

**TOWNSHIP OF PELEE**  
**Regular Meeting of Council**  
**Monday, August 24, 2020, 8:00 pm**  
**Electronic Meeting**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - a. **Regular Meeting of Council, August 10, 2020.**  
(CHANGES or CORRECTIONS from Council)
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**
4. **Delegations:**
  - a. **Jill Crosthwaite, Nature Conservancy of Canada** – Annual Update and to provide information on Wetland Project;
  - b. **Rick Masse, on behalf of the Pelee Island Co-operative** – Requesting council support and partnering on an application to the Green Municipal Fund – Federation of Canadian Municipalities for on-going remediation of its property located at Scudder Marina.
  - c. **Sam Arabo, Transport Canada** - Update on Divestiture of the Pelee Island Scudder Wharf.
5. **Reports**
6. **Action Reports**
  - a. **Mayor Raymond DuRocher:**
    - i) **Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island & Southwest Ontario Tourism Corporation**– Requesting Council support for the creation of a multi-year tourism strategy for the Island to assist it in becoming a premier tourism destination in our region.  
(QUESTIONS from Council to Mayor Durocher for clarification)
  - b. **Deputy Mayor David Dawson:**
    - i) **Report on Luncheon with Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;**
    - ii) **Transportation Update**  
(QUESTIONS from Council to Deputy Mayor Dawson for clarification)
  - c. **Councillor David DeLellis:**
    - i) **Requesting a resolution of support for the erection of a 140' tower at the East Side Water System within the municipal campground, and a 160' tower at 182 West Shore Road to help support a broadband initiative for the Island.**  
(QUESTIONS from Council to Councillor DeLellis for clarification)
  - d. **Drainage Superintendent: Eric Chamberlain**
    - i) **Report No. 2020 – 20 – EC: Update on the West Branch Drain No. 1 and Drain No. 2 of the Big Marsh project.**  
(QUESTIONS from Council to Drainage Superintendent for clarification)
7. **Consent Reports**
  - a. **Treasurer –**
    - i) **Disbursements Report as at August 19, 2020 in the amount of \$77,034.76;**
    - ii) **To Authorize Municipal Property Tax Write-offs for the 2020 Taxation Year;**  
(QUESTIONS from Council to Treasurer for clarification)

**8. Recognitions**

From Mayor Durocher

- a. To Recognize the community contribution and efforts of the members of the Canada Day Committee;

**9. Communications and Petitions**

- a. **Corporation of the Town of Amherstburg and the Corporation of the City of Elliot Lake** - Advising of support for the City of Owen Sound's resolution regarding Emancipation Day.  
(QUESTIONS from Council)
- b. **Pelee Island Winery** – Expressing Support for the creation of a tourism based strategic plan in co-operation with Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island (TWEPI) and the Southwest Ontario Tourism Corporation.  
(QUESTIONS from Council)
- c. **Cathy and Kevin Miller, The Wandering Dog Inn** - Expressing Support for the creation of a tourism based strategic plan in co-operation with Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island (TWEPI) and the Southwest Ontario Tourism Corporation.  
(QUESTIONS from Council)

**10. Scheduled Motions**

**Action Motions**

- a. To Receive Report 2020 19 – JH and agree to proceed, in partnership with Windsor Essex Pelee Island (TWEPI) and the Southwest Ontario Tourism Association (SWOTA) in the creation of a multi-year tourism strategy for the Island to assist it in becoming a premier tourism destination in our region.  
(QUESTIONS from Council)
- b. To receive report from Deputy Mayor Dawson regarding Luncheon with Premier Doug Ford;  
(QUESTIONS from Council)
- c. To receive report from Councillor David DeLellis and support for the erection of a 140' tower at the East Side Water System within the municipal campground, and a 160' tower at 182 West Shore Road to help support a broadband initiative for the Island.  
(QUESTIONS from Council)
- d. To receive report Report No. 20 – EC providing an update on the West Branch Drain No. 1 and Drain No. 2 of the Big Marsh project.  
(QUESTIONS from Council)

**Consent Motions**

- a. Township of Pelee consents to pass the following:
  - i. Disbursements Report as at August 19, 2020 in the amount of \$ \$77,034.76.
  - ii. To Authorize Municipal Property Tax Write-offs for the 2020 Taxation Year;  
(QUESTIONS from Council)

**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 2020-26; Being a By-Law to Confirm Proceedings.**

**15. Adjournment**



THE CORPORATION OF THE

*Township Of Pelee* DATE August 24, 2020

**Regular Meeting of Council Minutes  
Monday August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 8:00 pm  
Electronic Meeting**

**NO.** 2. a.

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

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

Other: Members of the Public

1. **Call to Order**  
 Meeting called to order at 8:00 p.m.
  - a. Regular Meeting of Council Agenda, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
 Moved By: Councillor Dayne Malloch  
 Seconded By: Councillor Dave DeLellis
2. **Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes**
  - a. Regular Meeting of Council, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020.  
 Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis  
 Seconded By: Councillor Dayne Malloch
3. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**  
 None
4. **Delegations**  
 None
5. **Reports**
6. **Action Reports**
  - a. Councillor Dave DeLellis
    - i) Resolution to support applications to the Improving Connectivity for Ontario Program; and, the soon to be released Universal Broadband Fund on behalf of the municipality in partnership with Gosfield Communications.
  - b. Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk – Janice Hensel

