

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council of the
Corporation of the Township of Pelee
held at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall
on August 8, 2016

Mayor: Richard Masse
Deputy Mayor: Dave DeLellis
Councillors: Darlene Wiper
Dayne Malloch

Staff: Katrina DiGiovanni, Deputy Clerk
Michelle Feltz, Deputy Treasurer
Kyle Davis, Environmental Services Manager

Delegations: None.

1.) Agenda

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

5a) Old Business-SCF Grant

6c) New Business-Water Rate Review

Moved by: Darlene Wiper

Seconded by: Dave DeLellis

Carried.

2.) Minutes

a.) The minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council for July 25, 2016 were presented and adopted.

Moved by: Darlene Wiper

Seconded by: Dave DeLellis

Carried.

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3.) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4.) Petitions and Delegations

a.) Tracy Pringle-MPAC 2016 Assessment Update

Ms. Pringle outlined areas of discussion and began explaining MPAC's role in property assessment. She stated that this year, properties will be reassessed for 2017 tax rates and that residential notices have been mailed out and values are being delivered earlier than previous reassessment cycles.

Ms. Pringle stated that this year all requests for reconsideration of assessments will be completed before the final tax roll is delivered to the municipality. She then gave a demonstration on how property owners can use the online tools and resources in the 'About My Property' section of the website.

Discussion continued on changing assessment trends and where Pelee stands, and Ms. Pringle explained that median values are used within each class to determine if assessment of properties goes up or down.

Deputy Mayor DeLellis asked about the time period that the data is being drawn from, Ms. Pringle stated it was data from the last 4 years and that the starting point were the values from 2012. Discussion continued on the use of previous years data as a starting point if it was not truly reflective of what is happening on the Island and how it would affect overall assessments. Ms. Pringle suggested that she would work with the Deputy Treasurer to examine some of the outliers and ensure that the data is accurate. Mayor Masse asked how many data points were examined on Pelee, Ms. Pringle stated that there were over 500.

5.) Old Business

a) SCF Grant

Mayor Masse stated that he was presenting the response about the Small Communities Fund Grant as information and that the Township did not receive the grant for the shoreline protection project on the west side. He stated that contact should be made with local MP's and MPP's to express concerns and find out why the application was refused. Discussion continued, Mayor Masse stated that applications had to meet federal requirements and that others were a higher priority. He commented that another application would be submitted next year for the same

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project.

6.) New Business

(a) Deputy Treasurer-Fireworks and Parade Financial Report

The Deputy Treasurer, Michelle Feltz, stated that with all the fundraising done for the Canada Day celebrations, there was still not enough raised to pay for all the expenses and that she believed it was important to share this information with the public. She addressed Council and asked if the difference could be paid from the office's advertising and promotion budget, which would not be all used for this year. She also suggested increasing the budget for 2017 for the 150th celebration of the birthday of Canada. Councillor Malloch supported the Township covering the shortfall and suggested that donation collections start earlier for 2017. The Deputy Treasurer agreed, and suggested posting the financial information online and in the Grapevine. Councillor Wiper agreed with upgrading the fireworks package for 2017 and to inform the public earlier about the event and need for donations. Discussion continued on fundraising and fireworks vendors.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2016-112:

Moved By:

Dayne Malloch

Seconded By:

Dave DeLellis

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby accepts the financial report from the Deputy Treasurer on the Fireworks and Parade and further that the municipality pay for the shortfall from the advertising and promotion budget and publish the report in the Grapevine”.

Carried.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2016-113:

Moved By:

Dave DeLellis

Seconded By:

Dayne Malloch

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“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby agrees to obtain quotes on alternate options for fireworks contractors”.

Carried.

(b) Mayor Masse-Trans Canada Trail Routing Plan

Mayor Masse commented on the successful event yesterday with the opening of the Waterfront Trail, he stated that Minister McMahon from the Ministry of Tourism was on the island for the day. Mayor Masse stated that there was an opportunity to be a part of the Trans Canada Trail. Mayor Masse asked council if they would support using administrative resources to apply to become part of the trail.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2016-114:

Moved By:

Dave DeLellis

Seconded By:

Dayne Malloch

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby agrees to direct administration to investigate the possibility of being a part of the Trans Canada Trail”.

Carried.

(c) Water Rate Review

Mayor Masse stated that the Water System has been heavily subsidized by the rest of the community for years and cannot be compared to Essex County systems because of the amount of users on those systems. He went on to state that technically in the regulations surrounding water systems, the user can be charged the full cost recovery. Councillor Wiper asked Mr. Davis, about charging the cheaper rates when the water was not potable and the ability to recoup some of the costs now that it is potable. Councillor Malloch stated that the rates were based on the information that was available at the time, and that he believed they are in line and should be kept the same. Mayor Masse stated that operating costs have been dramatically reduced and that until more users are on the system, the general tax base will have to continue to subsidize the system. Deputy Mayor DeLellis agreed that the current rates should not be changed.

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Resolution 2016-115:

Moved By:

Dave DeLellis

Seconded By:

Darlene Wiper

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to take no action on Mr. Pow’s water rate concerns”.

Carried.

7.) Correspondence

None.

Carried.

8.) Disbursements

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2016-116:

Moved By:

Dayne Malloch

Seconded By:

Dave DeLellis

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby agrees to pay disbursements as presented and attached in the amount of \$149,413.53”.

Carried.

9.) Boards and Committees

a.) Tourism Committee Application

Mayor Masse presented the application to the tourism committee from Tom Schweiger.

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The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2016-117:

Moved By:

Darlene Wiper

Seconded By:

Dave DeLellis

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby agrees to accept the application from Tom Schweiger and further that he be appointed to the Tourism Committee”.

Carried.

10.) Councillor and Miscellaneous Reports

a) Dave DeLellis-Harris Garno Trail

Deputy Mayor DeLellis stated that he was glad to see that the pathway on Harris Garno was mowed. He asked if there was any feedback from the Environmental Advisory Committee on the use of herbicide to help maintain the trail. Mayor Masse stated that it had not dealt with yet.

b) Mayor Masse- AMO Conference

Mayor Masse stated that he and Councillor Malloch would be attending 4 delegations at the AMO Conference on Monday. He stated that they would meet with the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, the Minister of Community Safety & Corrections, the Minister of Tourism and the Minister of Natural Resources & Forestry. He commented that issues to be discussed was the ongoing relationship with MMAH, policing costs and the launch of the new ferry.

11.) In Camera

None.

12.) By-Laws

(a) By-Law 2016-25; Being a by-law to Enter into an Encroachment Agreement

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The following Resolution was passed:

Resolution 2016-118:

Moved by:

Dayne Malloch

Seconded by:

Darlene Wiper

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby adopts By-Law 2016-25 being a by-law to enter into an encroachment agreement with Richard Galloway at 101 North Shore Road”.

Carried.

b)) By-Law 2016-26; being a By-Law to Confirm Proceedings

The following Resolution was passed:

Resolution 2016-119:

Moved by: \

Dave DeLellis

Seconded by:

Dayne Malloch

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby adopts By-Law 2016-26 being a By-Law to confirm proceedings of this August 8th, 2016 meeting of council”.

Carried.

Rick Masse

Wayne Miller

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Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer