

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 7:00 pm
Powassan Council Chambers

Present: Peter McIsaac, Mayor
Leo Patey, Councillor
Dave Britton, Councillor

Staff: Allison Quinn, Acting Clerk
Brayden Robinson, Treasurer/Director of Corporate Services

Absent, With
Regrets: Markus Wand, Deputy Mayor
Randy Hall, Councillor

Disclosure of Monetary Interest and General Nature Thereof: None.

- 2023-118 Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton
That the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of April 18, 2023, be approved. **Carried**
- 2023-119 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey
That the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 4, 2023, be adopted. **Carried**
- 2023-120 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey
That the minutes from the Maple Syrup Committee meeting dated April 12, 2023,
be received. **Carried**
- 2023-121 Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton
That the minutes from the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation
committee meeting of February 21, 2023, be received. **Carried**
- 2023-122 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey
That the memo dated April 11, 2023, from Protective Services Official, B. Mousseau,
regarding the Tender 2023-01 – Demolition, be received;
- AND FURTHER that Tender 2023-01 – Demolition in the amount of \$16,780.50,
including HST, be awarded to Evan Hughes Excavating. **Carried**
- 2023-123 Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton
That By-Law 2023-09, being a By-Law to amend By-Law No. 2003-38, as amended, the
Zoning By-Law for the Municipality of Powassan with respect to lands located in Lot 18,
Concession 16 (505 Peever Line), in the Municipality of Powassan;
- Be considered **READ** a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time, April 18th, 2023, and **READ** a
THIRD and **FINAL** time and considered passed as such in open Council
April 18th, 2023. **Carried**

2023-124

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey

That By-Law 2023-11, being a By-Law to close up highways for the purpose of the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival,

Be considered **READ a FIRST, SECOND, and THIRD and FINAL** time and adopted as such, for the immediate wellbeing of the Municipality, this the 18th day of April 2023.

Carried

2023-125

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey

WHEREAS, Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractors and other utilities \$200 CAD (plus applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;

AND WHEREAS, third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS, these locate requests are only required as Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal right of ways at no charge to the utilities;

AND WHEREAS, this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;

AND WHEREAS, if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Powassan strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;

AND THAT, the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;

AND THAT, this decision be forwarded to Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Infrastructure Kinga Surma, Minister of Energy Todd Smith, Premier Doug Ford, Municipality of Powassan's MPP, the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

2023-126

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton

That the donation request dated January 26, 2023, from the Powassan Agricultural Society, be received,

AND FURTHER, that Council donate \$500.00 towards the 2023 Fall Fair.

Carried

2023-127

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey

That the donation request date March 14, 2023, from the Powassan and District Union Public Library, be received,

AND FURTHER that Council donate \$50.00 towards sponsorship for the Maple Syrup Storywalk.

Carried

2023-128

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton

That the correspondence from Ms. Tina McGill regarding the location of business "Track Side Fries" be received,

AND that Council agrees to rent the space directly adjacent to the Powassan Sportsplex;

AND FURTHER that staff enter into negotiations with "Track Side Fries". **Carried**

2023-129

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey

That the correspondence from Almaguin Adult Learning Centre regarding their request for support, be received. **Carried**

2023-130

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton

That the Correspondence regarding Support for Bill 5 and the Women of Ontario Say No be received; and further that:

WHEREAS municipally elected leaders do not have an appropriate accountability structure when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and

WHEREAS a fundamental, underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity, and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption that the workplace is safe; and

WHEREAS Bill 5, the Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies of the municipality they represent, permit municipalities to direct the Integrity Commissioner to apply to the court to vacate a member's seat for failing to comply with the municipality's workplace violence and harassment policies as well as restrict officials whose seat has been vacated from seeking immediate subsequent re-election; and

WHEREAS over 20 municipalities have formally endorsed and communicated public support for Bill 5; and

WHEREAS Bill 5 would both hold accountable and protect all municipal officials;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Powassan express its support for Bill 5, Stopping Harassment and Abuse by Local Leaders Act;

Further that this resolution be circulated to the Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Victor Fedeli, MPP for Nipissing and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario. **Carried**

2023-131

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey

That the correspondence dated March 31, 2023, from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming regarding municipalities retaining surplus proceeds from tax sales be received;

AND that Council support the Town of Essex Resolution R23-03-081 urging the reinstatement of previous legislation that permitted a Municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale in their jurisdiction;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to all relevant taxation bodies, including the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Essex County Council, MPP Anthony Leardi, MPP Victor Fedeli, Association of the Municipalities of Ontario and all other Municipalities in Ontario. **Carried**

2023-132

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton

That the correspondence dated March 29, 2023, from the Minister of Canadian Heritage's office, regarding Celebrate Canada funding, be received. **Carried**

2023-133

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey

That the accounts payable listing reports of April 11, 2023, be approved for payment. **Carried**

2023-134

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey

That Council now adjourns at 7:19 p.m. **Carried**



Mayor



Clerk