- i) Transfer Payment Agreement for funding of eligible Operating and Capital costs related to the 2019 Spring Flood through the Municipal Disaster Recovery Program (MDRA).
    - c. Treasurer and Deputy Clerk – Michelle Feltz
      - i) Term Loan Renewal Agreement with Libro Credit Union – Marina;
- 7. **Consent Reports**
  - a. Treasurer – Michelle Feltz
    - i) Disbursements Report as at August 6, 2020 in the amount of \$420,553.06;
    - ii) Report No. 18 – MF – Financial Summary and Budget to Actual as at July 31, 2020.
- 8. **Recognitions**
  - a. Mayor Ray Durocher recognized Ontario Parks and Janet Chesterfield for recent Lighthouse Point and Fish Point Nature Reserve trail updates.
- 9. **Communications and Petitions**
  - a. **Essex Region Conservation Authority** - Requesting all member Municipalities endorse appointments to the Essex Region Source Protection Committee:
    - i) The council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee received the communication from the Essex Region Conservation Authority and carried Resolution 2020 – 96.
  - b. **Corporation of the Town of Mono and the Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay – Manitoulin Island** - Advising of support for Town of Orangeville’s resolution encouraging the Solicitor General implement common training requirements for all members of Police Services in Ontario as it relates to diversity, empathy and use of force.
    - i) The council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee received the communication from the Corporation of the Town of Mono and the Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay.
  - c. **Corporation of the Township of South Glengarry** – Requesting support of resolution asking the Provincial Government to provide funding to increase full-time positions in place of casual and part-time labour in long-term care facilities; And Further that the Ministry of Long term Care regularly inspect and ensure sound infection control measures are put in place.
    - i) The council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee received the communication from the Corporation of the Township of South Glengarry.

10. **Scheduled Motions**

**Action Motions**

- a. Resolution 2020 – 96 was CARRIED  
 Moved By: Councillor Dayne Malloch  
 Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson

“WHEREAS, As required by the Clean Water Act, 2006, the Essex Region Source Protection Authority (ERSPA) has an established Source Protection Committee (SPC), which follows the guidance of Ontario Regulation 288/07 (O.Reg 288/07).

AND WHEREAS Municipal Councils are asked to endorse all municipal candidates prior to their formal appointment by the Essex Region Source Protection Authority as a regular SPC member.

THEREFORE, Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby endorses the following individuals’ appointment to the Essex Region Source Protection Committee:

- Albert Dionne, Town of Lakeshore, appointment date: September 10, 2020; expiration of appointment September 10, 2025.

- Ian Wilson, City of Windsor, appointment date: September 10, 2020; expiration of appointment September 10, 2021.

- Nelson Santos, Union Water Supply System, appointment date: September 10, 2020; expiration of appointment November 30, 2022.”

- b. Resolution 2020 – 97 was CARRIED  
Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis  
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson

“WHEREAS the Township of Pelee does not have access to affordable, fast or reliable internet services AND recognizes that a dedicated investment in broadband infrastructure is critical to the economic and social prosperity of Pelee Island.

AND WHEREAS:

- This lack of connectivity severely limits:
  - the commercial viability of the island community;
  - hampers growth of tourism sector;
  - limits resident’s access to public services such as health care and education;
  - disadvantaged quality of life for residents;
- Low population density, geography and technology limitations can make it too expensive for private sector providers to expand their networks.
- This lack of service was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the mandated isolation. The inability to access services was detrimental to the lives of island residents, students, and businesses.

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby approves the submission of its application to the *Improving Connectivity for Ontario Program* in partnership with Gosfield

Communications and the soon to be released Universal Broadband Fund on behalf of the municipality in partnership with Gosfield Communications”

**Consent Motions**

- a. Resolution 2020 – 98 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 consents to the following item:

- i. Disbursements Report as at August 6, 2020 in the amount of \$ \$420,553.06.”

- b. Resolution 2020 – 99 was CARRIED  
Moved By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette  
Seconded By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

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

- i. Report No. 2020 – 18 MF – Financial Summary and Budget to Actual as at July 31, 2020.”

11. **Deferred Matters**  
None

12. **Enquires**  
None

13. **Emergent Matters**  
None

14. **By-Laws**

- a. Resolution 2020 – 100 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 adopts the third and final reading of By-Law 2020 – 23; Being a By-law to enter into a Transfer Agreement with HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO, as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.”

- b. Resolution 2020 – 101 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 – 24; Being a By-law to enter into a Term Loan Renewal Agreement with Libro Credit Union pursuant to By-Law No. 2015-33.”

- c. Resolution 2020 – 102 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 – 25; Being a By-Law to Confirm Proceedings.”

**15. Adjournment**

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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**Raymond Durocher,  
Mayor**

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**Janice Hensel,  
CAO/Clerk**



**AGENDA**

**DATE** August 24, 2020

**NO.** 4. a.

**Re: NCC update to council**

Jill Crosthwaite [REDACTED]

**To:** Janice Hensel

Hi Janice,

Here is a brief description of my presentation.

Jill Crosthwaite from the Nature Conservancy of Canada will give an overview of the big wetland project on their property at the corner of Browns and Henderson. It will include a description of the design, the habitat to be created and plans for future visitor access. She will also briefly cover some other NCC projects on the island, including the outcome of the Phragmites control work at Lake Henry last fall.

## AGENDA

DATE August 24, 2020

NO. 4. b.

