TOWNSHIP OF PELEE
Regular Meeting of Council
Monday, July 27, 2020, 8:00 pm
Electronic Meeting

1. Call to Order

2. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes
      (CHANGES or CORRECTIONS from Council)

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. Delegations

5. Reports

6. Action Reports
   a. Councillor Dayne Malloch:
      i) Update: West Shore Road Shoreline Protection and Improvements;
         (Verbal)
      (QUESTIONS from Council to Councillor Malloch for clarification)
   b. Drainage Superintendent – Eric Chamberlain:
      i) Base Drainage Map;
      ii) Report No 2020 – 15 EC –To rescind the appointment of Rood
         Engineering Inc. to complete report for the improvement of the
         Stoltz Drain
      (QUESTIONS from Council to Drainage Superintendent for clarification)
   c. Deputy Clerk and Treasurer – Michelle Feltz:
      i) Resolution to extend COVID-19 financial relief programs to August
         31, 2020; (Verbal)
      (QUESTIONS from Council to Deputy Clerk and Treasurer for clarification)
   d. Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk – Janice Hensel:
         Program for the 2021 taxation year;
         Proposal;
      (QUESTIONS from Council to CAO/Clerk and/or Treasurer for clarification)

7. Consent Reports
   a. Treasurer –
      (QUESTIONS from Council to Treasurer for clarification)

8. Recognitions
   From Mayor Durocher

9. Communications and Petitions
   a. Corporation of the City of Oshawa – Requesting support of resolution asking the
      Federal, Provincial, and Regional Government to help local municipalities assist their
      local social cultural, service clubs, and children/youth minor sporting organizations with
      clear and definitive relief funding programs directed to help sustain the aforesaid mention
groups through these trying times inflicted on them by the effects of COVID-
(QUESTIONS from Council)
b. **Krista Hulshof, Vice President, Ontario Barn Preservation** – Advising of research into Planning Policy frameworks which either help or hinder the conservation of barns and requesting municipal consideration of policies which could affect the conservation of built heritage resources related to agricultural use.
(QUESTIONS from Council)
c. **Rick Masse, Consultant, Pelee Island Co-operative** – Requesting municipal permission for Golder and Associates to access the Harris Fishery Bldg. (Bonnet Bldg) and the Malloch Drain to complete required sampling on behalf of the Pelee Island Co-op.
(QUESTIONS from Council)
d. **Municipality of Chatham-Kent** – Requesting support for resolution in support of the Private Members Bill put forward by Majid Jowhari; M-36; regarding Emancipation Day.
(QUESTIONS from Council)

10. **Scheduled Motions**

**Action Motions**
a. To receive the verbal report of Councillor Dayne Malloch on the status of West Shore Road Shoreline Protection Project.
(QUESTIONS from Council)
b. To receive Report No. 2020-15 EC –To rescind the appointment of Rood Engineering Inc. to complete report for the improvement of the Stoltz Drain;
(QUESTIONS from Council)
c. To receive verbal report of Deputy Clerk and Treasurer and approve the extension of COVID-19 municipal financial relief programs to August 31, 2020;
(QUESTIONS from Council)
d. To receive Report No. 2020- 16 JH and approve the elimination of the Vacancy Tax Rebate Program commencing with the 2021 taxation year;
(QUESTIONS from Council)
e. To receive Report No. 2020- 17 JH concerning Scudder Marina- Potable Water Cistern Proposal and approve council direction following discussion;
(QUESTIONS from Council)

**Consent Motions**
a. Township of Pelee consents to pass the following:
   i. Disbursements Report as at July 23, 2020 in the amount of $ 56,276.19.

11. **Deferred Matters**

12. **Enquires**

13. **Emergent Matters**

(COUNCILLORS may MAKE MOTIONS on any topic address throughout the course of the meeting.)

14. **By-Laws**
a. By-Law 2020 - 22; Being a By-Law to Confirm Proceedings.

15. **Adjournment**
TOWNSHIP OF PELEE
Regular Meeting of Council
Monday July 13th, 2020 8:00 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
       Gordon Pow, Registered Delegate
       Members of the Public

1. Call to Order
   Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m.

2. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes
      Moved By: Councillor Dayne Malloch
      Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
   a. Councillor Dave DeLellis –
      i. Able to supply concrete for cement pad at Scudder Marina if a potable
         water tank is installed.

4. Delegations
   a. Gordon Pow –
      1. Small Modular Reactors - Potential Source of electricity, and
         employment for Pelee Island;
         a. Recommendations from Gordon Pow: to inform residence
            of Pelee Island about SMR technology, and to lobby
            provincial government to choose Pelee Island for a test
            location for this technology.
         b. Council in favour of support and instructed administration
            to look into details on this potential source of electricity.
      2. Starlink: High Speed Internet for Pelee Island: Requesting
         the Council of the Township of Pelee register its strong support
         for SpaceX's licence application;
         a. Recommendations from Gordon Pow: the Township of
            Pelee should take a proactive approach in communicating
            with SpaceX as well as residences on this potential
            opportunity.
b. Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson made a motion to put forth a resolution in support of Starlink.

