

TOWNSHIP OF PELEE
Regular Meeting of Council Minutes
Monday February 8, 2021 5:30 pm
Electronic Meeting

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

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

Other: Members of the Public

1. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

- a. Regular Meeting of Council Agenda, February 8, 2021
Moved By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson

2. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

- a. Regular Meeting of Council, **January 11, 2021.**
Moved By: Councillor Dayne Malloch
Seconded By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations

None

5. Reports

- a. Mayor Durocher:
i) Discussion – Stone Road Alvar Burn Webinar.
- b. Councillor David DeLellis:
i) Resolution to approve the submission of its application to the Universal Broadband Fund in partnership with Gosfield North Communications.
- c. Councillor Dayne Malloch:
i) Resolution to endorse Kevin Webb as the City of Windsor’s appointment to the Essex Region Source Protection Committee.
- d. Treasurer and Tax Collector – Michelle Feltz:

- i) Presentation: 2021 Tax Modeling;
 - ii) Resolution to extend waiver of penalties and interest to February 28, 2021.
- e. Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk – Janice Hensel:
 - i) Service Delivery Review – Update
 - 1. Township of Pelee Service Delivery Review consultation is now completed.
 - 2. Strategic priorities are being finalized.
 - 3. SDR will be brought to Council shortly to determine its priorities.
 - ii) Destination Marketing Plan – Update
 - 1. Draft Destination Marketing Plan has been finalized and the implementation plan is now in progress.
 - 2. A formal presentation will be presented to Council shortly.
 - iii) Letter to Prime Minister – American Property Owners
 - 1. The Council of the Township of Pelee sent a letter to the Prime Minister, Premier and other officials in July 2020 regarding consideration for American property owners to be able to cross the border and access their properties on Pelee Island.
 - 2. Council in favour and gave the direction to administration to be updated and submitted this letter again to the Prime Minister, Premier, local MP and MPP, Canada Border Service Agency, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario requesting the Prime Minister consider amending “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.

6. Consent Reports

- a. Treasurer – Michelle Feltz:
 - i) Report 2021 – 03: Financial Summary and 2020 Capital Budget.
 - ii) Disbursements Report as at February 4, 2021 in the amount of \$112,625.50.

7. Recognitions

- a. Mayor Ray Durocher: in memory of the passing of Jacques McCormick.

8. Communications and Petitions

- a. **Pelee Island Businesses and Organizations** – Pelee Islander 2 service start date for the 2021 season.
 - i) Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from the Pelee Island Businesses and Organizations.
 - ii) Direction given to Administration to discuss this matter with the Ministry of Transportation.
- b. **Statistics Canada** – Advising the next census will take place in May 2021 and seeking support to increase awareness of the census among residents.
 - i) Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from Statistics Canada.

Resolution 2021 – 14 was CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca. Accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.”

- c. **Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry** – Requesting the Province of Ontario allow small business to immediately re-open providing all COVID-19 safety protocols and guidelines are in place.
 - i) Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry.

Resolution 2021 – 15 was CARRIED
Moved By: Councillor Dayne Malloch
Seconded By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby support the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry, requesting the Province of Ontario allow small business to immediately re-open providing all COVID-19 safety protocols and guidelines are in place.”

- d. **Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay – Manitoulin Island** –Resolution in support of the Municipality of Charlton and Dack requesting the Province investigate the unethical practices of preferred vendors and remuneration levels despite Covid 19 delays.
 - i) Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from the Corporation of the Town of Gore Bay.
- e. **Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing** – Expressing support for resolution by the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex seeking to address concerns regarding municipal drainage matters and the co-ordination with the national railways.
 - i) Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from the Corporation of the Municipality of West Nipissing.
- f. **Corporation of the Township of Augusta** – Requesting the Province of Ontario to reverse its decision to close the Ontario Fire College as it is the best and most cost-effective method for municipalities to train firefighters and assists in protecting residents.
 - i) Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from the Corporation of the Township of Augusta.
- g. **Norfolk County** – Expressing support for resolution by the City of St. Catherine’s requesting amendments to Bill 197 as it pertains to landfill sites.

- i) Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from Norfolk County.
- h. **Corporation of the Township of Asphodel Norwood** –Requesting the Province amend deadlines respecting requirements that all municipalities prepare and adopt a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan by July 1, 2021.
 - i) Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from the Corporation of the Township of Asphodel Norwood.
- i. **Essex Region Conservation Authority** – 2020 Annual Report.
 - i) Communication received by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from the Essex Region Conservation Authority.

9. **Scheduled Motions**

Action Motions

- a. Resolution 2021 – 10 was CARRIED
 Moved By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette
 Seconded By: Councillor Dayne Malloch

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby approves the submission of its application to the **Universal Broadband Fund** in partnership with Gosfield North Communications.”

“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.”
- b. Resolution 2021 – 11 was CARRIED
 Moved By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson
 Seconded By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette

“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby endorse the appointment of Kevin Webb, City of Windsor to the Essex Region Source Protection Committee effective April 14, 2021; expiration of appointment: April 14, 2026.”

- c. Resolution 2021 – 12 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 receive the presentation presented by Treasurer, Michelle Feltz: 2021 Tax Modeling.”

- d. Resolution 2021 – 13 was CARRIED
Moved By: Councillor Dayne Malloch
Seconded By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette

“Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves that no late payment charges on property tax accounts and accounts receivable in either form, penalty and/or interest, through the period ending February 28, 2021. In the absence of additional financial relief measures, interest and penalties will be calculated on all past due balances as of March 1st and the first of every month thereafter.”

Consent Motions

- a. Resolution 2021 – 16 was CARRIED
Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis
Seconded By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette

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

- i. Report 2021 – 03 MF: Financial Summary and 2020 Capital Budget Report.”

- b. Resolution 2021 – 17 was CARRIED
Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson

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

- i. Disbursements as at February 4, 2021 in the amount of \$112,625.50.”

10. Deferred Matters
None

11. Enquires
None

12. Emergent Matters

None

13. By-Laws

- a. Resolution 2021 – 18 was CARRIED
Moved By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette
Seconded By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

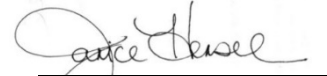
“Be it Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby adopts By-Law 2021 - 04; Being a By-Law to Confirm Proceedings.”

14. Adjournment

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 6:04 p.m.



**Raymond Durocher,
Mayor**



**Janice Hensel,
CAO/Clerk**