### Green Municipal Fund Application Partnership

Rick Masse [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, August 20, 2020 12:15 PM

To: [Janice Hensel](#); [Michelle Feltz](#)

Janice:

Can you please place me on the agenda for Monday's council meeting to request the Municipality partnering with the Co-op on a second FMC Green Municipal Fund application for the Scudder Harbour Remediation project. I will be prepared to answer any questions from Council and/or municipal administration concerning the Scudder Harbour Area Remediation.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Rick Masse

**Premier Ford Luncheon  
Thursday August 13, 2020**

**DATE** August 24 2020

**Background**

**NO.** (c. b. i)

- Pelee Council has long desired to bring examples of factors limiting growth and items that affect the Township's sustainability to the Premier of Ontario
- Deputy Mayor Dawson met with MPP Rick Nicholls and staff in the Chatham Constituency office on Friday March 6th, 2020. Presented Rick with a document outlining Pelee's concerns. We clearly expressed the need to take these concerns to a higher level (attached?)
- Following up on a rumour that Premier Ford would be visiting Leamington and Kingsville in mid-July, we contacted Leamington Mayor Hilda MacDonald to see if we could get a 3 minute face-to face meeting with Premier Ford to request a 45 minute face-to face meeting in the near future. Hilda referred us to Rick Nicholls' office.
- We made the request and were advised that the Premier's office would contact us directly. The morning of the Premier's Leamington visit Anish Dwivedi, Special Advisor to the Premier, Intergovernmental Affairs and Protocol contacted Deputy Mayor Dawson by phone explaining that we would not be granted our 3 minute face-to-face.
- Pelee was advised to submit to Anish our concerns and opportunities so he and his staff could do some background work on the issues prior to a potential meeting with Premier Ford.
- Since that July 16th phone conversation, Pelee has been in regular contact with the Premier's staff, providing a wide range of information, resulting in an invitation to the Premier's Windsor Luncheon on Thursday August 13th

**Premier's Luncheon**

- Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson attended the luncheon representing the Township of Pelee along with the Mayors of Windsor, Tecumseh, LaSalle, Lakeshore, Essex, Kingsville, Leamington and Chatham-Kent
- Prior to the meeting, the Mayors held a Zoom call to identify the key message(s) that were to be delivered to the Premier at the meeting.
- The new Regional Hospital and Shoreline were the two main topics identified
- The invitees arrived at the meeting shortly after noon and I was able to thank each of them for including the Township of Pelee in this regional approach and found all of them to be very supportive of Pelee Issues. Pelee, as a significant tourist attraction and an international border crossing, will be key in the economic rebound, especially in the area of tourism and hospitality in their view
- Prior to the start of the luncheon, Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson and Essex County Warden Gary McNamara were able to meet with Associate Minister Kinga Surma, Associate Minister of Transportation (GTA). Pelee had met with Minister Surma at ROMA in 2019 while she was a parliamentary assistant to then Transportation Minister, Jeff Yurek. We found that Minister Surma was well briefed on regional issues
- Warden Gary McNamara spent a significant amount of time explaining the need for broadband on Pelee Island. The Western Warden's Caucus had just endorsed an upcoming application for broadband for Pelee.

- Deputy Mayor Dawson was able to spend significant time before, during and after the luncheon with the Premier's staff ensuring they had a clear understanding of Pelee's concerns and opportunities
- Premier Ford arrived, we were seated and he went around the table and greeted each attendee individually. When it was Pelee's turn, Premier Ford emphasized that his father had hunted pheasants on Pelee for several years. We invited Premier Ford to come to Pelee at any time.
- During the luncheon, each attendee had the opportunity to talk directly to the Premier. As per our pre luncheon Zoom meeting Pelee supported the construction of the new hospital and moved on to the shoreline issue
- We emphasized that as a 42 sq. Km Island in the middle of Lake Erie, shoreline was a crucial issue.
- We emphasized that in the last 2 years, Pelee had spent over \$700,000 on emergency repairs with no Federal or Provincial support. Emphasized that this was from an annual property tax revenue base of just over \$1.7 million. Pelee has put their money where their mouth is. We asked for Provincial resources, guidance, advice and support. Premier Ford acknowledged the need for shoreline protection across Ontario.
- Leamington Mayor Hilda MacDonald nailed Premier Ford on his promise to meet with her separately (for lunch) to discuss Leamington issues. Premier Ford acknowledged the promise and he expects to be in the region regularly over the next two years as we approach the 2022 Provincial election. Premier Ford feels strongly that the region would benefit from a "blue" MPP
- Mayor MacDonald will make every effort to include Pelee when such a meeting takes place. Both Mayor MacDonald and Mayor Santos see Kingsville/Leamington/Pelee Island as a key sub-region that can be an effective lobbying unit especially in the area of Tourism/Hospitality and as an International point of entry.
- Pelee was asked to attend a second event, Connecting Links Message Event later that day. I apologized for not being able to attend due to reduced ferry capacity especially during the Thursday to Sunday period. Reservations are a valuable commodity.
- Separately, I asked Warden Gary McNamara, as chair of PITSAC, to call a meeting. None of the PITSAC committee members had received a reply to our request for a meeting
- The Township of Pelee was the only Municipality to present the Premier, the Minister and the Premier's staff with a "takeaway" document further detailing Pelee's concerns and opportunities.
- The Premier's staff emphasized that they were able to provide the Premier a solid briefing package prior to the luncheon and thanked Pelee for the background work.
- Special thanks to Pelee Admin, Janice, Michelle and Kristine for putting the official package together and getting to me in a timely manner
- I will be following up with the Premier's staff over the week of August 17th to better understand the next steps to get a face-to-face with Premier Ford.



