

**Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 21, 2020, at 7:00 pm**  
**Council Chambers & Electronic Meeting, Powassan**

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

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

**Staff:** Maureen Lang, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer  
 Terry Lang, IT

**Presentations:** None

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

- 2020-208** Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton  
 That the agenda of the Council meeting of July 21, 2020, be approved as amended:  
 Add: 12.4 Pool  
 12.5 Housing **Carried**
- 2020-209** Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall  
 That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 7, 2020, be adopted. **Carried**
- 2020-210** Moved by: D. Piekarski Seconded by: R. Hall  
 That the minutes dated July 15, 2020, from the Municipal Emergency Control Group meeting, be received. **Carried**
- 2020-211** Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Piekarski  
 That the memorandum from Municipal Engineer, Cody Munshaw and the attached report from Antoine Boucher regarding Hummel Bridge Rehabilitation Study, be received;  
 And further, that we approve the estimated costs to complete the rehabilitation investigation proposed for a total cost of \$23,700.00 before applicable taxes, this amount being shared equally between the Township of Nipissing and the Municipality of Powassan. **Carried**
- 2020-212** Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall  
 That the memorandum from K. Bester, Deputy Clerk regarding the Valley View Drive East Road Allowance request be received, and further, that Council is agreeable to K. Bester investigating the costs associated to closing up and conveying the unopened road allowance to the residents. **Carried**
- 2020-213** Moved by: D. Piekarski Seconded by: R. Hall  
 That the Modernization & Efficiencies RFP be reposted, modifying to closer meet the funding we were approved for. **Carried**

**2020-214** Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: D. Piekarski  
That By-law 2020-20, being a By-law to stop up and close part of McKenzie Street north of Corkery Street, Plan M-9, Township of Himsworth, described as Part 1, 42R-21358, Municipality of Powassan.

**READ a FIRST and SECOND time, and considered READ a THIRD and FINAL time and passed as such in open council this, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.** **Carried**

**2020-215** Moved by: D. Piekarski Seconded by: R. Hall  
That By-law 2020-21, being a By-law to deem lots in a registered plan of subdivision no longer to be lots in a registered plan.

**READ a FIRST and SECOND time, and considered READ a THIRD and FINAL time and passed as such in open Council this, the 21<sup>st</sup> day July, 2020.** **Carried**

**2020-216** Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Piekarski  
**WHEREAS**, reliable, high speed, affordable access to the Internet and e-connectivity is imperative for Powassan residents, businesses, non-profit organizations and visitors; and

**WHEREAS**, internet and e-connectivity are changing how humans interact with each other and with the world at large, as well as being a driving force for the current and future economy; and

**WHEREAS**, internet and e-connectivity create opportunity for increased innovation for consumers, businesses, agriculture, government, education, social and health development; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities that prioritize and provide access to advance internet infrastructure such as fibre, are surpassing those that do not in terms of social, economic, and knowledge development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipality of Powassan does not have access to greater than 5 MBps internet service, which is well below the CRTC standard of 50/10 Mbps, and

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Council of Powassan acknowledges that access to the internet and e-connectivity is a crucial part of our community mission to promote public safety, health, well-being and prosperity in order to improve the quality of life for present and future generations,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality of Powassan supports Blue Sky Economic Growth Corporation's application to all government Broadband funding programs including the Provincial ICON Fund, that will seek to provide funding to Spectrum Telecom Group Ltd. to build a fibre and wireless access project in parts of the City of North Bay and South/East Region in the Districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound. **Carried**

**2020-217** Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton  
**That** our local city and town councils, big or small, rural or urban are on the front lines of some of the most pressing challenges facing Canada; and

**That** municipal workers are working hard to deliver the public services that keep us safe during the COVID-19 crisis; and

**That** municipal revenues are collapsing and unanticipated costs are soaring; and

**That** without financial help, cities and towns will be forced to cut vital local services our families and communities rely upon; and

**That** public transportation makes our communities more livable and fights climate change;

**Therefore**, the Municipality of Powassan requests that the Provincial and Federal Governments provide emergency operating funds to protect vital local services, including public transportation and emergency services.

**Carried**

**2020-218**

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: D. Britton

That the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) Quarterly Operations Report for the Powassan Water & Wastewater systems, be received.

Recorded Vote: Requested by D. Britton

Councillor Britton                      Yea

Councillor Hall                         Yea

Councillor Wand                       Absent

Councillor Piekarski                 Yea

Mayor McIsaac                         Yea

**Carried**

**2020-219**

Moved by: D. Piekarski

Seconded by: D. Britton

That the correspondence from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing dated July 8, 2020, regarding the proposed Bill-COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020, be received.

**Carried**

**2020-220**

Moved by: D. Piekarski

Seconded by: R. Hall

That the accounts payable listing reports dated July 6, 7, 8, 9, 13 & 14, 2020, in the total amount of \$238,599.37, be approved for payment.

**Carried**

**2020-221**

Moved by: D. Britton

Seconded by: R. Hall

That Council now adjourns to closed session at 7:43pm to discuss:

18.1 Adoption of Closed Session minutes of July 7, 2020

18.2 Identifiable Individual-Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act and under 6(1)(b) of the Procedural Bylaw-Matters regarding an identifiable individual.

18.3 Legal-Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act and under 6(1)(f) of the Procedural Bylaw-Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose.

**Carried**

**2020-222**

Moved by: D. Britton

Seconded by: R. Hall

That Council now reconvenes to regular session at 8:03pm.

**Carried**

**2020-223**

Moved by: D. Piekarski

Seconded by: R. Hall

That Council now adjourns at 8:03pm.

**Carried**

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Mayor

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CAO/Clerk-Treasurer