



**Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, September 19, 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

Presentation: None

Disclosure of Monetary Interest and General Nature Thereof: None

2023-282 Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton
That the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of September 19, 2023,
be approved. **Carried**

2023-283 Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: M. Wand
That the minutes of the Regular meeting of council of September 5, 2023,
be adopted. **Carried**

2023-284 Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: R. Hall
That the minutes from the Public Works Committee meeting dated September 12, 2023,
be received. **Carried**

2023-285 Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: L. Patey
That the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board's Chief
Administrative Officer's Report dated September 2023, be received. **Carried**

2023-286 Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton
That the report from Acting Clerk, A. Quinn, regarding the new Impaired/Unfit for Work
Policy, be received; and,

FURTHER that Council adopts the policy as presented. **Carried**

2023-287 Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton
That Bylaw 2023-18, being a Bylaw to Govern the Calling, Place and Proceedings of the
Meetings of Council and its Committees,

READ a FIRST and SECOND time September 5, 2023,

And to be **READ a THIRD and FINAL** time and considered passed as such in open
Council on this the 19th day of September 2023. **Carried**

2023-288

Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: L. Patey
That Bylaw 2023-20, being a Bylaw to appoint a Clerk,

Be **READ** a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time on this the 19th day of September 2023,

And to be **READ** a **THIRD** and **FINAL** time and considered passed as such in open Council on the 3rd day of October 2023.

Carried

2023-289

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
That By-Law 2023-21, being a Bylaw to establish a Reserve and Reserve Funds Policy and a Surplus Management Policy,

Be read a **FIRST**, **SECOND**, and **THIRD TIME** and **FINALLY** passed in open Council this 19th day of September 2023 for the immediate wellbeing of the Municipality. **Carried**

2023-290

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: L. Patey
That Bylaw 2023-22, being a Bylaw to Authorize a Franchise Agreement Between the Corporation of the Municipality of Powassan and Enbridge Gas Inc.,

Be **READ** a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time this 19th day of September 2023,

AND to be **READ** a **THIRD** time and finally passed this __ day of __ 2023.

Carried

2023-291

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: M. Wand
That Bylaw 2023-23, being a Bylaw to authorize an agreement between the Municipality of Powassan and the Ontario Provincial Police for police services,

Be **READ** a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time and considered **READ** a **THIRD** and **FINAL** time and adopted for the betterment of the community, this the 19th day of September 2023.

Carried

2023-292

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: L. Patey
WHEREAS the production, distribution, sale, and possession of cannabis became legal in Canada on October 17, 2018, under the federal Cannabis Act.

AND WHEREAS, on December 18, 2018, Council for The Corporation of the Municipality of Powassan defeated Resolution 2018-505 to allow retail cannabis stores in the Municipality of Powassan;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Powassan "opted out" of the retail sale of cannabis;

AND WHEREAS subsections 41(3)(4) of the Cannabis Licence Act, 2018 provides that a municipality that has prohibited cannabis retail stores to be located in the municipality may, by resolution, lift the prohibition and permit cannabis retail stores to be located in the municipality and that such a resolution is final and may not be reversed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Municipality of Powassan lift its prohibition on cannabis retail stores and permit cannabis retail stores to be located within the Municipality; and,

FURTHER that the Clerk provide the Registrar of the AGCO with written notice of the resolution within three (3) business days of the passage of the resolution, as required by Ontario Regulation 468/18 passed pursuant to the Cannabis Licence Act, 2018.

Recorded Vote: Requested by Councillor M. Wand

Councillor Wand: Nay

Councillor Hall: Yea

Councillor Britton: Yea

Councillor Patey: Yea

Mayor McIsaac: Yea

Carried

2023-293

Moved by: L. Patey

Seconded by: D. Britton

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS the discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the recommendations in the TRC's Calls to Action;

AND WHEREAS all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the Federal Government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government announced on September 30th, 2021, the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Powassan does hereby commit to recognizing September 30th, 2023, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) by sharing the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities.

Carried

2023-294

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: M. Wand

That the correspondence from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the Housing Affordability Task Force's Recommendation, be received,

AND FURTHER that staff be directed to return Council's Top Five Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations for Response as requested.

Carried

2023-295

Moved by: M. Wand

Seconded by: R. Hall

WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Powassan recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians; and,

WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate; and;

WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario; and,

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities; and,

WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for Northern Ontario School of Medicine University's medical programs; and,

WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Powassan strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPS Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario.

Carried

2023-296

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: D. Britton

That the accounts payable listing reports of September 7, 2023, be approved for payment.

Carried

2023-297

Moved by: L. Patey

Seconded by: M. Wand

That Council now adjourns at 7:24pm.

Carried



Mayor



Clerk