Resolution 2020 – 75 was CARRIED
Moved By:        Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson
Seconded By:     Councillor Dave DeLellis

"WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Pelee does not currently have access to affordable broadband internet services.

AND WHEREAS StarLink is a satellite constellation being constructed by SpaceX to provide satellite internet access. The constellation will consist of thousands of small, mass-produced satellites in low Earth orbit. Product development began in 2015, with the first two prototype satellites launched in February 2018. As of June, 2020, SpaceX has launched 540 satellites of the 1,584 initially planned for global coverage. Future plans call for up to 42,000 satellites.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Corporation of the Township of Pelee is in support for SpaceX’s licence application and hereby:

Requests the provincial and federal governments to expedite the regulatory process to ensure that SpaceX is able to offer its StarLink services to Canadians; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to our MPs and MPPs describing the lack of affordable broadband internet in our community."

5. Reports

6. Action Reports
a. Deputy Mayor David Dawson:
   i. Report 2020 -14 DD: Southwestern Ontario Shoreline Roundtable;
      1. Recommends council and staff review the Zuzek study for a better understanding of what Pelee Island might be facing.

b. Councillor Dave DeLellis:
   i. Report from the Drainage Committee;
      1. Henderson Drainage project is wrapping up until fall.
      2. Stoltz Drain, Drain No. 4, and Hamel Drain Extension improvements are in the engineering report stage.
      3. Rivard Excavating is scheduled to start on Drain No. 2 and West Branch Drain No. 1 in mid-August.
      4. Spraying for phragmites will occur end of August.
      5. Next Drainage Committee meeting scheduled for September 9th,
2020.

ii. Report from the Tourism, Economic Development Advisory and Hunt Committee;

1. Hydro One inspection has occurred for the West Shore Washrooms and the washroom will be hooked up to power and opened as soon as possible.
   a. Marina – Potable Water
      i. There is an opportunity to purchase a 27,000 litre stainless steel tank from Pelee Island Winery in order to provide the marina with potable water. This tank would cost $10,000 and would require added installation expenses such as a cement pad, UV and connection costs.
   ii. As this was not included in the final 2020 budget – but was brought forward at this time due to significant savings – council has requested administration look into cost savings within the budget, and further information on operational costs for the potable water system to be brought to the next scheduled council meeting on July 27.

c. Councillor Dayne Malloch:
   i. Update: West Shore Road Shoreline Protection and Improvements;
      1. Emergency repairs have started along West Shore Road in front of the Stonehouse and will extend down to the water plant, repairs may take up to a couple of weeks to finish.

d. Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk:
   i. Update on Municipal Facilities
      1. East Park Campground will be opening July 15th with some changes including the implementation of an online reservation system.
      2. COVID-19 restrictions are still in place and have led to the following changes at the campground:
         a. There is no group camping at this time which is defined as 6 or more non-related persons on the same site;
         b. There is no equipment loans at this time;
         c. No visitors or guests on campsites;
         d. Washrooms are open and cleaned during store hours only, however showers are closed until further notice;
         e. New hours at the campground are Thursday to Monday 11am to 5pm, and Tuesday to Wednesday 11am to 2pm.

7. Consent Reports
   a. Treasurer –

8. Recognitions
a. Mayor Ray Durocher recognized the work of the roads department in re-opening sections of West Shore Road.

9. Communications and Petitions

a. Office of the Prime Minister – Right Honourable Justin Trudeau – acknowledging receipt of correspondence requesting the Federal Government to consider amending the current definition of “Essential Travel” as it pertains to the Canada – USA border closure to include travel purposes related to the care and maintenance of property in Canada that is owned by American citizens.
   i. Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from the Office of the Prime Minister.

b. Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing – advising Council of the Introduction of the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020 and advising of on-going negotiations with the federal government to ensure municipalities get the financial support they require to protect front line services and restart the economy;
   i. Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
   ii. CAO to forward Pelee specific details to council for review.

c. Christie Curley, A/Director, Fish and Wildlife Policy Branch, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry - advising and requesting comments on proposed amendment to the Open Season regulation (Ontario Regulation 670/98) under the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997 (FWCA) to create a fall turkey hunting season in Wildlife Management Units 72 (Northumberland County) and 95 (Pelee Island) beginning this fall (2020).
   i. Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from Christie Curley, A/Director, Fish and Wildlife Policy Branch, Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.
   ii. Councillor Dave DeLellis brought forward the motion to write a letter to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry strongly stating the council of the Township of Pelee is not in favour of a fall turkey hunt on Pelee.

Resolution 2020 – 76 was CARRIED
Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis
Seconded By: Councillor Dayne Malloch

"Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby request a letter be sent to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry advising the council is not in favour of a fall turkey hunt on Pelee Island as it will directly conflict with its Annual Pheasant Hunt"

d. Jeffrey W. Lem, Director of Titles for the Province of Ontario - Moving towards a more digital-focused service model for land registration services.
   i. Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from Jeffrey W. Lem, Director of Titles for the Province of Ontario.
e. Corporation of the Town of Renfrew – Requesting support for resolution asking the Governments of Ontario and Canada to fast track the review of current and previous Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program grant applications in order to provide much needed employment and investment into rural Ontario to provide sustainable infrastructure that will be safe and suitable in a post-pandemic setting;
   i. Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from the Corporation of the Town of Renfrew.
   ii. Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson put forward a motion to write a letter of support.

