1.) Agenda

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

5.) Old Business

(a) CAO/Clerk-NDMP Progress & Proposed RFP

12.) By-Laws

(a) By-Law 2017-44; Being a By-Law to Enter into an Agreement with Pelee Farms for a Utility Crossing.

Moved by: Dave DeLellis

Seconded by: Aurella Moritz

Carried.
The Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council on November 6, 2017 were presented and adopted with the following changes:

10.) Councilor and Miscellaneous Reports

(c) Co-op and FCM Funding Application

Deputy Mayor DeLellis requested that a resolution be passed to fully capture the fact that the township is not responsible for any funding to the Co-op. Mayor Masse stated that if the co-op was not able to generate the required funds the township would not apply for FCM funding. The CAO/Clerk confirmed that the resolution passed at the November 11 meeting would be amended and signed at the December 11 meeting and document that the township will not be accepting any financial responsibility for the required work at the Co-op and will not be making a financial contribution and that in kind service of funding management will be the township’s only contribution.

Moved by: Darlene Wiper

Seconded by: Dayne Malloch

Carried.

3.) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Wiper declared a conflict with item 9. (a) MTO & Transportation Committee Meeting

4.) Petitions and Delegations

(a) Glenn Miller-OPP Service Update

Inspector Miller provided an overview of the OPP Action Plan that was completed for the next three years. He commented that Essex is largest detachment in Ontario and their action plan strives to be strategic and innovative. He stated that calls for service have dropped slightly and that the costing model was based on calls for service and base rate. He continued to state that the OPP rely heavily on the community for a number of reasons. Insp. Miller stated that the OPP will be focusing on several areas moving forward including sexual violence and harassment, implementing ride programs to reduce distracted driving, drunk driving and failure to wear seatbelts, violence,
property crimes and cyber crimes, safe trade areas, youth at risk programs, mental health strategies, and human trafficking. He commented that the predominate issue on Pelee is 911 calls, he stated that the OPP has a responsibility to follow up on those calls and to investigate and in most cases they calls are made in error.

Inspector Miller commented on the billing model and stated that the cost of policing is an issue for small communities and is decided upon by the provincial government, not the OPP. He stated that the cost will increase to $117000 starting in 2018, which is $191.35 per household, plus calls for service, $254 per property. He commented that the fact that this bill cannot be paid by the municipality does not impact OPP performance or response.

Inspector Miller closed by stating that Essex County ranks in the top percentile of safest communities and that the cost of policing in the County is comparatively low.

Mayor Masse stated that Council is working on the financial end, but he is not hopeful. He concluded by thanking Inspector Miller and the officers that accompanied him.

(b) Spark Power-Updated Draft Agreements and Project Update

Gord Renolds opened by informing Council that the province had introduced its long term energy plan and that he is encouraged by the policies this government is putting forward for communities like Pelee that are embracing these initiatives. He stated that he is eager to get to work to maintain a head start, with a strong desire to move forward this evening with a commitment from Council. Mayor Masse assured Mr. Reynolds that he read the agreement and that it was more in line with what Council was looking for. Council was in agreement.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2017-235:

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 enter into an agreement with Spark Power for the preparation of a Feasibility Study and the submission of grants for the Municipal Energy Plan Program and the Municipal Climate Innovation Program”.

Carried.
5.) Old Business

(b) CAO/Clerk - NDMP Progress & Proposed RFP

The CAO/Clerk reminded Council that the township was awarded funds through NDMP and that ERCA was on the island to do a shoreline assessment and proposed the township acquire drone footage of the shoreline. She stated that ERCA’s initial report and drone footage would assist in fulfilling phase one. She commented that in the interest of time four engineers to whom the RFP may be circulated have been included in the report for Council’s review. Discussion ensued regarding details and timelines.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2017-236:

Moved By: Dave DeLellis
Seconded By: Darlene Wiper

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby accepts the CAO/Clerk’s Report on NDMP Progress and Proposed RFP and further that the RFP be circulated to the short list of Engineers”.

Carried.

6.) New Business

(a) Treasurer - Budget to Actual (Report 2017-47-MF)

The Treasurer informed Council that this is for information purposes and provided a brief overview of significant points. Councillor Wiper requested additional information to account for variances in salaries. The CAO/Clerk commented that she would work on a variance report with the Treasurer.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2017-237:

Moved By: Dayne Malloch
Seconded By: Dave DeLellis
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“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby accepts the Treasurers Report on Budget to Actual figures”.