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## **Meeting with the Honourable Premier Doug Ford**

**Thursday, August 13, 2020**

### **PURPOSE:**

### **PROVINCIAL FACTORS AFFECTING THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PELEE**

#### **CURRENT STATUS:**

- The Township of Pelee is a single tier, island municipality located in Lake Erie.
- The total permanent population of the island is 235 living in 79 households. Seasonal and transient population may exceed 1,500.
- The Township is accessible by ferry vessel from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup> and by plane during the winter and may be considered geographically remote.
- The economy of the island is largely Agriculture and Tourism. The assessment diversification is 94% Residential.
- 29% of total assessment is exempt due to Nature Conservancy of Canada ownership or Essex Region Conservation Authority easements.
- The island is made up of 18% formally protected areas including 58% of Natural Habitat, 27% forest cover and 32% natural cover.
- The Township is as resilient as possible but has foundational issues that will continue to affect future financial performance, such as:
  - A decreasing/stagnant assessment base as a result of the inability to secure permits for any development on the island due to provincial regulatory burden relating to flood plain management and natural heritage/endangered species approvals;
  - Limited opportunities to increase non-tax revenues;
  - Impacts of unforeseen expenses and/or lost revenue;
- Suggest Temporary and/or permanent amendments to legislation to capitalize on tourism opportunities and encourage economic growth such as:
  - Incent educational partnerships and/or eco-based development opportunities on Pelee to capitalize on its unique geographic location as the most southern point in Canada and an international border crossing;
  - Incent tourism-based development and related infrastructure that will increase and support visitor traffic to the island;

## **ISSUE ONE:**

### **Critical need for shoreline protection to safeguard municipal infrastructure**

**Shoreline protection requirements of Pelee Island are beyond the financial capacity of the Township and cannot be address without infrastructure grant funding.**

**Inclusion of priority project categories within infrastructure grant funding programs that adequately address environmental issues and the impacts of climate change will be required to address this need.**

### **Background:**

- In 2020, the Township included \$600K in emergency capital shoreline protection improvements;
- A detailed risk assessment estimates that approximately \$10M dollars is needed for immediate repairs to shoreline protection within the Township with a significant portion being critical.
- Municipal infrastructure is at risk especially along the west shore which is the main access road to municipal, medical, and transportation services.
- The Township generates approximately \$1.7M in own purpose taxation and receives 2.7% of its total operating budget via unconditional grant payments through the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund.
- Costs to fortify the existing shoreline protection are beyond the financial capacity of the municipality.
- The Disaster Mitigation and Climate Adaptation Fund (DMAF) required a minimum project cost of \$22M.
- The National Disaster Mitigation Program (NDMP) was discontinued in 2018. The Township was successful in receiving funding through Stream 1 and Stream 3 of this program. Its Stream 4 application for small structural work was not approved.
- There are no currently infrastructure grant programs to address shoreline protection at a cost share that is financially feasible for the municipality.

## **ISSUE TWO:**

**A dedicated investment in broadband infrastructure is critical to the economic and social prosperity of Pelee Island.**

### **Background:**

- Low population density, geography and technology limitations can make it too expensive for private sector providers to expand their networks.
- The Township of Pelee does not have access to affordable, fast or reliable internet services.
- This lack of service was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the mandated isolation. The inability to access services was detrimental to the lives of island residents, students, and businesses.
- This lack of connectivity severely limits:
  - the commercial viability of the island community;
  - hampers growth of tourism sector;
  - limits resident's access to public services such as health care and education;
  - disadvantaged quality of life for residents;

- The Township intends to submit applications under the Improving Connectivity for Ontario Program and the soon to be released Universal Broadband Fund; however, the Township has limited resources to devote to connectivity as it faces numerous other challenges maintaining and enhancing its core infrastructure which includes water, roads and bridges and shoreline protection.

### **ISSUE THREE:**

#### **Engineered Flood Plain Management Plan**

**Support the consideration of an engineered flood line to remove areas of the Township from the Regulatory floodplain to remove barriers and permit new development to assist the Township to become more sustainable.**

**Permitting for new construction, repairs to existing construction and/or simple window replacement in the Township is an unduly burdensome process that may take years.**

**Economic development opportunities are lost during this process and many homes have fallen into a state of disrepair as permits have been declined by provincial regulatory bodies.**

**The Township cannot become more sustainable if opportunities for increased tax revenues and a more diversified tax base are continually opposed by regulatory bodies.**

**Consider expanding existing mitigation policies permitted under legislation related to the preservation of natural heritage features and endangered species on Pelee to encourage and support development opportunities in strategic areas of the island.**

#### **Background:**

- The Township recognizes that the flood plain is an important tool for land use planning and emergency management.
- The regulatory flood plain is the approved standard used in a particular watershed to define the limit of the flood plain for regulatory purposes. In locations where the flood plain remains undeveloped, the risk to life and property is considered to be reduced.
- Permitting for new construction, repairs to existing construction and/or simple window replacement in the Township is an unduly burdensome process that may take years.
- Often economic development opportunities are lost during this process and many homes have fallen into a state of disrepair as permits have been declined by provincial regulatory bodies. This coupled with Environmental Regulations makes building on the island nearly impossible.
- Current flood plain management requirements severely limit residential development which adversely impacts the assessment base of the Township and its financial sustainability.
- The Township has undertaken significant flood remediation and mitigation works that meet MNR guidelines. These efforts support the consideration of an engineered flood line to remove areas of the Township from the Regulatory floodplain.

## **ISSUE FOUR:**

### **Transportation**

- Pelee Island is an International Border Crossing – By Air and By Water.
- As the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, responsible for relations between Ontario, other provinces and territories and the Canadian government advocate for recognition and support of this crossing.

### **Background:**

#### **Municipal Airport**

- The Township operates an international airport (aerodrome) which is a popular point of entry into Canada for private and business aircraft. The municipal airport also provides the only access to the island from December 1 – April 1 each year.
- The Township has been unable to access Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) funding and is dependent on its airport infrastructure for winter access.
- Requesting advocate for Reform of the Airport Capital Assistance Program (ACAP) to provide more funding and modern criteria that better matches the needs and realities of small airport capital or run the risk of air services declining for Canadians living in small communities.