Resolution 2020 – 77 was CARRIED
Moved By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson
Seconded By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby support the resolution of the Town of Renfrew asking the Governments of Ontario and Canada to fast track the review of current and previous Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program grant applications in order to provide much needed employment and investment into rural Ontario to provide sustainable infrastructure that will be safe and suitable in a post-pandemic setting.”

f. Corporation of the Township of Puslinch – Requesting support for resolution asking the Province of Ontario to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address assessment issues to ensure that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value;
   i. Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from the Corporation of the Township of Puslinch.

g. Corporation of the Town of Kingsville – Requesting support for resolution requesting the Province of Ontario expand their Rent Assistance program (COVID-19) to include all businesses in a lease agreement within all “residential-above-commercial” properties without a cap on commercial/residential ratio;
   i. Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from the Corporation of the Town of Kingsville.

10. Scheduled Motions

Action Motions

a. Resolution 2020 – 78 was CARRIED
   Moved By: Councillor Dayne Malloch
   Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby receives report 2020 – 14 from Deputy Mayor David Dawson on the Southwestern Ontario Shoreline Roundtable.”

b. Resolution 2020 – 79 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 receives the Report of Councillor Dave DeLellis from the Drainage Committee."

c. Resolution 2020 – 80 was CARRIED
   Moved By: Councillor Dayne Malloch
   Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson

"Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby receives the Report of Councillor Dave DeLellis from the Tourism, economic Development Advisory and Hunt Committee."

d. Resolution 2020 – 81 was CARRIED
   Moved By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette
   Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson

"Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby receives the Report of Councillor Dayne Malloch on the West Shore Road Shoreline Protection Project."

e. Resolution 2020 – 82 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 receives the report from the Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk on Municipal Facilities."

Consent Motions

a. Resolution 2020 – 83 was CARRIED
   Moved By: Councillor Sherri Smith
   Seconded By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

"Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby consents to the following item:
   i. Disbursements as at July 10, 2020 in the amount of $89,908.75."

11. Deferred Matters
   None

12. Enquires
   None

13. Emergent Matters
   None
14. By-Laws

a. Resolution 2020 – 84 was CARRIED
   Moved By:  Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette
   Seconded By: Councillor Dayne Malloch

"Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby adopts By-Law 2020-21; Being a By-Law to Confirm Proceedings."

15. Adjournment

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Raymond Durocher,
Mayor

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Janice Hensel,
CAO/Clerk
Report No: 2020 – 15 EC
Date: July 21, 2020
Submitted By: Eric Chamberlain
Subject: Stoltz Drain Improvement
Attachments: None
Purpose (Information/Action): To rescind the appoint Rood Engineering Inc. to complete report for the improvement of the Stoltz Drain.

Overview

On January 29, 2020, Mr. Keith Ryersee submitted a Request for Repair and Improvement for the Stoltz Drain.

The council report was originally presented at the May 11, 2020 Council Meeting and subsequently, Council approved the project at the June 8 meeting.

Since this time, Mr. Keith Ryersee has reconsidered the request and on July 12, 2020 Mr. Ryersee provided communication that he does not want to proceed with the project at this time. This was confirmed by phone conversation on July 14, 2020.

Financial Impacts

There are no financial impacts for this project. There has been no works or cost incurred.

Recommendations

It is recommended that:

1. The report from the Drainage Superintendent dated July 21, 2020 regarding Stoltz Drain Improvement BE RECEIVED;

2. The appointment of Rood Engineering Inc. BE RESCIND for the preparation of the necessary report and plans for the Improvement to the Stoltz Drain.

Eric Chamberlain
Drainage Superintendent

Michelle Feltz
Treasurer

Janice Hensel
Chief Administrative Officer

EC/
July 20, 2020

Report to Council No: 2020 – 16 – JH

SUBJECT: VACANCY TAX REBATE PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION:
It is the recommendation of the Administration team that the vacancy tax rebate program be eliminated commencing with the 2021 taxation year and FURTHER that the Minister of Finance be notified by formal resolution requesting his approval and inclusion in Ontario Regulation 325/01, as amended. The intent of this change is to encourage the use of vacant properties to help support a vibrant and sustainable community. (Resolution Attached)

All current participants in the program to be notified by registered mail.

CURRENT STATUS:

- The Township currently has four properties receiving a tax rebate under the program. Administration of the program results in additional staff time to manage the program and ensure strict adherence to the eligibility requirements;
- Vacancy allowance, chronic vacancy and/or reduced income due to vacant space are factors already considered and adjusted for, when establishing the individual property assessments for the property, as established by Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).
- Records indicate these properties have been receiving the rebate since 2010 or earlier.

