

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council of the  
Corporation of the Township of Pelee  
held at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall  
on June 16, 2014

Present:  
Mayor: Richard Masse  
Councillors: Darlene Wiper  
Ray Durocher  
Peter Letkeman  
Dayne Malloch

Staff: Wayne Miller – CAO/Clerk/Treasurer  
Katrina DiGiovanni - Deputy Clerk  
Michelle Feltz-Deputy Treasurer

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

The Mayor presented the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council of May 12th, 2014, with the additions of Darlene Wiper and Ron Tiessen under Delegations.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014 - 59

*Moved by:*

*Ray Durocher*

*Seconded by:*

*Darlene Wiper*

“Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to adopt the Agenda for the June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting of Council, with additions”.

Carried.

## **2.) Minutes**

a.) The minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 12th, 2014 were presented, and Mayor Masse asked that changes be made in reference to Resolution 2014-50, where the interested party be named as the Island Unplugged Music Festival Committee rather than the Heritage Centre.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014 – 60

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*Moved by:*

*Dayne Malloch*

*Seconded by:*

*Peter Letkeman*

“Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to adopt the Minutes of the May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Meeting of Council, with corrections”.

Carried.

b.) Mayor Masse presented the April 23<sup>rd</sup> In-Camera Minutes and asked if there were any comments or changes. None were stated.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-61

*Moved By:*

*Darlene Wiper*

*Seconded By:*

*Dayne Malloch*

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to adopt the April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 In-Camera Minutes”.

Carried.

### **3.) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None were declared at this time.

### **4.) Delegations**

a.) Mayor Masse asked if there was anyone present from the Legion to address the lottery license fee being waived, there were no members present. Darlene Wiper donated the lottery license fee of \$10.00 for the Legion to hold their annual raffle in August.

b.) Mayor Masse asked the next delegation, to come forward with his presentation. Ron Tiessen proceeded with his presentation addressing his concerns on the water debt that has been incurred and that fact that the township still does not have potable water. He proposed that private lake wells be drilled with individual UV purification systems, which would result in much lower costs and potable water. Mr. Tiessen went on to ask Council to organize a public meeting to put all information and numbers on the table to give the public a clearer understating of where we are moving in the future.

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Mayor Masse thanked Mr. Tiessen for his presentation and the CAO went onto present figures and background information on the project. The CAO stated that drilling wells was one of the first options that was brought up to the Ministry of the Environment and that this option was not allowed. Further discussion ensued on the costs of the project, operating costs and existing debt.

The CAO stated that as of now the storage capacity and intake needs to be upgraded to remove the boil water advisory, and that the township would continue to work with various ministries to find funding and complete the Environmental Assessment. He also stated that once this option was completed that operating costs would reduce considerably.

Councillor Malloch asked for clarification on the operating costs and debt being paid from the general tax base when not all residents are using the system, the CAO stated that with the reduction of operating costs the amount being paid annually would be less.

Further discussion continued on the historical information about the water plant, debt and well installations. Deputy Mayor Durocher suggested that drilling wells may be a step backwards and that the Township needs additional water supply to support future development.

Councillor Malloch suggested that the township continue in the present direction unless a more feasible alternative was presented. The CAO stated that a public meeting could be held after the Environmental Assessment was complete to give more information to the public before any tenders were sought.

c.) Mayor Masse asked the next delegation to come forward. Darlene Wiper brought up the Friends of the Pelee Island Library auction and the need for a liquor license for the event. Mrs. Wiper stated that the Summer Theatre would be running a bar during the event at the Winery for their own fundraising needs, but due to changes in the liquor license regulations one of the groups would need a charitable registration number, which neither group has. Mrs. Wiper asked for Council's support of the application under the municipal umbrella.

Councillor Malloch stated concern over the township's insurance covering other groups for the liquor license. The CAO commented that the Library Board should be applying for the license and promoting the event as a Library event. He further stated that the Library Board could hire the Summer Theatre to run the bar and then a donation could be made from the Library Board to the Summer Theatre.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-62

*Moved By:*

*Ray Durocher*

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*Seconded By:*

*Peter Letkeman*

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to sponsor the Library Board in obtaining a liquor license for the ‘Desserts Among the Grapes’ event on July 16, 2014”.

Carried.