#### **Divestiture of Wharf – Transport Canada**

- Transport Canada is divesting the wharf property located at Scudder Marina and is currently negotiating with the Township of Pelee to acquire it and improve international water crossing.

#### **Neighbourhood Electric Vehicle and/or Low Speed Vehicle Program**

- Previously requested in August 2019.
- Understandably, movement on this request has been delayed due to COVID-19 response; however, we are asking you to revisit this request for implementation for the 2021 tourist season.
- The Township of Pelee is essentially a self-contained community consisting of approximately 69 km of roadways with a maximum average speed limit of between 35 km/hr and 50 km/hr.
- One of the main pillars of the Township's economy is tourism. The impacts of COVID, as well as international border closures, have crippled the tourism industry on the island.
- The use of neighbourhood electric vehicles and/or low speed vehicles will help to create a new brand of marketing and business opportunity for Pelee in the wake of COVID.
- Alternative transportation on the island will provide opportunities for the tourism sector and promote environmentally friendly transportation; help reduce air pollution and reduce reliance on conventional fuel which must be barged to the island at a significant cost.
- The permitted use of neighbourhood electric vehicles and or low speed vehicles will also reduce transient vehicular traffic which places an increased financial burden on the municipality related to increased road maintenance costs and the degradation of municipal roads infrastructure attributed to the visiting, tourist population.
- The Township is home to one of the highest concentrations of endangered species in Ontario.
- In July 2017, the Province launched a new pilot to permit low speed vehicles (LSVs) to operate on Ontario's roads.
- The pilot is intended to evaluate the use of LSVs over a ten-year period.
- The Province of British Columbia currently allows neighbourhood electric vehicles and low speed vehicles to operate on public roads and has conducted recent pilot programs.



## **ISSUE FIVE:**

### **Funding Programs**

#### **Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund**

- Consider an equitable Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) funding formula that is responsive to the needs of small, remote and rural municipalities located in Southwestern Ontario – similar to that of Northern Ontario.
- Consider a funding strategy independent of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund that would address unique issues specific to small, rural and isolated municipalities and correlated to specific provincial requirements and outcomes.
- AMO has estimated the average municipality receives approximately 20% of its total operating budget in OMPF funding and that that amount increases as the size of the municipality decreases.
- The Township receives approximately \$96,700 in OMPF funding which is 2.5% of its total operating budget of \$3.8M.
- Over the last 5 years the Township has raised its own purpose tax rate by more than 30%.
- The average municipal taxes as a percentage of per household income (property tax burden) is 5.9% and is among one of the highest in Ontario and well above the provincial average of 3.6%.
- The Township has an assessment base which is 92% Agricultural and Residential.
- A 1% residential tax rate raises an additional \$17,000.
- The average residential assessment is approximately \$295K. This is driven by several large, high value seasonal homes which skew the average and decrease funds to the municipality under the Assessment Equalization component of the OMPF current funding formula.
- Request to consider amendments to the OMPF program criteria for the Northern and Small Communities grant component to include all municipalities with a population < 1000 and households < 500 regardless of their geographic location; It is understood the program is under review and our CAO has been participating in discussions; however, this too has been delayed by COVID response.
- Consider funding formulas that are not based entirely on the average assessment values for communities with total households below 500 and are dominated by seasonal properties.

#### **Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program**

- Approximately 30% of the island is in conservancy and is exempt from taxation or subject to the Conservation Lands Tax Incentive Program.
- Provide financial compensation to the Township to recognize its efforts to protect the environment, for the entire province:
- Offset the loss of tax revenue for lands classed as exempt under the Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program;
- Ease regulatory planning requirements for Pelee Island relating to natural heritage features and endangered species to recognize current conservation commitment and permit orderly development consistent with Township planning policies and the Provincial Policy Statement.

## **Other Items for Discussion:**

### **Hydro Service Provision**

- Hydro One supplies electricity to the island.
- Power is supplied to the island by cable which runs under the lake, from the island to mainland Leamington. Current Service is outdated and unreliable and has resulted in intermittent services which is detrimental to the health and safety of residents, particularly in winter months.
- In 2019 islanders have been operating on Hydro One supplied generator power since for two months.
- The lack of service negatively impacts growth. Current service provision is unable to sustain existing power requirements effectively and prohibits new development.
- In 2011, Hydro One was party to an appeal to the previous Ontario Municipal Board to stop a potential resort development due to the lack of adequate electrical power supply.
- A new electrical supply line is required for the island that will ensure a level of service provided to all residents of Ontario at reasonable rates. Potential exists to bring fibre to the island at the same time.

### **Policing**

- When the new OPP billing model was introduced - the Township experienced a 236% increase in police service costs. With an overall operating budget of T2M this is an exorbitant increase and beyond the financial capacity of the Township.
- The Township has been in discussions with the former government, and through delegations with both the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities conferences concerning the discrepancies and unfair billing model for OPP police services to the Township of Pelee.
- The Township does not receive policing services from December 1st to April 1st. As an island, accessible only by air in the winter there is no police presence. During the summer months OPP officers attend to our location primarily on weekends only (Friday - Sunday/holiday Mondays).
- The Township has advised the Minister of the Solicitor General, responsible for provincial policing, it will not pay the annual increase until such time as equal services are provided to the island or an agreement is reached on a cost that reflects the level of service currently provided to the Township.
- To date, the Township has withheld approximately \$290K in increased policing costs pending a resolution to the issue.
- The Township is hopeful these funds might be better spent on addressing its critical infrastructure needs.