The impacts to the property tax base are as follows:

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The County of Essex and its regional municipalities no longer offer the Vacant Unit Property Tax Rebate Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Vacancy Tax Rebate program was established in 2001 under section 364 of the Municipal Act. The program provides tax rebates to owners of vacant property in the commercial and industrial tax classes. The commercial class receives a 30% rebate, while the industrial class receives a 35% rebate, if the property has remained vacant for a minimum of 90 consecutive days. Recent changes to the legislation now affords municipalities the opportunity to review and assess the merits and success of the program. Prior to these amendments:

- Municipalities were mandated to have a program to provide tax rebates to owners of commercial or industrial property who have vacant portions.
- Property owners could apply to the municipality for a tax rebate for periods of vacancy.
- For commercial or industrial buildings to be eligible, the property or a portion of the property must be vacant for a period of at least ninety (90) consecutive days.
- Applicants are also required to meet specific municipal evidentiary requirements that must be satisfied for the owner to be entitled to the rebate.
- The current rebate percentage amount for vacant commercial space is 30% and vacant industrial space is 35%.

Provincial Amendments

- In 2017, the Province, in consultation with municipal and business stakeholders, undertook a review of the vacant unit property tax rebate program.
- The review was initiated in response to municipal concerns of any unintended implications this may have for local economies.
- On November 14, 2016, the Province released its Fall Economic Statement which provided municipalities with broader flexibility to tailor the Vacant Unit Rebate program to reflect community needs and circumstances.

Current Program Challenges and Considerations

- Vacancy allowance, chronic vacancy and/or reduced income due to vacant space are factors considered and adjusted for, when establishing the individual property assessments for the property, as established by Municipal
Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). When a vacancy rebate is granted, on top of the CVA considerations provided for with the property assessment, this can be viewed as "double-dipping".

- No guarantee that tax savings from the rebate program will be used to increase rental viability – can be counterproductive to other incentive programs which encourage redevelopment and occupancy growth like Community Improvement Plans.

- This is a business benefit that is largely subsidized by the residential class

- This is not a benefit which is afforded to other property classes which may experience a form of vacancy from time-to-time, such as residential or multi-residential properties or seasonal business properties.

Options available to amend the program under the new legislation include:

- Status Quo
- Phase-out of Program
- Set new Eligibility Criteria
- Class Fund Program
- Impose Fee to Assist with Cost of Administering Program
- Eliminate Program

Respectfully submitted:

Janice Hensel

CAO/Clerk
July 21, 2020

REPORT TO COUNCIL NO 2020 – 17 JH

SUBJECT: SCUDDER MARINA – POTABLE WATER - CISTERN TANK PROPOSAL

At the request of Township Council, Administration has contacted the various agencies responsible for the safe provision of drinking water specifically:

1. Windsor Essex County Health Unit;
2. Ministry of Environment and Conservation;
3. Ontario Clean Water Agency;
4. Essex Region Conservation Authority;

We have confirmed the following:

1. The Windsor Essex County Health Unit is the regulating body for the provision of Safe Drinking Water to Cisterns at Non-Residential Drinking Water Systems Serving Designated Facilities. Staff have met with WECHU. A copy of their guide is available at: https://www.ontario.ca/page/providing-safe-drinking-water-cisterns-non-residential-drinking-water-systems

2. There are NO permits or approvals required from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP); written confirmation has been received that this type of cistern system is not regulated under O. Reg. 170/03 so there are no requirements from the MECP.

3. Discussions with the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) confirmed the Township would want the effluent chlorine level continuously monitored coming out of the cistern. They have advised the system could be programmed that if the level drops to a predetermined set point, a solenoid would shut the system down so we are never supplying questionable water. It was also suggested the Township could set the system up so staff receive a low chlorine level alarm slightly higher than required then the system shut down point so that they can add chlorine before it shuts down. Annual maintenance of the system is minimal.

   OCWA has offered to review the design once a drawing or engineered plan is available.

   4. ERCA – No response provided.

In addition, after review of the current annual operating budget, Administration is confident funds can be realized to finance the project through cost savings and/or may be funded with funds received from the Municipal Modernization Fund, as it meets general accepted criteria of increasing potential revenues at the marina through the provision of improved services. Cost recovery strategies relating to the annual operating maintenance of the system including potential for dockage fee increases will be considered as part of the 2021 operating budget.

There are no maintenance fees anticipated for the 2020 operating year.
Next steps:

Option A:

Council decision to move forward with the project in 2020 and instruct Administration to proceed with finalizing design drawings;

Option B:

Council decision to defer project until 2021 budget process.

Note: There is no guarantee a tank will available in 2021 at similar cost.

Background

Under the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* and the *Drinking-Water Systems Regulation (O. Reg. 170/03)*, owners and operators of drinking water systems that supply water to the public have responsibilities to ensure the water is safe to drink.

The responsibilities of owners and operators of non-residential drinking water systems that serve Designated Facilities which receive transported water and maintain cisterns are outlined below. A detailed guide is attached to this report.

If you have a cistern or water storage system which holds transported water and you provide this water to the public, you are regulated under *O. Reg. 170/03* and may be regulated under *O. Reg. 243/07*. Transported water means water which is supplied to your system via a water hauling truck, rather than from a direct connection to a water main, well or surface water.

