

**TOWNSHIP OF PELEE**  
**Meeting of Council**  
**Monday May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:30 pm**  
**Electronic Meeting**

Mayor: Ray Durocher  
Deputy Mayor: Dave Dawson  
Councillors: Dayne Malloch  
Dave DeLellis  
Sherri Smith Ouellette

Staff: Janice Hensel, CAO/Clerk  
Michelle Feltz, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk  
Kristine Horst, Administrative Assistant

Other: Eric Chamberlain, Drainage Superintendent  
Members of the Public

1. **Call to Order**  
Meeting called to order at 6:35pm.
2. **Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - a. Regular Meeting of Council, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020.  
Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis  
Seconded By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**  
None
4. **Delegations**  
None
5. **Reports**
6. **Action Reports**
  - a. Councillor Dave DeLellis –
    - i. Report from Tourism, Economic Development Advisory and Hunt Committee;
      1. 2020 brochure and all digital media advertising has been cancelled
      2. Draft preliminary report provided – Pelee Island Tourism COVID-19 Recovery Plan
    - ii. Resolution to install a can baler at the transfer station for Aluminum;
  - b. Drainage Superintendent Eric Chamberlain –
    - i. Report No. 2020 – 09 EC - Drain No. 4 of Big Marsh Drainage System;
    - ii. Report No. 2020 - 10 EC - Stoltz Drain Improvement;
    - iii. Report No 2020 – 11 EC - Hamel Drain Extension – Re-install Open Municipal Drain
  - c. Deputy Mayor David Dawson –
    - i. Resolution authorizing a letter to be sent to the Minister of Transportation requesting consideration be given to easing travel restrictions as soon as possible

on all provincial ferry vessels servicing Pelee Island to facilitate transportation access for cottage owners; AND that changes be made to allow for more access during peak travel times (weekends).

- d. Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk –
  - i. Status Update on West Shore Road (Verbal)
    - 1. Township entering in agreement with Landmark Engineers Inc. for Emergency Repairs to West Shore Road
    - 2. Preparing to be Shovel Ready for provincial funding for both emergency and long term repairs and improvements
    - 3. Working with both Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Natural Disaster Mitigation Plan
  - ii. Status Update on Marina (Verbal)
    - 1. On Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> the Province of Ontario released an updated list of essential workplaces and services and declared: *Marinas may also begin preparations for the recreational boating season by servicing boats and other watercraft and placing boats in the water, but not open to the public. Boats and watercrafts must be secured to a dock in the marina until public access is allowed.*
    - 2. Township of Pelee will begin marina preparation utilizing existing permanent and permanent seasonal staff only, reassigned from other departments.

## 7. Consent Reports

- a. Treasurer - Disbursements Report as May 7, 2020.

## 8. Recognitions

- a. Mayor Ray Durocher recognized the members of the Beautification Committee for all their efforts to ready the island for the season;
- b. To convey the Beautification Committee's appreciation to municipal staff members Nick Goulden, Jay Nageleisen and Mack Feltz for their assistance and for the great job on municipal lawn maintenance.

## 9. Communications and Petitions

- a. **Corporation of the Township of Armour and District of Parry Sound** – Requesting support of resolution encouraging the Federal and Provincial governments to make substantial investments in high-speed internet connectivity in rural areas;
  - i. Communication received by the Council of the Township of Pelee from the Corporation of the Township of Armour and District of Parry Sound.
  - ii. Council gave the directive to write a letter of support.
- b. **Corporation of the Town of Gravenhurst and District Municipality of Muskoka** – Requesting support of resolution adding community gardens, garden centres and Nurseries as essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic;
  - i. Communication received by the Council of the Township of Pelee from the Corporation of the Town of Gravenhurst and District Municipality of Muskoka.
- c. **Corporation of the County of Haliburton and Township of North Dumfries** – Requesting support of resolution requesting the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and the Minister of Transportation reconsider fee increases recently announced by Canadian Tourism Oriented Destination Signage Limited;
  - i. Communication received by the Council of the Township of Pelee from the Corporation of the County of Haliburton and Township of North Dumfries.
- d. **Corporation of the Town of Grimsby** – Resolution to support the Premier of Ontario's decision to suspend time-of-use electricity billing.
  - i. Communication received by the Council of the Township of Pelee from the

- Corporation of the Town of Grimsby.  
ii. Council has given the directive to write a letter of support.