Respectfully submitted by:

David Dawson  
Deputy Mayor  
Township of Pelee

DATE August 24, 2020NO. (a. b. ii)

**Pelee Island Ferry Service Notice**  
August 20, 2020

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Ferry Service will operate out of Kingsville effective Tuesday, September 8:

Pelee Island ferry service will move mainland operations from the Leamington ferry terminal to the Kingsville ferry terminal on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Ferry services will continue to operate from Kingsville for as long as possible through the fall harvest.

Please note that at some point later in the season the Pelee Islander 2 will need to return to Leamington for final passenger ramp fitting purposes. Notice of the move back to Leamington will be given as early as possible but will be entirely dependent on the progress of the passenger ramp construction.

# AGENDA

DATE August 24, 2020

August 20, 2020

Report from Councillor DeLellis

NO. (e. c. i)

**SUBJECT: Requesting a resolution of support for the erection of a 140' tower at the East Side Water System within the municipal campground, and a 160' tower at 182 West Shore Road to help support a broadband initiative for the Island.**

Applications have been made for approval of both these locations to Nav Canada and Transport Canada in order for them to rule on the air traffic pattern.

A council resolution is one of the requirements under the applications.

There will be no cost to the Township.

**Report No: 2020 – 20 – EC**

**Date: August 20, 2020**

**Submitted By: Contract Drainage Superintendent**

**Subject: Big Marsh Drainage Scheme – Drain No. 2 and West Branch Drain No. 1**

– Update

**Attachments: N/A**

**Purpose (Information/Action):** To provide an update on the Drain No. 2 and West Branch Drain No. 1 Project.

**DATE** August 24, 2020  
**NO.** (6. d. i)

## **Overview**

The contractor, Rivard Excavating and Bulldozing Ltd. has commenced on the stage 2 of the Drain No. 2 and West Branch Drain No. 1 of the Big Marsh Drainage System. The work to be completed in Stage 2 consists of the following:

- Biologist Inspection for Endangered Species with attention to Endangered Mussels – Lilliput Mussels
- Brushing and Tree Removal for the remainder of Drain No. 2
- Excavating and spreading material on the lands adjacent to the Drain No. 2
- Creation of Habitat Piles with the brush and trees from Center Dyke Road to East Shore Road.
- Improvement to Bridge No. 4 for the Ryersee Property

As of Friday, the contractor had completed the excavating along Center Dyke Road. The contractor has made the turn on the Henderson Cut and was heading east towards Henderson Road. In addition, the contractor has leveled and cleaned up the banks along West Branch Drain No. 1.

The Biologist Company, Natural Resource Solutions has returned to complete the search and relocation of mussels encountered in the project site. As of Friday, 70 Giant Floater Mussels, 20 paper pondshells and 57 Lilliput Mussels. The biologist were able to relocate the mussels in the Drain No 1 near bridge at Ruggles Run and Center Dyke Road. The biologist is continuing to search for mussels through the excavated spoils. This also means that the biologist will be required to return next year to complete 1 year monitoring of the mussels in the relocation site. Furthermore, all future larger canal maintenance and improvement projects will require potential research and relocation of mussels.

This project also included the repair of tile outlets that the contractor locates during the course of works. The contractor has not been able find as many as provided in the tender documents. Based on the tender, the tile outlets amounted to 97 tile outlets in the sum of \$64,435.00 Based on visual inspection, there are approximately 29 tile outlets and of the 29 found, only 14 need to be repaired in the sum of \$11,290. Therefore, there is \$53,145 remaining value that could be utilized to offset the cost of the Biologist works or to complete other drainage works.

In addition to the amount in tile repairs, the contract provide from the installation of rock rip rap for rocks chute, spillways and general erosion. Based on the tender, the bank erosion amounted

to \$44,000 to complete these works. There are 3 major washouts along the Center Dyke Road that should be repaired. The washouts are measure approximately 50 metres would amount approximately \$17,500. There may be a couple more location to complete during the course of the drain.

### **Financial Impacts**

Currently, there will be opportunities in this project to see a potential saving in the construction portion of Drain No 2 and West Branch Drain No 1 project. The Biologist work on mussels has seen a reduction in work due to not finding mussels in 2019. The Biologist cost will remain to be line with their quote submission.

### **Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

1. The report from the Drainage Superintendent dated August 20, 2020 regarding Big Marsh Drainage Scheme – Drain No. 2 and West Branch Drain No. 1 Updates **BE RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.**

# AGENDA

Report Date  
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Township of Pelee  
List of Accounts for Approval  
As of 8/19/2020  
Batch: 2020-00092 to 2020-00094

DATE August 24, 2020 Page 1

Payment #	Date	Vendor Name	Reference	Payment Amount
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**Bank Code: General - General Bank Account**

NO. 7. a. i)

Computer Cheques:

4713	8/17/2020	Bell Canada Public Access	Payphone-Airport	56.50
4714	8/17/2020	Bell Canada,	Watt Line	14.45
4715	8/17/2020	Bondy Auto & Truck Centre	Annual/Maint-Fire Truck/Rescue	3,550.26
4716	8/17/2020	Delage Landen Financial Serv.	Copier Lease	75.65
4717	8/17/2020	Reimbursement	2020 Ad Refunds	211.88
4718	8/17/2020	JBj Trucking	Water Testing Delivery	52.88
4719	8/17/2020	LandmarkEngineers Inc.	Engineering Services-Shoreline	19,101.17
4720	8/17/2020	Munisoft	Stationary/supplies	485.52
4721	8/17/2020	Pelee Island Services	West Washroom Repair	101.70
4722	8/17/2020	Pitney Bowes	Postage Metre Leasing	194.48
4723	8/17/2020	Pitney Works	Reset Meter	2,280.60
4724	8/17/2020	Pollard Distribution Inc.	Dust Suppressant	12,222.62
4725	8/17/2020	Ruthven Auto Towing & Repairs	Equipment-Friends of Pelee	762.76
4726	8/17/2020	Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Is	2020 TWEPI Funding	7,000.00
4727	8/17/2020	WFS Ltd.	paper towel	100.28
4728	8/17/2020	Xerox Canada Ltd.	B405DN printer	62.08
4729	8/19/2020	McAsphalt Industries Limited	Roads Maint	2,516.68
4730	8/19/2020	Metcon	Equip Maint-Water	3,469.10
4731	8/19/2020	Vollans, E. R.	Repair and parts	1,356.00

