

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, February 6, 2024, at 6:30 pm
Powassan Council Chambers

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

**Absent,
With Regrets:** Leo Patey, Councillor

Staff: B. Robinson, Treasurer/Director of Corporate Services
A. Quinn, Clerk

Presentation: Councillor Wendy Whitwell – Armour Township,
Chair of Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED)

Disclosure of Monetary Interest and General Nature Thereof:

P. McIsaac Item 12.1 Mentions Employer

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- 2024-22** Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: D. Britton
That the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of February 6, 2024, be approved with the following addition:
17.6 Labour Relations – Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act and under Section 9(4)(d) of the Procedural Bylaw – matters regarding labour relations or employee negotiations. **Carried**
- 2024-23** Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton
That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of January 16, 2024, be adopted. **Carried**
- 2024-24** Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
That the minutes from the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival committee meeting of January 24, 2024, be received. **Carried**
- 2024-25** Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton
That the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board’s Chief Administrative Officer’s Report dated January 2024, be received. **Carried**
- 2024-26** Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: R. Hall
That the minutes of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation committee meeting of December 19, 2023, be received. **Carried**

- 2024-27 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: M. Wand
That the minutes from the Powassan and District Union Public Library meeting of December 18, 2023, be received. **Carried**
- 2024-28 Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: M. Wand
That the minutes of the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority Special meeting of December 1, 2023, be received. **Carried**
- 2024-29 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
That the minutes of the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority meeting of December 13, 2023, be received. **Carried**
- 2024-30 Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: R. Hall
That the minutes of the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority Special Meeting minutes of January 8, 2024, be received. **Carried**
- 2024-31 Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton
That the minutes of the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority Source Protection Authority meeting minutes of August 16, 2023, be received. **Carried**
- 2024-32 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
That the memo from Public Works Foreman, T. Tennant, regarding scrap metal at the Municipal landfill, be received; and,

FURTHER that staff be directed to move forward with taking over scrap metal collection at the Municipal landfill as set out in T. Tennant's memo. **Carried**
- 2024-33 Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: M. Wand
That the memo from Treasurer/Director of Corporate Services, B. Robinson, regarding the 2023 Budget Variance, be received for information purposes. **Carried**
- 2024-34 Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: D. Britton
That Bylaw 2024-03, being a Bylaw to regulate special events on municipal highways,

Be **READ** a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time on the 16th day of January 2024 and to be **READ** a **THIRD** and **FINAL** time and considered passed in open Council on the 6th day of February 2024. **Carried**
- 2024-35 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
That Bylaw 2024-04, being a Bylaw to approve the Human Resource Policy Manual for the Municipality of Powassan,

Be **READ** a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time and considered **READ** a **THIRD** and **FINAL** time and adopted as such in open Council meeting this the 6th day of February 2024, for the immediate wellbeing of the Municipality. **Carried**

Mayor McIsaac left the Chair; Deputy Mayor Wand took the Chair.

2024-36

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
That the Connecting Link Service Agreement between the Municipality of Powassan and Fowler Construction Company be received; and,

FURTHER that staff be directed to bring back opportunities for discussion prior to the 2024-2025 season.

Carried

Mayor McIsaac returned to Chair.

2024-37

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: M. Wand
That the letter from Mr. Avdeyev dated January 24, 2024, regarding the intent to purchase McDonald Street, be received.

Carried

2024-38

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton
That the report from Councillor M. Wand regarding the Municipality of Powassan withdrawing from the North Almaguin Planning Board be received; and,

FURTHER that staff be directed to report back to Council with timelines and a strategy for the Municipality to become its own planning authority, at the March 19, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

2024-39

Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: D. Britton
That the report from Councillor M. Wand regarding a horse hitching post in the area of Memorial Park, be received; and,

FURTHER that staff be directed to obtain costs and bring a report back to Council. **Carried**

2024-40

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
That the correspondence dated January 19, 2024, from the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, regarding Crown Land Disposition in Northern Municipalities, be received.

Carried

2024-41

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton
That the correspondence dated January 22, 2024, from the Minister of Agriculture, Food and rural Affairs, regarding the Rural Economic Development program, be received. **Carried**

2024-42

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: M. Wand
That the correspondence from the Municipal Policing Bureau Commander of the Ontario Provincial Police regarding the OPP 2024 Annual Billing Statements, be received.

Carried

2024-43

Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: R. Hall
That the correspondence from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors be received; and,

WHEREAS, municipal public works departments from across the Province of Ontario provide invaluable services to our communities ensuring the health and safety of all residents;

AND WHEREAS, if it was not for our municipal public works employees from across the Province of Ontario maintaining our public roads systems, our communities would not be able to function as emergency personnel could not respond to calls, school buses could not get our children to school, residents would not be able to get to work, school or appointments and

many more basic functions would not be able to happen;

AND WHEREAS, municipal public works departments are already feeling the impacts of a labour shortage, which will only be exasperated over the next three to five years, which will cause levels of service municipalities are able to provide to ensure the health and safety of our residents to decrease;

AND WHEREAS, there is currently no provincial-wide course that properly trains potential municipal public works employees, specifically relating to municipal heavy equipment.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Powassan supports the work of the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to develop a Municipal Equipment Operator Course to address this issue;

AND THAT, the Council of the Municipality of Powassan calls on the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades to fully fund the Municipal Equipment Operator Course in 2024 through the Skills Development Fund;

AND THAT, a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Labour, Training, Immigration and Skilled Trades David Piccini, Municipality of Powassan's Member of Provincial Parliament Honourable Vic Fedeli, and the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors.

Carried

2024-44

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton
That the correspondence from Ms. Linklater of the Trout Creek and Area Pickleball Club regarding pickleball courts, be received.

Carried

2024-45

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
That the correspondence from Enbridge Gas Inc., regarding the Ontario Energy Board's decision on Phase 1 of the 2024 rebasing application, be received.

Carried

2024-46

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
That Council now adjourns to closed session at 8:03pm to discuss:

17.1 Adoption of Closed Session Minutes of December 5, 2023

17.2 Identifiable Individuals – Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act and under Section 9(4)(b) of the Procedural Bylaw – matters regarding an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

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17.5 Disposition of Land – Section 239(2)(c) of the Municipal Act and under Section 9(4)(c) of the Procedural Bylaw – matters regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the Municipality.

17.6 Labour Relations – Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act and under Section 9(4)(d) of the Procedural Bylaw – matters regarding labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried

2024-47

Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: R. Hall
That Council now reconvenes to regular session at 9:37 p.m.

Carried

2024-48

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
That Council now adjourns at 9:37 p.m.

Carried



Mayor



Clerk