

The Municipality of  
**Powassan**

**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 16, 2019, at 7:00 pm**  
**Maple Room @ 250 Clark, Powassan**

**Present:** Peter McIsaac, Mayor  
Randy Hall, Deputy Mayor  
Debbie Piekarski, Councillor

**Absent:** Markus Wand, Councillor, with regrets  
Dave Britton, Councillor, with regrets

**Staff:** Lesley Marshall, Deputy Clerk

**Presentations:** None

**Disclosure of Monetary Interest and General Nature Thereof:** None

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| <b>2019-255</b> | Moved by: D. Piekarski      Seconded by: R. Hall<br>That the agenda of the Council meeting of July 16, 2019, be approved with the following amendments:<br>Remove      18.1, 18.2 – no closed session agenda  | <b>Carried</b> |
| <b>2019-256</b> | Moved by: R. Hall      Seconded by: D. Piekarski<br>That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 2, 2019, be adopted.  | <b>Carried</b> |
| <b>2019-257</b> | Moved by: D. Piekarski      Seconded by: R. Hall<br>That the memorandum dated July 12, 2019 from Deputy Clerk Kim Bester regarding the Almaguin Highlands Community Living request for parking spaces (70 King Street), be received, and further, that staff be directed to move forward with a lease – one (1) year term – to provide sufficient parking as regulated under the new zoning requirements. | <b>Carried</b> |
| <b>2019-258</b> | Moved by: R. Hall      Seconded by: D. Piekarski<br>That the progress report memorandum dated July 12, 2019 from Municipal Engineer Cody Munshaw regarding Main Street North reconstruction, be received.   | <b>Carried</b> |
| <b>2019-259</b> | Moved by: D. Piekarski      Seconded by: R. Hall<br>That Council approves the amended agreement between the Municipality of Powassan and Eastholme, Home for the Aged, to utilize 250 Clark Street as a temporary shelter option, in the event of an emergency localized to Eastholme only, as discussed at the Emergency Management Committee meeting of July 11, 2019.                                  | <b>Carried</b> |
| <b>2019-260</b> | Moved by: R. Hall      Seconded by: D. Piekarski<br>That the report dated July 16, 2019 from C. Munshaw, Public Works Engineer regarding the results of Tender 2019-04 – Culver Reline, be received, and further, that the recommendation to award the bid to Provincial Underground Services Ltd., be accepted.  | <b>Carried</b> |
| <b>2019-261</b> | Moved by: D. Piekarski      Seconded by: R. Hall<br>That the report dated July 16, 2019 from C. Munshaw, Public Works Engineer regarding the results of Tender 2019-01 – Paving, be received, and further, that the recommendation to award the bid to Pioneer Construction Inc., be accepted.  | <b>Carried</b> |

2019-262

Moved by: R. Hall                      Seconded by: D. Piekarski

That the report dated July 16, 2019 from C. Munshaw, Public Works Engineer regarding the results of Tender 2019-05 – Granular ‘A’, be received, and further, that the project be awarded to the low bid, Whitmell Ltd.

Carried

2019-263

Moved by: R. Hall                      Seconded by: D. Piekarski

That the correspondence dated July 11, 2019 from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) regarding confirmation of Federal Gas Tax transfers for 2019-2023, be received.

Carried

2019-264

Moved by: R. Hall                      Seconded by: D. Piekarski

**Whereas**, access to affordable and reliable broadband networks is an important part of everyday life and key to economic, education, social and health development and;

**Whereas**, communities outside urban centres face challenges in accessing internet service levels comparable to those in cities due to factors such as low population, distance and challenging terrain and;

**Whereas**, we believe future ICT infrastructure investment in our community would benefit from a holistic model that takes into account the connectivity needs of regional community partnerships rather than just one community and;

**Whereas**, this regional partnership should begin with a comprehensive needs analysis conducted by Blue Sky Net, a publically funded non-profit development corporation using their expertise and data based mapping tool- (BAIMAP—Broadband and Associated Infrastructure Mapping Analysis Project) and;

**Whereas**, from the analysis and public consultation Blue Sky Net will conduct, it will be determined where internet gaps remain while also acknowledging what may be the best technology to fill these gaps based on access to the closest ICT infrastructure like fibre or other existing network infrastructure and;

**Whereas**, once we determine priority areas we propose establishing three classes of gaps;  
1) gaps in fibre/backbone infrastructure,  
2) gaps in last mile/local access to business and residents and  
3) gaps in access in remote/very isolated area, and;

**Whereas**, the Federal and Provincial governments are proposing funding programs that will support the implementation of Broadband projects and will require this in-depth information, we would propose;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that, the Municipality of Powassan supports Blue Sky Net leading a steering committee to which a representative from Powassan will be appointed and that Blue Sky Net work with this committee during the period of analysis, funding application and any subsequent RFP engagement.

Carried

2019-265

Moved by: D. Piekarski                      Seconded by: R. Hall

That the correspondence dated July 11, 2019 from Hayden Wice regarding an invitation to Council to take a Historic Walking Tour of Powassan, be received.

Carried

2019-266

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: D. Piekarski

That the accounts payable listing reports dated July 5 & 12, 2019 in the total amount of \$324,242.31 83 be approved for payment.

Carried

2019-267

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: D. Piekarski

That Council now adjourns at 7:48pm.

Carried



Mayor



Deputy Clerk