Other:

2020299-Man	8/10/2020	Bell Conferencing Inc.	conference line	33.90
2020300-Man	8/10/2020	OMERS	Monthly Remittances	7,833.52
2020301-Man	8/12/2020	Bell Canada	Campground	133.66
2020302-Man	8/11/2020	Bell Canada	Big Marsh (N) Phone	74.42
2020303-Man	8/11/2020	Bell Canada	Transfer Station	74.42
2020304-Man	8/11/2020	Bell Canada	Marina	200.16
2020305-Man	8/11/2020	Bell Canada	Office Fax	51.88
2020306-Man	8/11/2020	Bell Canada	Airport Phone	74.42
2020307-Man	8/11/2020	Bell Canada	Office Emerg Line	65.44
2020308-Man	8/11/2020	Bell Canada	Roads	122.91
2020309-Man	8/11/2020	Bell Canada	Curry Marsh Phone	82.27
2020310-Man	8/11/2020	Bell Canada	Farm Phone	74.42
2020311-Man	8/11/2020	Bell Canada	WSW Phone	130.76
2020312-Man	8/11/2020	Bell Canada	Big Marsh (W) Phone	74.42
2020313-Man	8/11/2020	Bell Canada	Office	330.66
2020314-Man	8/11/2020	Grand & Toy	supplies	158.06
2020315-Man	8/12/2020	GFL Environmental Inc.	Bin Rental/Swap - Tires	7,914.35
2020316-Man	8/14/2020	Green Shield Canada	Benefits	5,987.86
2020317-Man	8/17/2020	Grand & Toy	supplies	2.62

Total for General: 77,034.76

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Township of Pelee  
**List of Accounts for Approval**  
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Certified Correct This August 19, 2020

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Mayor, Raymond Durocher

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Treasurer



The Corporation of the Township of Pelee  
 Regular Meeting of Council  
**COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

Date: August 24, 2020

Resolution 2020 –	
Moved by:	Seconded by:

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

- i. Disbursements as at August 19, 2020 in the amount of \$77,034.76.”

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE		
CARRIED		YES	NO
DEFEATED			
DEFERRED			
REFERRED			
PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED			
RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)			
WITHDRAWN			
MAYOR-Raymond Durocher		CAO/Clerk-Janice Hensel	

<p>The above is a certified to be true copy of resolution number 2020 –          Janice Hensel          CAO/Clerk</p>
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The Corporation of the Township of Pelee  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**DATE** August 24, 2020

Date: August 24, 2020

Resolution 2020-	<b>NO.</b> To a. ii)
Moved by:	Seconded by:

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to approve the following write-offs for the 2020 taxation year:

ROLL NUMBER	ADDRESS	REASON	TOTAL TAXES(\$)
3701 020 000 00100 9801	370 North Shore Road	Pumping Station	\$751.83
3701 050 000 01100 0000	Centre Dyke Road	Township Owned	\$2,747.62
3701 050 000 01600 9801	611 West Shore Road	Pumping Station	\$120.29
	172 South Shore Road		
3701 060 000 00200 9801	Road	Pumping Station	\$2,586.30
<b>Total Amount</b>			<b>\$6,206.04</b>

RESOLUTION RESULT	RECORDED VOTE	YES	NO
CARRIED			
DEFEATED			
DEFERRED			
REFERRED			
PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED			
RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)			
WITHDRAWN			
MAYOR – Raymond Durocher	CAO-Janice Hensel		

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

Janice Hensel  
CAO/Clerk



# The Corporation of The Town of Amherstburg

August 14, 2020

VIA EMAIL

Chris Lewis, Member of Parliament  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, Ontario,  
Canada  
K1A 0A6  
[Chris.Lewis@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Chris.Lewis@parl.gc.ca)

**AGENDA**

DATE August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Mr. Lewis:

**RE: Support for Private Member's Bill M-36 – Emancipation Day** NO. 9. a.

At its meeting of August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Council passed the following resolution for your consideration:

**“That Administration BE DIRECTED to send correspondence in support of the City of Owen Sound’s resolution regarding Emancipation Day and that the House of Commons 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 the 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 1st as Emancipation;
- 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 peoples of African descent and the contributions they have made and continue to make to Canada and in the opinion of the House, the Government should designate August 1 of every year as "Emancipation Day" in Canada.”

Enclosed is a copy of the City of Owen Sound's resolution for convenience and reference purposes.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Fowkes', written in a cursive style.