**10. Scheduled Motions**

**Action Motions**

- a. Resolution 2020 – 43 was CARRIED  
Moved By: Councillor Dayne Malloch  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby receives the report from the Tourism, Economic Development Advisory and Hunt Committee.”

- b. Resolution 2020 – 44 was CARRIED  
Moved By: Councillor Dayne Malloch  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby approve in principle the installation of a can baler at the Transfer Station for aluminum.”

Costs to be determined and considered during the 2020 capital budget process.

- c. Resolution 2020 – 45 was CARRIED  
Moved By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby receives report No. 2020 – 09 regarding Drain No. 4 of Big Marsh Drainage System, and approve the recommendations from the Drainage Superintendent as presented.”

- d. Resolution 2020 – 46 was CARRIED  
Moved By: Councillor Dayne Malloch  
Seconded By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby receives report No. 2020 – 10 regarding Stoltz Drain Improvement, and report 2020 – 11 EC regarding the Hamel Drain Extension and approve the recommendations from the Drainage Superintendent as presented.”

AND FURTHER, IT IS AGREED that projects are not to proceed at this time and approval will be considered as part of the 2020 capital budget process.”

- e. Resolution 2020 – 47 was CARRIED  
Moved By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette  
Seconded By: Councillor Dayne Malloch

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves a letter be sent to the Minister of Transportation as per the following:

WHEREAS on May 1, 2020 the Federal Minister of Transport issued an Interim order to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 onboard passenger vessels carrying more than 12 passengers that are discretionary in nature, such activities as related to tourism operating in Canadian waters until June 30, 2020.

AND WHEREAS the Pelee Islander is operating on the MV Pelee Islander II schedule with a maximum of nine (9) vehicles with passengers; maximum 12 walk-on passengers for accommodation in the lounge and 8 passengers on exterior passenger deck (if weather conditions permit).

AND WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial governments continue to relax COVID-19 restrictions, the Township anticipates that the taxpayer demand for ferry service to/from Pelee Island will exceed the capacity of the Pelee Islander.

On May 5, 2020, the Pelee Islander II commenced a “cargo only” service for the transportation of commercial vehicles on a limited weekly schedule on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday only. 0 passengers. Vessel is restricted to essential commercial traffic only with a maximum of 12 vehicle drivers.

AND WHEREAS the reduced capacity of the Pelee Islander has a direct impact on the construction and service crews who are having issues crewing a job site with the Pelee Islander II schedule along with property owners who, due to job responsibilities, can only travel (easily) during the Friday to Sunday period.

Normally, these taxpayers would have the option of travelling to/from the Island on private vessels, relieving the burden on the provincial ferry service; however, this is not possible as a result of the mandated closure of local marinas;

**THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby requests the Minister of Transportation to amend the above noted travel restrictions for the Pelee Islander II to be the same as those recently announced for the MV Chi-Cheemaun and have the Pelee Islander II operate seven (7) days a week with a full cargo deck and a reduced passenger load.”**

#### **Consent Motions**

a. Resolution 2020-48 was CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Dayne Malloch

Seconded By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby consents to the following items:

1. Disbursements as at May 7, 2020 in the amount of \$141,298.93”

#### **11. Deferred Matters**

None

#### **12. Enquires**

- a. Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette enquired about frequency of council meetings
  - i. CAO Janice Hensel stated Council had approved one meeting to be held in May, moving forward council will be resuming as normal with two meetings per month starting in June as per the procedural by-law.

#### **13. Emergent Matters**

None

#### **14. By-Laws**

a. Resolution 2020-49 was CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette

Seconded By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby adopts By-Law 2020-12; Being a By-Law to provide for the 2019 maintenance of the following municipal drains: Big Marsh and Curry Marsh to raise the sum of \$157,313.32 to pay therefore.”

b. Resolution 2020 – 50 was CARRIED

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson

Seconded By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby adopts By-Law 2020-13; Being a By-law to amend Schedule A to By-law 2019-43 – Airport Lands Farm Lease.”


c. Resolution 2020 – 51 was CARRIED

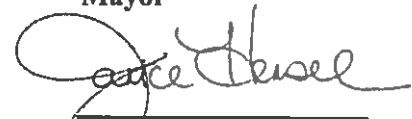
Moved By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette

Seconded By: Councillor Dayne Malloch

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby adopts By-Law 2020-14; Being a By-Law to Confirm Proceedings.”

**15. Adjournment**

  
Raymond Durocher,  
Mayor

  
Janice Hensel,  
CAO/Clerk

