



TOWNSHIP OF PELEE
Regular Meeting of Council Minutes
Monday April 26, 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 5:32 p.m.

a. Agenda Additions and Changes:

- i) **Delegation:** Strategy Corp Inc.
 - i. Presentation of Draft Final Report – Township of Pelee – Service Delivery Review postponed until May 10th Regular Meeting of Council
- ii) **Reports:** Councillor Dave DeLellis
 - i. Addition to the agenda of verbal discussion on the new Pelee Island ferry service changes
- iii) **By-Laws:** By-Law 2021-12
 - i. Addition to agenda, being a By-Law to enter into an Extension Agreement with the Ontario Clean Water Association

b. Regular Meeting of Council Agenda, April 12, 2021

Moved By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette
Seconded By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

2. Confirmation of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. Regular Meeting of Council, **April 12, 2021**

Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis
Seconded By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette

b. Court of Revision – Drainage Act, **April 19, 2021**

Moved By: Councillor Sherri Smith Ouellette
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

4. Delegations

None

5. Reports

a. Councillor David DeLellis:

i) Pheasant Farm Updates

1. The Pheasant Farm Operating Budget has been updated to reflect the actual sales for the 2021 hunt
2. Based on the sales and current operations budget, there will be a positive outcome for the net surplus with the new hunt format established in 2021

ii) Ferry Service Changes

1. There is concern from all members of Council that major Pelee Island ferry transportation decisions are being made without input or decision with the Township
2. Council recognizes it is important to limit exposure of crew members to the public due to COVID-19, however it was argued that the focus is on service adjustment rather than adequate Covid-19 protocols to protect crew members
3. Councillor Dayne Malloch expressed that the new service changes do not fit turn around needs especially for construction and other workers travelling to and from the island
4. Councillor Dave DeLellis furthered this by stating that these changes work against the township, tax payers, residents, and businesses
5. Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson gave the directive to Administration to verify the current services offered for the Chi-Cheemaun by Owen Sound Transportation to compare
6. Councillor Dave DeLellis made the motion to send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Owen Sound Transportation.

Resolution 2021 – 43 was CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis

Seconded By: Councillor Dayne Malloch

“Be it Resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Pelee requests the Minister of Transportation acknowledge the Pelee Island ferry service as essential to the residents and economic sustainability of the island; AND FURTHER, that decisions affecting the provision of that service be discussed and resolved with the Township in a timely manner, observing the principles of partnership, open communication and transparency.

This resolution to be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and

Housing, MPP Rick Nichols and the Owen Sound Transportation Company.”

- b. Treasurer and Tax Collector – Michelle Feltz:
 - i) Proposed 2021 Capital Budget with Funding Sources
 - 1. Capital Budget includes items such as shoreline repairs, airport upgrades, equipment replacement, Service Delivery Review, trails, and East Park Campground and Scudder Marina upgrades
 - 2. Funding for these items includes grants, reserves, user charges, and a small portion from property tax
 - 3. Further budget deliberation will occur in May or June for both 2021 Capital and Operations Budgets

6. Consent Reports

- a. Treasurer – Michelle Feltz:
 - i) Disbursements Report as at April 23, 2021 in the amount of \$ 43,651.75.

7. Recognitions

- a. Mayor Durocher recognized the efforts of Township staff and our community partners in a successful COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

8. Communications and Petitions

- a. **Corporation of the City of Cambridge** – Requesting the Province of Ontario amend the Employment Standards Act to provide for minimum sick leave entitlements.
 - i) Communication received by the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from the Corporation of the City of Cambridge.
- b. **Point Pelee National Park** – Notice of Middle Island Conservation Management Activities.
 - i) Communication received by the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from Point Pelee National Park.
- c. **County of Norfolk** – Advising of support of resolution from the Municipality of Calvin regarding the application of carbon taxes on primary agriculture producers.
 - i) Communication received by the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from the County of Norfolk.
 - ii) Council has directed Administration to send a letter of support to the County of Norfolk and the Municipality of Calvin.
- d. **Corporation of the Township of Springwater** – Concerning the new Clean Fuels Standard and its impact on the Canadian farmer.
 - i) Communication received by the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from the Corporation of the Township of Springwater.
 - ii) Council has directed Administration to send a letter of support.
- e. **Rob Tymstra** – Request Council to consider Proposal for Island market location.
 - i) Communication received by the Corporation of the Township of Pelee from Rob Tymstra.

- ii) Some concern expressed with having a market so close to an important emergency driveway.
- iii) Administration has recommended deferring this decision to the May 10th Regular Meeting of Council due to the ongoing stay-at-home order.

9. Scheduled Motions

Action Motions

None

Consent Motions

- a. Resolution 2021 – 44 was CARRIED
Moved By: Councillor Dayne Malloch
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 April 23, 2021 in the amount of \$43,651.75.”

10. Deferred Matters

None

11. Enquires

- a. Councillor Dave DeLellis:
 - i) Pheasant Farm maintenance
 - 1. Due to recent storm damage, the pheasant farm nets have been damaged and staff has suggested to have them removed.
 - 2. Discussed that as the farm is not currently in use, it would not be good use of the capital budget to repair and maintain the farm, however it should be noted that if the decision is made in the future to repair the farm, costs may be higher if it is not continually maintained on an annual basis.
 - 3. Council gave the directive to staff to remove the damaged nets at the Pheasant Farm.
 - ii) Winter Pheasant & Coyote Hunts
 - 1. Question has been raised on whether or not the Township of Pelee will be offering winter pheasant hunts, therefore needing to maintain a pen at the farm as well as feed and care for the pheasants until their release.
 - 2. Decision on winter pheasant hunts deferred until closer to the fall hunting season.
 - 3. Possibility of coyote drive discussed.
 - iii) Dust Control
 - 1. Opportunity for storing dust control at the roads department in existing septic tanks allowing municipal staff to use as needed, discussed.

12. Emergent Matters

None

13. By-Laws

- a. Resolution 2021 – 45 was CARRIED
Moved By: Councillor Dave DeLellis
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Dave Dawson


“Be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby adopt By-Law 2021 – 12; Being a By-Law to enter into an Extension Agreement with the Ontario Clean Water Association.”


- b. Resolution 2021 – 46 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 - 13; Being a By-Law to Confirm Proceedings.”

14. Adjournment

Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 6:32 p.m.


Raymond Durocher,
Mayor


Janice Hensel,
CAO/Clerk