*O. Reg. 170/03*

- small or large non-municipal, non-residential system
- small or large municipal, non-residential system

As was discussed at the last council meeting, even though the proposed drinking water system will receive treated water that is already tested, the proposed system is still subject to some *O. Reg. 170/03* requirements for monitoring and reporting, regardless of whether the township only supplies water for a limited time during the year or the whole year.

Summary of requirements

Summary of Section 7, *O. Reg. 170/03*

Because water that is transported for cisterns must already have been treated by the supplier, you are exempt from certain requirements if two conditions in section 7, *O. Reg. 170/03* are met:

1. You must ensure that the water you receive has had both primary and secondary disinfection as specified by *O. Reg. 170/03*. 
2. The on-site container used to store the water must be constructed in a manner to prevent contamination and must be maintained to continue to prevent contamination. If your system meets these requirements, you are not required to:
   - treat the water
   - do microbiological sampling and testing
   - do chemical sampling and testing, except for annual lead sampling
   - do maintenance and operational checks of treatment equipment (except for chlorine residual testing)
   - arrange for an Engineering Evaluation Report(s) (EER).

Although treatment is not required, some owners choose to install Point of Entry (POE) treatment units. POE equipment, most commonly ultraviolet (UV) treatment, is designed to provide primary disinfection. It is installed at or near where the water enters a building or structure and is connected to the plumbing associated with that building or structure. If these units are installed according to the requirements in section 7 you are also exempt from chlorine residual testing. For information on the detailed exemption requirements in section 7 related to POE units, please refer to subsections 7(4) and (5) of O. Reg. 170/03.

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**Storage of transported water**

All systems that receive transported water must ensure that the storage container, e.g., cistern, water tanks or reservoir, is constructed using materials, including the surface coating, that do not contain any impurities that could dissolve into the drinking water. It must be maintained in a manner that prevents surface water and other foreign materials from coming into contact with the treated water.

Ensure that the cistern is not connected to the rainwater drain system, as contaminants from the roof will contaminate the cistern water. Cisterns should also have a screened vent to allow proper pressure within the tank and prevent insects or vermin from entering the vent. Since most cisterns are below ground, common weaknesses in cistern construction include improperly installed vents or below ground level cracks or damage due to improperly protected cistern covers. Vents and covers are above ground and are vulnerable to damage by cars and snow removing equipment.

**On-going Maintenance Requirements:**

As part of regular maintenance, the cistern opening and the area around the cistern should be checked to ensure there are no cracks or damage which could allow surface contamination to enter the cistern. Also ensure the ground around the cistern slopes away from the hatch and any vents, and that the hatch seal is in good condition and prevents surface water or vermin from entering the cistern.

Cisterns should be emptied and cleaned about every two to five years as sediment may collect and biofilms may form over time, causing bacteria to grow in the cistern. The cleaning frequency depends on the source water quality and whether the cistern is only used seasonally, in which case it is recommended you disinfect annually with chlorine. WECHU would provide guidance on the required maintenance schedules.
Supplier of transported drinking water

To ensure the quality of drinking water the Township must only use water from a regulated drinking water system providing primary and secondary disinfection, most commonly municipally treated and tested water. This would be the West Water Treatment Plant.

Microbiological sampling/testing of the raw, treated and distribution water

Normally drinking water systems regulated under O. Reg. 170/03 are required to sample raw, untreated water as well as treated and distribution system water and test for microbiological parameters such as total coliforms and E.coli. The transported water will already have been treated and tested under O. Reg. 170/03 prior to delivery to the cistern. As a result, no additional sampling/testing is required.

Although not required by the regulation, it is recommended we sample the received water for microbiological parameters on a regular basis to ensure that the integrity of either the water hauler’s tank or the cistern has been maintained.

Chemical sampling/testing

Similar to microbiological parameters, because the transported water was already sampled and tested, it does not have to be resampled and tested by cistern owners except for lead. Chemical sampling can be done voluntarily for parameters such as metals or inorganic and organic contaminants such as pesticides and volatile compounds (e.g., petroleum products).

Annual lead sampling under Schedule 15.2, O. Reg. 170/03 is required. Lead must be sampled from a location that is most likely to have higher lead levels, e.g., the oldest pipes. The frequency is reduced to once every 36 months if in the most recent 24-month period no lead test results exceeded the Ontario Drinking Water Standard for lead. Only a licensed laboratory is permitted to test drinking water samples for health related chemical parameters such as lead.

Engineering evaluation reports

An Engineering Evaluation Report (EER) would also not be required if the system had treatment equipment installed prior to the installation of the cistern or if the cistern had additional treatment equipment to ensure the continuous quality of the drinking water.

Systems which receive transported water should ensure that the supplying system is regulated under O. Reg. 170/03. These systems are required to have an Engineers Evaluation Report.

Operational checks

If you receive chlorinated water, you must take daily chlorine residual readings in your distribution system to ensure disinfection is maintained. Measure free chlorine residual if the
supplier provides chlorination but not chloramination. Measure combined chlorine residual if the supplier provides chloramination.

A trained person is required to perform these tests. The trained operator understands how to perform the testing and what to do if the chlorine levels need to be increased. They also understand that a free chlorine residual result below 0.05 mg/L or a combined chlorine residual result below 0.25 mg/L must be reported as an adverse test result.