## **6.) New Business**

### **Budget Report**

a.) Mayor Masse asked the CAO to proceed with his budget presentation for the 2014 operating year. The CAO stated that increased revenue was needed to reduce the current deficit and balance the budget. The CAO went onto provide information on personnel costs and departmental budgets and highlighted any accounts that would be seeing an increase or decrease. The CAO also addressed the drainage surplus for the Big Marsh and Curry Marsh drain system and suggested that a public meeting be held to determine how to proceed with the funds.

The CAO brought forward a tax rate increase and a comparison was made to the neighboring municipalities in Essex County and it was presented that Pelee is on average with the rest of Essex County. Capital costs by department were also addressed by the CAO and the need for the replacement of the town hall steps, repairs to the Campground Building and crack repairs at the runway were highlighted.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-63

*Moved By:*

*Peter Letkeman*

*Seconded By:*

*Dayne Malloch*

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to accept the budget presentation from the CAO and further that the capital expenditures for fixing the town hall steps, the Campground Building and the airport runway be moved forward with”.

Carried.

The CAO presented a 5% tax rate increase for 2014, discussion ensued and Council brought up different rate increases. The CAO stated that a tax rate increase would help the township show the province that we are trying to help our current financial situation.

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Further discussion ensued about ways to further cut costs, and a 4% tax rate increase was agreed on by Council. The CAO stated that he would rework the budget with this new figure and upon approval of the budget and review from the province this rate could be moved forward with. The CAO stated that if there were no other concerns or questions the budget and tax rate increase could be approved at the next Council Meeting on July 7, 2014.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-64

*Moved By:* Dayne Malloch

*Seconded By:* Peter Letkeman

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to agree to increase the tax rate by 4% for 2014, providing review and acceptance of the budget from the province”.

Carried.

### **2015 Hunt Survey**

b.) Mayor Masse asked the CAO to proceed with his presentation on the 2015 Pheasant Hunt Survey results. The CAO stated that the survey took place to identify changes in travelling to and from the Island if the hunt format was changed. The CAO commented on his conversation with the Ministry of Transportation about changing the boat schedule to accommodate the three day hunt. He stated that MTO asked for a specific proposal about the required changes and that they would shift trips around but not add any boats. The major change found through the survey was stated as the date that hunters would leave the Island. The CAO stated that the next step would be to hold a public information session about the changes so a proposal could be sent to the Ministry of Natural Resources in September.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-65

*Moved By:* Dayne Malloch

*Seconded By:* Darlene Wiper

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to accept

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the 2015 Pheasant Hunt Survey results and further that a public meeting be scheduled”.

Carried.

### **8.) Disbursements**

Mayor Masse presented the disbursements for approval and asked if there were any questions or concerns, none were stated.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-66

*Moved By:*

*Peter Letkeman*

*Seconded By:*

*Dayne Malloch*

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to accept May and June disbursements as presented”.

Carried.

### **10.) Councillor Reports**

Mayor Masse asked if there were any Councillor or Miscellaneous Reports and Councillor Malloch stated that the middle dock at Scudder Marina was taking on water due to pitting and that the parts could likely be acquired second hand. Councillor Malloch said he could look into pricing and bring the information to the CAO.

### **12.) By-Laws**

a.) Mayor Masse addressed By-Law 2014-15 being a by-law to appoint Katrina DiGiovanni as Deputy Clerk and asked if there were any comments. There were none stated.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-67

*Moved By:*

*Ray Durocher*

*Seconded By:*

*Dayne Malloch*

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“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to pass By-Law 2014-15 to appoint Katrina DiGiovanni as Deputy Clerk”.

Carried.

**b.)** Mayor Masse brought forward By-law 2014-16 being a Confirming By-law.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-68

*Moved By:*

*Ray Durocher*

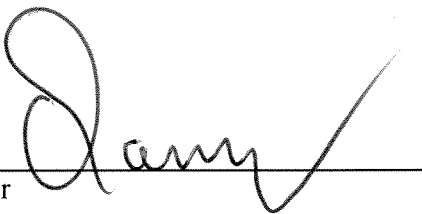
*Seconded By:*

*Darlene Wiper*

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to pass By-Law 2014-16 to confirm proceedings of this June 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Council”.

Carried.

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Mayor



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Chief Administrative Officer

