

**Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at 7:00 pm
Powassan Council Chambers**

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

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

Presentation: Inspector McMullen, Ontario Provincial Police

Disclosure of Monetary Interest and General Nature Thereof:

Councillor L. Patey Item 15 Employer listed in Item.
Councillor M. Wand Item 15 Listed in Item

2023-234 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey
That the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of August 1, 2023, be approved. **Carried**

2023-235 Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: R. Hall
That the minutes of the Regular meeting of council of July 4, 2023, be adopted. **Carried**

2023-236 Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: R. Hall
That the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board's Chief Administrative Officer's Report dated June 2023, be received. **Carried**

2023-237 Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: L. Patey
That the memorandum dated July 10, 2023, from Deputy Clerk, K. Bester regarding Consent Application B21/POWASSAN/2023, be received,

AND FURTHER that the Council of the Municipality of Powassan supports the request in Consent Application B21 /POWASSAN/2023 to create a new 3.09 ha (7.64 acre) lot fronting on Hunt Line, with the following conditions:

- Issuance of an entrance permit for the severed lot, and
- Confirmation that the school board bus service is provided at this location **Carried**

2023-238 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: M. Wand
That the report from Acting Clerk, A. Quinn, regarding the Procedural Bylaw be received;

AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to commence the public notice process for the amended Procedural Bylaw. **Carried**

- 2023-239** Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: R. Hall
That the report from Treasurer/Director of Corporate Services B. Robinson regarding the Facility Rental Policy, be received;
AND FURTHER that the Facility Rental Policy be adopted as presented. **Carried**
- 2023-240** Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton
That the memo from Acting Clerk, A. Quinn regarding Cannabis Retail Information be received for information purposes. **Carried**
- 2023-241** Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton
That the memo from Acting Clerk, A. Quinn regarding the Municipal Flag and Proclamation Policy be received;
AND FURTHER that Council adopts the new Municipal Flag and Proclamation Policy as presented. **Deferred**
- 2023-242** Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: R. Hall
That the report from Treasurer/Director of Corporate Services B. Robinson regarding snowmobile trails be received for information purposes. **Carried**
- 2023-243** Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: M. Wand
That Bylaw 2023-16, being a Bylaw to impose fees or charges for services provided by the Corporation of the Municipality of Powassan;
Be considered **READ** a **FIRST**, and **SECOND** time the 4th day of July, 2023;
And **READ** a **THIRD** and **FINAL** time and adopted August 1, 2023. **Carried**
- 2023-244** Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: M. Wand
That Bylaw 2023-17, being a Bylaw for establishing and maintaining a system for the collection, removal, and disposal of garbage, recyclable materials, yard waste, and other refuse;
Be **READ** a **FIRST**, **SECOND**, and **THIRD** time and passed for the immediate benefit of the community this 1st day of August 2023. **Carried**
- 2023-245** Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton
That the correspondence dated July 19, 2023, from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, regarding Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment board framework, be received. **Carried**
- 2023-246** Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
That the Ontario Clean Water Agency's Powassan Water and Wastewater Systems Quarterly Operations Report dated April 1 to June 30, 2023, be received. **Carried**
Recorded Vote: Requested by: Councillor D. Britton
Councillor Britton: Yea
Councillor Hall: Yea
Councillor Wand: Yea
Councillor L. Patey: Yea
Mayor McIsaac: Yea

2023-247

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

WHEREAS Rail Safety Week is to be held across Canada from September 18 to 24, 2023;

WHEREAS, 232 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2022; resulting in 66 avoidable fatalities and 43 avoidable serious injuries;

WHEREAS, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries caused by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

Whereas CN has requested the Council of the Municipality of Powassan adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

AND be it hereby **RESOLVED** that Council supports national Rail Safety Week to be held from September 18 to 24, 2023, in the Municipality of Powassan.

Carried

2023-248

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: M. Wand

That the correspondence from the Women of Ontario Say No regarding Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement be received;

AND FURTHER THAT all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and

THAT municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians need respectful discourse; and

THAT several incidents in recent years of disrespectful behaviour and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; and

THAT these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments;

THAT municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of council member behaviour; and

THAT municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct; and

THAT the Municipality of Powassan Council supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; and

THAT the legislation encompasses the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's recommendations for:

- Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment
- Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario
- Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province
- Allowing municipalities to apply to a member of the judiciary to remove a sitting member if recommended through the report of a municipal Integrity Commissioner
- Prohibit a member so removed from sitting for election in the term of removal and the subsequent term of office, and;

THAT this legislation be prioritized for the fall of 2023 given the urgency of this issue; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, MPP Fedeli, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity, AMO and all municipalities.

Carried

2023-249

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

That the correspondence from Lindsey Gradeen and Matthew Procunier regarding a snowmobile and ATV trail on Maple Hill Road, be received.

Carried

2023-250

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton

That the accounts payable listing reports of July 26, 2023, be approved for payment. **Carried**

2023-251

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: M. Wand

That Council now adjourns to closed session at 8:10 p.m. to discuss:

18.1 Adoption of Closed Session Minutes of July 4, 2023

18.2 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.

18.3 Labour Relations – Section 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act and under 6(1)(d) of the Procedural Bylaw – matters regarding labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried

2023-252

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: L. Patey

That Council now reconvenes to regular session at 8:37 p.m.

Carried

2023-253

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: M. Wand

That Council now adjourns at 8:37 p.m.

Carried



Mayor



Clerk