Tammy Fowkes  
Deputy Clerk, Town of Amherstburg  
(519) 736-0012 ext. 2216  
[tfowkes@amherstburg.ca](mailto:tfowkes@amherstburg.ca)

**cc:**

Taras Natyshak, MPP  
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Robert Auger, Town Solicitor, Legal and Legislative Services/Clerk - Town of Essex  
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Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
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Jamie Eckenswiller, Deputy Clerk City of Owen Sound  
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All Ontario Municipalities

July 31, 2020

Alex Ruff, Member of Parliament  
Bruce – Grey – Owen Sound  
1102 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East, Suite 208  
Owen Sound, ON N4K 2J1

Dear Mr. Ruff:

**Re: Support for Private Member's Bill M-36 – Emancipation Day**

At its Regular meeting held on July 27, 2020, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Owen Sound considered the above noted matter and passed Resolution No. R-200727-023 as follows:

R-200727-023

**"THAT Owen Sound City 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:**

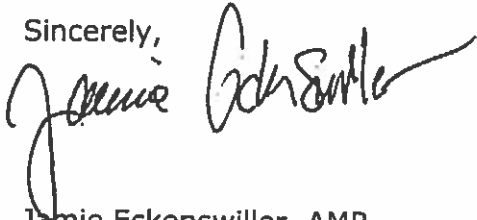
- a. **The British Parliament abolished slavery in the British Empire as of August 1, 1834;**
- b. **Slavery existed in the British North America prior to the abolition in 1834;**
- c. **Abolitionists and others who struggled against slavery, including those who arrived in Upper and Lower Canada by the Underground Railroad, have historically celebrated August 1st as Emancipation;**
- 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;**
- e. **The heritage of Canada's peoples of African descent and the contributions they have made and continue to make to Canada and in the opinion of the House, the Government should designate August 1 of every year as "Emancipation Day" in Canada.";** and

**THAT support for this motion be sent to the Member of Parliament for Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound and all House of Commons representatives; and**

**THAT support for this motion be sent to all municipalities in Ontario."**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamie Eckenswiller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jamie Eckenswiller, AMP  
Deputy Clerk  
City of Owen Sound

cc. All Members of the House of Commons  
All Ontario Municipalities

**THE CORPORATION OF  
THE CITY OF ELLIOT LAKE**

**DATE** August 24, 2020

**CERTIFIED TRUE COPY**

**NO.** 90 a

Moved By: T. Turner  
Seconded By: L. Cyr

THAT the City of Elliot Lake Council acknowledges and supports the following Private Member Bill put forward by Majid Jowhari: M-36, Emancipation Day, 43rd Parliament, 1 Session that reads as follows:

"THAT the House recognizes that:

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

Slavery existed in the British North America prior to the abolition in 1834; Abolitionists and others who struggled against slavery, including those who arrived in Upper and Lower Canada by the Underground Railroad, have historically celebrated August 1st as Emancipation;

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 important contributions that people of African descent have made to Canadian society, and to provide a platform for confronting anti-Black racism;

The heritage of Canada's peoples of African descent and the contributions they have made and continue to make to Canada and in the opinion of the House, the Government should designate August 1 of every year as "Emancipation Day" in Canada; and

THAT support for this motion be sent to the Member of Parliament for Algoma and all House of Commons representatives; and

THAT support for this motion be sent to all municipalities in Ontario.

Resolution No. 249/20 Carried Mayor Dan Marchisella



Certified True Copy.

*Natalie Bray*

City Clerk August 14, 2020



PELEE ISLAND  
WINERY

DATE August 24, 2020

455 Seacliff Drive, County Road 20, Kingsville, Ontario N9Y 2K5  
519-733-6551 • 1-800-597-3533 • Fax 519-733-6553  
www.peleeisland.com

9. b.

August 19, 2020

**Township of Pelee Island**

Dear Mayor Durocher and Council of the Township of Pelee Island:

It has been brought to our attention that Tourism Windsor Essex Pelee Island (TWEPI), along with the Regional Tourism Organization, Ontario's Southwest, is proposing to partner with the Township of Pelee Island in the creation of a tourism-based strategic plan.

We wish to express to the Council of the Township of Pelee Island that as a stakeholder in the tourism market on Pelee Island, we support an initiative of this nature.

From attending stakeholder sessions to contributing to the planning of timelines and directives, Pelee Island Winery would be committed to participating in this process. This would include being available to the Township of Pelee Island's project lead post strategic planning to establish the accountability of directives leading to success of Pelee Island as a tourism destination.

We look forward to hearing the outcome of Council's decision.

Sincerely,



for Walter Schmoranz  
President

# AGENDA

Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2020 9:59 AM

To:

Cc:

DATE August 24, 2020

NO. 9. C.

Dear Mayor Durocher,

We are writing today to lend support for the creation of a tourism strategy as proposed by Gordon Orr of TWEPI in coordination with Ontario Southwest.

As tourism operators on the island we see firsthand what travelers need and what attracts tourists to Pelee Island. A formal plan with actionable items that this council endorses, could allow our community to realize the economic and social benefit of a viable tourism industry.

Pelee Island is naturally suited to be a top destination in Ontario if not Canada. The future sustainability of the island depends on prioritizing a well supported tourism industry. From CBSA agents and OST staff to vineyard farming and small business ownership; the majority of the jobs on the island are connected to tourism in some fashion. Building a responsible tourism industry doesn't come at the expense of quality of life for ratepayers: it should enhance it. What's good for tourists can also be good for landowners and vice versa. There is an opportunity to find common ground.

We would welcome any opportunity to contribute positively to shaping a future tourism plan for Pelee Island and look forward to seeing a workable plan come together. We hope council will move forward with open minds and a commitment to progress.

Sincerely,

Cathy + Kevin Miller  
InnKeeps  
The Wandering Dog Inn

**DATE** August 24, 2020

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
PELEE**

**NO.** 14, a.

**BY-LAW: 2020 – 26**

**"CONFIRMATION OF PROCEEDINGS"**

**(August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020)**

A by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council

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**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 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 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" (August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020)
4. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect on the date of passing thereof.

**READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.**

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**MAYOR, Raymond Durocher**

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**CAO/Clerk, Janice Hensel**