A trained person is a person who is a certified operator or who in the preceding 36 months has successfully completed a course approved by the ministry that relates to the operation and routine maintenance of drinking water systems. A correspondence course entitled *Operation of Small Drinking Water Systems* has been approved for this purpose.

Chlorine residual readings are not required on a day on which all Designated Facilities and all public facilities served by the system are closed.

Respectfully Submitted

Janice Hensel

CAO/Clerk
# Township of Pelee
## List of Accounts for Approval
### As of July 27, 2020

**Report Date:** 7/23/2020 3:57 PM  
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Certified Correct This July 23, 2020

Mayor, Raymond Duniche					Treasurer
The Corporation of the Township of Pelee  
Regular Meeting of Council  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION  

Date: July 27, 2020  

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"Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby consents to the following item:  

i. Disbursements as at July 23, 2020 in the amount of $56,276.19."

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MAYOR-Raymond Durocher CAO/Clerk-Janice Hensel

The above is a certified to be true copy of resolution number 2020 –  

Janice Hensel  
CAO/Clerk
Oshawa City Council considered the above matter at its meeting of June 22, 2020 and adopted the following recommendation:

"Whereas on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization and the Canadian Government declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and,

Whereas on March 12, Ontario ordered schools closed and by March 17, began a more extensive shut down; and,

Whereas the pandemic has led to the closure of public spaces and the cancellation of events around the world throughout the country our province and right here within our own community, causing great stress on the arts sector; and,

Whereas local cultural organizations such as the Oshawa Folk Arts Council representing over 13 member clubs and organizations, as well as the many local service groups such as the Oshawa Rotary Club, have all been forced to cancel major events (i.e. Fiesta Week; Rib Fest; etc.) which historically contribute in large part to the fundraising and operational financing efforts of these sociocultural entities; and,

Whereas the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario have committed they through the Canada Council for the Arts will continue to work with the Government of Canada, as well as provincial, territorial, and municipal partners, to ensure the strength of the sector; and,"
Whereas at present, the Canada Council’s for the arts priorities as are our collective governing priorities are to ensure the health and safety of people across Canada and around the world and to work towards the sustainability and recoverability of the arts sector; and,

Whereas a significant period has past without further indication as to what tools, funding measures, or financial support our local social cultural, service clubs, and children/youth minor sporting originations can readily access to help support their operating costs and programming,

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Federal, Provincial, and Regional Government help local municipalities assist their local social cultural, service clubs, and children/youth minor sporting originations with clear and definitive relief funding programs directed to help sustain the afore mention groups through these trying times inflected on them by the affects of COVID-19; and,

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, all Ontario Municipalities, all Members of Provincial Parliament, all Members of Parliament and Association of Municipalities of Ontario and Federation of Canadian Municipalities.”

Oshawa City Council respectfully requests your consideration of the above noted matters.

If you need further assistance concerning this matter, please contact Ron Diskey, Commissioner, Community Services Department at the address listed on Page 1 or by telephone at 905-436-3311.

Mary Medeiros
City Clerk

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c. Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament
Ontario Municipalities
To whom it may concern

Our not-for-profit organization was formed in 2019 with the goal of conserving barns of cultural heritage significance in Ontario. In order to fulfill this goal, we have been conducting research and analysis on a variety of topics, including Planning Policy frameworks which either help or hinder the conservation of barns.

It has come to our attention that many municipalities are demolishing heritage barns during the process of severance of surplus farm dwellings. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a brief summary of our findings regarding how existing Planning Policies at the Municipal and Provincial levels impact these cultural heritage resources. We hope that this will help to provide insight on how these policies may be managed in the future so that the conservation of significant cultural heritage resources can work in cooperation with planning for new development.

Barns have potential to be identified as significant cultural heritage resources and may be worthy of long-term conservation. According to PPS, significant cultural heritage resources shall be conserved:

2.6.1 Significant built heritage resources and significant cultural heritage landscapes shall be conserved.

Under Ontario Regulation 9/06, cultural heritage resources demonstrate significance related to legislated criteria including design/physical value, historical/associative value and contextual value.

Although they may not have the same functionality they once did, we believe our heritage barns are an important part of Ontario’s cultural history and rural landscape.

- They serve as landmarks in the countryside
- They have the potential to be reused and repurposed, sometimes into agriculture-related uses as municipalities search for value-added opportunities for farmers
- They have historic value for research of vernacular architecture and cultural history of areas and communities in Ontario
- They are a testament to the early farmers and pioneers in our province
- They convey an important sentiment and image to our urban counterparts about the hardworking farm community
- They contribute to agritourism in both a functional and an aesthetic way. Some European countries fund maintenance of rural landscape features such as buildings, hedge rows and fences for the very purpose of world-wide tourism and cultural heritage protection
- They are useful for small livestock or other small farm operations

We have recognized a growing trend in Ontario, where barns are seen as good candidates for conservation and adaptive re-use. Barns can be made new again and communicate their history while serving a new purposes. Barns can be made into single detached residences, Craft breweries, agro-tourism related destinations, and more.
In an effort to recognize the significance, historic and cultural value of these buildings, Ontario Barn Preservation was formed March 30, 2019. This not-for-profit organization is reaching out to barn owners, local and county historical societies, authorities, and the general public, to recognize the value of these amazing buildings. Often these barns are close to their original condition when they were built between the early 1800s and the early 1900s.

