that there was a request from the public to have Sunny Side graded and grass along the shoulder cut.

Deputy Mayor DeLellis questioned if there is an update on the tractor, and the CAO stated that there was not an update.

**(c) CAO**

The CAO thanked the Treasurer for her work on the audit. Mayor Masse extended his thanks as well.

**(d) Councillor Malloch**

Councillor Malloch expressed concerns with the no trespassing signs property owners have been putting up, specifically at the marina. He requested that the property be surveyed to ascertain exact property lines and ownership. Brief historical discussion ensued and Mayor Masse directed the CAO to ascertain property lines.

**(e) Councillor Moritz**

Councillor Moritz stated that she is pleased with the dust suppressant. She stated that a member of the public approached her regarding the need for mowing the grass at West Pump Road, and the CAO responded that it will be getting cut.

**12.) By-Laws**

**(a) By-Law 2018-29; Being a By-Law to Confirm Proceedings**

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2018-142:

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*Moved By:*

Dayne Malloch

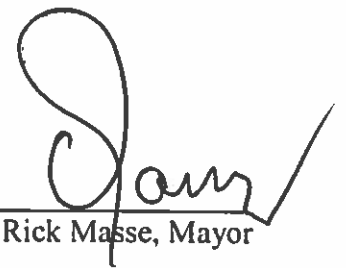
*Seconded By:*

Aurella Moritz

"Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby adopts By-Law 2018-29 Being a By-Law to Confirm Proceedings".

**Carried.**

**13.) Adjournment.**



Rick Masse, Mayor



Katrina DiGiovanni, CAO/Clerk