

The Municipality of  
**Powassan**

**Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday December 1, 2020, at 7:00 pm**  
**Fire Hall, Powassan**

**Present:** Peter McIsaac, Mayor  
Randy Hall, Deputy Mayor  
Markus Wand, Councillor  
Dave Britton, Councillor

**Absent:** Debbie Piekarski, Councillor, with regrets  
**Staff:** Maureen Lang, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer  
Terry Lang, IT

**Presentations:** None

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

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- 2020-363                      Moved by: D. Britton                      Seconded by: R. Hall  
That the agenda of the Regular Council meeting of December 1, 2020, be approved with the addition of:  
14.1 Rural Economic Development (RED) correspondence from MPP Vic Fedeli  
14.2 By-law 2020-29 Appoint Deputy Fire Chiefs                      **Carried**
- 2020-364                      Moved by: R. Hall                      Seconded by: D. Britton  
That the Consolidated Financial Statements for the Municipality of Powassan for the year ending December 31, 2019, be received.                      **Carried**
- 2020-365                      Moved by: D. Britton                      Seconded by: D, Britton  
That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 17, 2020, be adopted.                      **Carried**
- 2020-366                      Moved by: M. Wand                      Seconded by: R. Hall  
That the Public Works Committee minutes of November 17, 2020, be received.                      **Carried**
- 2020-367                      Moved by: R. Hall                      Seconded by: M. Wand  
That the correspondence dated November 26, 2020 from the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority, be received.                      **Carried**
- 2020-368                      Moved by: D. Britton                      Seconded by: M. Wand  
Whereas the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from Covid- 19 Act, Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act;  
And Whereas the proposed changes will limit Conservation Authorities ability to ensure people and property are protected from natural hazard and result in short and long term impacts to property and the environment;  
Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Powassan request the removal of Schedule 6 from Bill 229 to allow for provincial, municipal and conservation authority

level consultations on the implications of the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act;

And further that this resolution be circulated to all levels of government.

Carried

2020-369

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: D. Britton

That the minutes from the Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee meeting of November 18, 2020 be received.

Carried

2020-370

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: M. Wand

That the minutes dated October 26, 2020 from the Powassan and District Union Public Library Board, be received.

Carried

2020-371

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: M. Wand

That the draft minutes dated November 23, 2020 from the Powassan and District Union Public Library Board, be received.

Carried

2020-372

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: M. Wand

That the report on Powassan and District Union Public Library Board patron/resident data as it relates to a new contract and the associated percentages for municipalities, be received.

Carried

2020-373

Moved by: M. Wand

Seconded by: R. Hall

WHEREAS, installing tile drainage is a common land improvement practice among farmers in Ontario and the benefits of tile drainage for crop productivity, farm efficiency and even for reducing environmental impacts have been studied and are generally well known to farmers;

AND WHEREAS, the Tile Loan Program, authorized by the Tile Drainage Act, provides loans to agricultural property owners to help them finance these tile drainage projects; all tile loans have 10-year terms and repayments are made annually;

AND WHEREAS, the provincial government sets the program interest rate at a competitive level which was reduced from 8% to 6% in the fall of 2004 and the loan limit was also increased from \$20,000.00 to \$50,000.00 at the same time;

AND WHEREAS, interest rates have continued to decline over the years and the cost per acre for tile drainage has increased over the years;

NOW THEREFORE; be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of Powassan request the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to consider lowering the interest rate on Tile Drain Loans to 4% and increasing the yearly loan limit to \$100,000.00, and that this Resolution be forwarded to Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, MPP Victor Fedeli, and AMO.

Carried

2020-374

Moved by: M. Wand

Seconded by: D. Britton

That the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) Powassan Drinking Water Quality Management System 2020 Annual Report, be received.

Recorded Vote – Requested by: D. Britton

Councillor Hall            Yea

