

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 5, 2024, at 6:30 pm
Powassan Council Chambers

Present: Peter McIsaac, Mayor
Markus Wand, Deputy Mayor
Leo Patey, Councillor
Dave Britton, Councillor

Staff: Brayden Robinson, Treasurer/Director of Corporate Services
Kim Bester, Deputy Clerk

**Absent,
With Regrets:** Randy Hall, Councillor (Joined virtually, but does not count
towards quorum)

Presentations: None

Disclosure of Monetary Interest and General Nature Thereof: None

2024-314

Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: L. Patey
That the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of November 5, 2024, be approved, with the following addendum:

15.1 TCCC Temporary Support Details

15.2 Bylaw to Appoint a Protective Services Official

Carried

2024-315

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: M. Wand
That the memo from Deputy Clerk, K. Bester, regarding Towner Line seasonal maintenance, be received; and,

FURTHER THAT staff follow Council's direction based on comments from legal counsel.

Carried

2024-316

Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: L. Patey
That the minutes of the Regular meeting of Council of October 1, 2024, be adopted. **Carried**

2024-317

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey
That the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of October 30, 2024, be adopted. **Carried**

2024-318

Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: D. Britton
That the minutes from the Maple Syrup Festival Committee meeting of October 16, 2024, be received. **Carried**

- 2024-319** Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton
That the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board CAO's Report of October 2024, be received. **Carried**
- 2024-320** Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey
That the minutes from the Powassan and District Union Public Library meeting of June 17, 2024, be received. **Carried**
- 2024-321** Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: D. Britton
That the minutes from the Powassan and District Union Public Library Board meeting of September 16, 2024, be received. **Carried**
- 2024-322** Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: M. Wand
That the Powassan and District Union Public Library Budget Committee Report of August 12, 2024, be received. **Carried**
- 2024-323** Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: M. Wand
That the Municipality of Powassan supports the funding application being made to the Ontario Trillium Foundation – Grow Frant program, in the amount of \$100,000 (\$50,000 each year for 2 years) to foster physically active lifestyles for children and youth within the community.
- Funding will be used for the following:
- To expand our soccer program to an additional age group
 - To expand our T ball program
 - To initiate floor hockey programming
 - To initiate baseball programming
 - To initiate dance classes at 250 Clark
- Carried**
- 2024-324** Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey
That the memo from Deputy Clerk, K. Bester, regarding the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation, be received for information purposes. **Carried**
- 2024-325** Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: L. Patey
That the memo from Deputy Clerk, K. Bester, regarding the McDonald Street Transfer, be received; and,
- FURTHER THAT staff follow Council's direction based on comments from legal counsel. **Carried**
- 2024-326** Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: M. Wand
That the memo from Clerk, A. Quinn, regarding the Powassan Library Budget 2024 follow-up, be received for information purposes. **Carried**
- 2024-327** Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton
That the memo from Treasurer/Director of Corporate Services, regarding the funding application for Hummel Bridge, be received for information purposes. **Carried**

2024-328 Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: D. Britton
That the memo from Manager of Operations and Facilities, F. Schmeltz, regarding compaction at the municipal landfill, be received. **Carried**

2024-329 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey
That the correspondence from Tatham Engineering regarding Detailed Structural Investigation, Trout Creek Community Centre Preliminary Findings, be received for information purposes. **Carried**

2024-330 Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton
That the correspondence dated October 4, 2024, regarding the OPP Annual Billing Statement for 2025, be received. **Carried**

2024-331 Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: M. Wand
That the correspondence dated September 2024 from the Ministry of Infrastructure regarding the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF), be received. **Carried**

2024-332 Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: L. Patey
That the agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality for Powassan and the Ontario Provincial Police for the Primary Public Safety Answering Point (911) be received; and,

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to prepare the agreement and Bylaw for the November 19, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council. **Carried**

2024-333 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: M. Wand
That the correspondence dated October 30, 2024, from the Minister of Finance, regarding the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, be received. **Carried**

2024-334 Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: L. Patey
That the Ontario Clean Water Agency's Quality and Environmental Management System Audit Report dated October 21, 2024, for the Powassan Drinking Water System, be received.

Recorded Vote: Requested by Councillor Britton

Councillor Britton:	Yea	
Deputy Mayor Wand:	Yea	
Councillor Patey:	Yea	
Mayor McIsaac:	Year	Carried

2024-335 Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: M. Wand
That the correspondence from the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority regarding Recommended phase-out of free well-water testing, be received; and,

WHEREAS private water systems (e.g., wells) are not protected through legislated requirements under The Safe Drinking Water Act 2002 and The Clean Water Act 2006, but are more likely to contribute to cases of gastrointestinal illness than municipal systems;

AND WHEREAS the 2023 Ontario Auditor General’s value-for-money audit of Public Health Ontario (PHO) recommended that PHO, in conjunction with the Ontario Ministry of Health, begin the gradual discontinuance of free private drinking water testing;

AND WHEREAS in the jurisdiction of the Municipality of Powassan, many households do not receive water from municipal systems, with many relying on a private drinking water system, including wells;

AND WHEREAS the Walkerton Inquiry Report Part II, concluded the privatization of laboratory testing of drinking water samples contributed directly to the E. coli outbreak in Walkerton, Ontario in May 2000;

AND WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve safe, clean water, and free well-water testing is a way to help ensure that residents on private wells continue to have barrier-free access to well water testing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Powassan calls on the province to not phase out free well-water testing as part of the proposed streamlining efforts of public health laboratory operations in the province;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Health; Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; local MPPs; and Conservation Ontario and Ontario’s conservation authorities.

Recorded Vote: Requested by Councillor Patey

Councillor Patey:	Yea	
Deputy Mayor Wand:	Yea	
Councillor Britton:	Yea	
Mayor McIsaac:	Yea	Carried

2024-336 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey
That the correspondence form the Ministry of Energy and Electrification regarding Ontario’s Affordable Energy Future: The Pressing Case for More Power, dated October 23, 2024, be received. **Carried**

2024-337 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: M. Wand
That the correspondence dated October 19, 2024, regarding the OPG Empowerment Grant approval of funding, be received. **Carried**

2024-338 Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: M. Wand
That the preliminary drawings from Tatham Engineering for the installation of temporary support posts at the Trout Creek Community Centre, be received; and,

FURTHER that staff be directed to proceed with the tender and repair work if cost is at estimated amount. **Carried**

2024-339

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton
That Bylaw 2024 being a Bylaw to appoint a Protective Services Official,

Be **READ** a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time on the 5th day of November 2024, and **READ**
a **THIRD** and **FINAL** time and considered passed as such in Open Council on the 19th day
of November 2024. **Carried**

2024-340

Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: L. Patey
That Council now adjourns to Closed Session at 7:34 p.m. to discuss:


17.1 Adoption of Closed Session Minutes of October 1, 2024
17.2 Identifiable Individuals – Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act and under 9(4)(b) of
the Procedural Bylaw – matters regarding an identifiable individual, including municipal or
local board employees. **Carried**

2024-341

Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: D. Britton
That Council now reconvenes to regular session at 7:38 p.m. **Carried**

2024-342

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: M. Wand
That Council now adjourns at 7:39 p.m. **Carried**



Mayor



Clerk