We understand the planning and building code regulations that municipalities enforce. There are often conflicting priorities, resources required for enforcement, and provincial goals and protection to uphold. The following provides a review of key policies of Provincial Policy Statement (PPS 2014), OMAFRA and Ontario Building Code regulations which creates difficulties in the conservation of barns. We hope these solutions from other municipalities have implemented might be considered in your municipality.

*POLICY ITEM 1: “New land uses, including the creation of lots, and new or expanding livestock facilities shall comply with the minimum distance separation formulae.”* – Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) 2.3.3.3

**POLICY ANALYSIS**

Barns that remain with a dwelling on a smaller severed residential lot are already in compliance with MDS setbacks since there would be no new odour conflict. If this landowner wants to house animals a Nutrient Management Plan/Strategy is required for anything over 5 Nutrient Units (NU, this is equivalent to 15+ beef feeders, OR 5+ medium-framed horses, 40+ meat goats, or 5+ beef cows), and are required to have a plan for manure removal either on their own property or in agreement with another land owner as per the OMAFRA Nutrient Management Plan/Strategy Guidelines. Any livestock count under 5NU does not require a Nutrient Management Plan. Although the capacity of these heritage barns is generally above 5 NU, in practice it is unlikely an owner would exceed this number because heritage barns are not usually that large and owners of this type of property are likely to only have a hobby-size operation.

On the other hand, barns that do not remain with a dwelling on a smaller severed residential lot, but remain on the larger retained agriculture lot often immediately become a violation of the MDS setbacks should that barn house livestock, or potentially house livestock. However unlikely this may be due to the nature and condition of the barn for livestock housing, it is a possibility. Many barns could house up to 30 Nutrient Units, or more, depending on the size of the barn. This capacity would require a separation distance from the house on the new severed lot much larger than existing to allow the barn to remain standing. Thus barns on the larger retained agriculture lot have limited options to avoid demolition.

**POSSIBLE RESOLUTION:**

The MDS guidelines state that a building must be “reasonable capable of housing animals” in order for MDS to be triggered. Therefore, a barn that is in a decrepit state is automatically exempted from MDS as it cannot house livestock. Thus the barn can be severed off from the dwelling without MDS implications.

However, some barns are not in a decrepit state and are the ones that are worth saving. If the barn is to remain on the retained agriculture lot, it needs to be prevented from being used as a livestock facility to be exempt from MDS. This can be done by removing water, stalls, electricity to the barn and make it “incapable of housing animals”.

Some municipalities have had the livestock restriction written into the special conditions of the zoning amendment exception. Two examples are

1. that the barn not be permitted to hold livestock. For example “A livestock use shall be prohibited in any farm buildings existing on the date of passage of this by-law.”
2. The amendment can also be used to only restrict the quantity of livestock in the barn as such as 1.2NU (animal nutrient units) per hectare “Notwithstanding their General Rural (RU1) or Restricted Rural (RU2) zoning, those lots 4.0 hectares (9.9 ac.) in size or less shall be limited to no more than 1.25 nutriant units per hectare (0.5 nutrient units per acre). Minimum Distance Separation Guidelines shall apply.”

The Ontario Building Code does not differentiate between agricultural buildings for livestock vs. implements storage, therefore a change of use of this type is not clearly defined as a possibility through the building code. A change of use permit could also be undertaken to change the occupancy of the building from agriculture to part 9. However, this solution is costly and prohibitive for most Owners.

We feel that the best case of survival for the barn is to include it with the severed residential lot. If the barn is to be severed with the residential lot we feel that the barn best use is for animals within compliance with the MDS requirements. Some municipalities use a minimum lot size required for livestock (but you have to be willing to sever that lot size where appropriate). We recommend that these smaller lots be permitted to house animals. These lots are ideal for starting farmers, CSA’s, and value-added farm operations. The owners of these smaller lots are often in a position to invest in restoration of our heritage barns.

**POLICY ITEM 2**: A residence surplus to a farming operation as a result of farm consolidation, provided that:

“1. the new lot will be limited to a minimum size needed to accommodate the use and appropriate sewage and water services;” - PPS 2.3.4.1c

**POLICY ANALYSIS**

Provincial policy has limited the lot creation size to only accommodate the water and sewage to maintain large lots and maximum land remaining for agriculture uses.

**POSSIBLE RESOLUTION**

Many municipalities use a minimum and maximum lot size rather than the above strict guideline to determine the lot line and review each severance on a case by case basis.

The Ministry of Environment provides “reasonable use guidelines” on lot size for sewages systems. These guidelines recommend that a lot should have a “Reasonable Use Assessment” be done to ensure that the lot is adequately sized for septic systems. A rule of thumb that has been used is clay soil lots should be a minimum of 2 acres, and a lot with sandy soil be 1 acre.