Carried.

(b) Treasurer-Revenue Report (Report 2017-48-MF)

The Treasurer highlighted significant information such as the positive performance of both the campground and marina, and that hunt licenses and bag tags were both up from last year. The COA/Clerk thanked the Treasurer for this report and stated that it has been helpful and would like to continue with its use.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2017-238:

Moved By: Dave DeLellis
Seconded By: Darlene Wiper

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby accepts the Treasurers Report Revenue Departments”.

Carried.

(c) CAO/Clerk-2018 Election Calendar & Considerations (2017-49-KD)

The CAO/Clerk stated that this was for Council’s information and that there have been some changes including that if a municipality’s population is under 4000, 25 endorsement signatures for a nomination are not required.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2017-239:

Moved By: Darlene Wiper
Seconded By: Aurella Moritz

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby accepts the
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CAO/Clerk’s Report on the 2018 Election Calendar & Considerations”.

Carried.

7.) Correspondence

(a) Essex Hunter Retriever Club-Request for (2) 2018 Pheasant Hunt Licenses

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2017-240:

Moved By: Darlene Wiper
Seconded By: Dayne Malloch

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby grants the Essex Hunter Retriever Club two 2018 pheasant hunt licenses”.

Carried.

8.) Disbursements

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2017-241:

Moved By: Dayne Malloch
Seconded By: Dave DeLellis

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves pay disbursements as presented and attached in the amount of $194,324.06”.

Carried.

9.) Boards and Committees

(a) Deputy Mayor DeLellis-MTO & Transportation Committee Meeting
Councilor Wiper vacated her chair at 8:58.

Deputy Mayor DeLellis provided an overview of the meeting and shared that MTO seemed to be receptive to most of what was discussed. He stated that in regards to discussion of a revised ferry schedule that MTO was looking for direction from Council. Discussion ensued.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2017-242:

_Moved By:_ Dave DeLellis  
_Seconded By:_ Aurella Moritz

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby supports the ongoing dialogue and working relationship between the transportation committee and the Ministry of Transportation for the suggestion and formulation of a ferry schedule conducive to all users of the ferry service and further that all final recommendations and changes are to be endorsed by council before being submitted to MTO.”  

_Carried._

10.) Councillor and Miscellaneous Reports

(a) CAO/Clerk-Minutes from November 6, 2017 PITSAC Meeting

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2017-243:

_Moved By:_ Dayne Malloch  
_Seconded By:_ Aurella Moritz

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby accepts the November 6, 2017 PITSAC Meeting Minutes”.

_Carried._

Councillor Wiper returned to her seat at 9:12 p.m.
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(b) The CAO/Clerk requested that George Paisovich from MP Van Kesteren’s office be formally appointed to the Environmental Committee if council is in favour.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2017-244:

 Moved By:  
 Seconded By:  

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby moves to appoint George Paisovich, representative of Dave Van Kesteren’s office, as a member of the Environmental Advisory Committee.”

 Carried.

(c) Deputy Mayor DeLellis requested that all material in the Drainage Superintendent’s procession be returned to the township. The CAO/Clerk assured him that most documents remained in the township’s possession and that all would be returned prior to the Drainage Superintendent’s last day.

11.) In Camera

12.) By-Laws

(b) By-Law 2017-44; Being a By-Law to Enter into an Agreement with Pelee Farms for a Utility Crossing

The CAO/Clerk stated that the work had already been completed and that the crossing was for a drainage outlet and that the project went through the road not under. Discussion ensued and it was decided to bring back the policy regarding utility crossings for review.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2017-245:

 Moved By:  
 Seconded By:  

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Seconded By: Dayne Malloch

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby adopts By-Law 2017-44 being a By-Law to Enter into an Agreement with Pelee Farms for a Utility Crossing”.

Carried.

(c) By-Law 2017-45; Being a By-Law to Confirm Proceedings

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2017-246:

Moved By: Dayne Malloch
Seconded By: Dave DeLellis

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby adopts By-Law 2017-45 Being a By-Law to Confirm Proceedings”.

Carried.

13.) Adjournment.

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Rick Masse, Mayor

Katrina DiGiovanni, CAO/Clerk