However, we would recommend that this statement be reviewed at a provincial level and we would encourage you to contact the provincial policy department to review this statement.
POLICY ITEM 3: Designation of severed lot to be zoned "non-farm" and permitted uses as "non-farm" dwelling

POLICY ANALYSIS

Provincial policy does not dictate the residential lot be "non-farm". In fact, the PPS states that

"Proposed agriculture-related uses and on-farm diversified uses shall be compatible with, and shall not hinder, surrounding agricultural operations."

We would argue that the "non-farm" designation does create an incompatible use, encouraging non-farming residents, but it also limits the possible use of the small land for small scale farm operations within Prime Agriculture Zones.

POSSIBLE RESOLUTION:

Provide a zoning category for small lots that are sized to permit limited livestock, alternative and value-added agriculture operations. These can also be separate provisions within your existing rural or agricultural designations. For example Provisions for lots larger than 10 acres, and lots less than 10 acres.

POLICY ITEM 4: Change of Use for the building to not permit livestock.

POLICY ANALYSIS

A change of use to non-livestock building is a challenging proposition. The building code does not differentiate between livestock agriculture building and implement agriculture building. This change of use permit is quite simple and would not require any investment or structural upgrade by the owner.

If a change of use to a non-agriculture building is required, it would fall into part 9 of the building code (unless other uses are proposed). This upgrade would often require significant structural reinforcement and investment by the owner. Most owners would not be willing or in a position to invest this type of capital on a building that does not have function in a farm operation, nor for a residential property owner, also without a major purpose for the building other than storage, garage, or workshop.

This Change of Use requirement will most likely end with the demolition of the barn when required.

POSSIBLE RESOLUTION:

Change of use is only required to limit the use of the barn for livestock. This can be achieved by removing water and stalls from the building. The barn remains an existing agriculture building but unable to "reasonably house animals" (see issue 1 above for further details or options).

CONCLUSION

We hope that you will consider our review of Provincial and Municipal Planning Policy as it relates to any future Reviews of Official Plans, Comprehensive Zoning By-laws, and approaches to the conservation of built heritage resources related to agricultural use.
Too often we see these community raised historic structures in poor condition with loose boards flapping in the wind, roofs caved in, or just a mass of timbers and roofing decaying into the ground. On behalf of Ontario Barn Preservation, we encourage you to help find ways to prevent the further unnecessary demolition of our heritage barns especially in relation to surplus farm dwelling severances. It is our hope that barns of significant cultural heritage value are conserved for future generations.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, and we hope to hear from you in the future.

Regards,

Krista Hulshof, Vice President, architect.

Questions can be directed to Krista at 519-301-8408 or krista@veldarchitect.com
July 21, 2020

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Re: Emancipation Day Resolution

Please be advised the Council of the Municipality of Chatham-Kent at its regular meeting held on July 20, 2020 passed the following resolution:

That Chatham-Kent Council acknowledges and supports the following Private Members Bill put forward by Majid Jowhari; M-36, *Emancipation Day*, 43rd Parliament, 1st Session that reads as follows:

That the House recognizes that:

a) The British Parliament abolished slavery in the British Empire as of August 1, 1834

b) Slavery existed in the British North America prior to its abolition in 1834

c) Abolitionists and others who struggled against slavery, including those who arrived in Upper and Lower Canada by the Underground Railroad, have historically celebrated August 1, as Emancipation Day

d) The Government of Canada announced on January 30, 2018 that it would officially recognize the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent to highlight the important contributions that people of African Descent have made to Canadian society, and to provide a platform for confronting anti-black racism; and

e) The heritage of Canada's people of African descent and the contributions they have made and continue to make to Canada; and that in the opinion of the House, the government should designate August 1 of every year as "Emancipation Day" in Canada
That support for this motion is sent to our Member of Parliament and all House of Commons representatives. And that support for this motion be sent to all Municipalities."

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Judy Smith at ckclerk@chatham-kent.ca

Sincerely,

Judy Smith, CMO
Director Municipal Governance
Clerk /Freedom of Information Coordinator

C

All House of Commons Representatives
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Majid Jowhari, MP

Hon Wanda Thomas Bernard
Senator- Nova Scotia (East Preston)

Lianne Rood, MP, Lambton-Kent-Middlesex

Dave Epp MP Chatham-Kent –Leamington

C Ontario Municipalities
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PELEE
BY-LAW: 2020 – 22
“CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS”
(July 27th, 2020)
A by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council

WHEREAS the Municipal Act 2001, as amended, states that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Pelee wishes to confirm the proceedings and business conducted by Council;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Pelee does hereby enact as follows:

1. That the action of the Council at its Council meeting held on the 27th day of July, 2020 in respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by Council is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed; save and except resolutions resulting from closed meetings.

2. That the Mayor and the proper Officers are hereby authorized and directed to execute all documents as may be necessary and the Clerk is authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal to all such documents.

3. That this by-law shall be cited as the "Confirmation of Proceedings By-law" (July 27th, 2020)

4. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of passing thereof.


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MAYOR, Raymond Durocher

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CAO/Clerk, Janice Hensel