

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 6:30 pm
Powassan Council Chambers

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

Staff: Brayden Robinson, Treasurer/Director of Corporate Services
In accordance with Section 228(4) of the Municipal Act, 2001,
for the duration of the Regular Meeting of Council scheduled
to be held on the 21st day of November 2023.

Presentation: None.

Disclosure of Monetary Interest and General Nature Thereof: None.

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| 2023-359 | Moved by: R. Hall | Seconded by: M. Wand | That the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of November 21, 2023, be approved. | Carried |
| 2023-360 | Moved by: M. Wand | Seconded by: L. Patey | That the minutes of the Regular meeting of council of November 7, 2023, be adopted. | Carried |
| 2023-361 | Moved by: L. Patey | Seconded by: D. Britton | That the minutes from the Recreation Committee meeting of September 13, 2023, be received. | Carried |
| 2023-362 | Moved by: D. Britton | Seconded by: R. Hall | That the minutes from the Golden Sunshine Municipal Not-Profit Housing Corporation committee meeting of September 19, 2023, be received. | Carried |
| 2023-363 | Moved by: R. Hall | Seconded by: M. Wand | That the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board's Chief Administrative Officer's Report dated November 2023, be received. | Carried |
| 2023-364 | Moved by: M. Wand | Seconded by: L. Patey | That the memo from Treasurer/Director of Corporate Service, B. Robinson, regarding 2023 Holiday Hours be received; and, | |

FURTHER that the Municipal office be closed from Monday, December 25, 2023 To January 1, 2024, inclusive.

Carried

2023-365

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton
That the Public Meeting Minutes from October 3, 2023 – Review Application 2023-3, from Deputy Clerk, K. Bester, be received.

Carried

2023-366

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
BE IT RESOLVED that as per Resolution 2023-357 regarding Correspondence from Waterloo MPP, Catherine Fife, the Council for the Municipality of Powassan Supports Bill 21 and the amending of the Residents' Bill of Rights set out in Section 3 of the Long-Term Care Act, 2021 by adding the right of residents to not be separated from their spouse upon admission, but to have accommodation made available for both so they can continue to live together; and

FURTHER that staff be directed to forward the resolution to Waterloo MPP, Catherine Fife and all other Ontario municipalities.

Carried

2023-367

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: M. Wand
That the correspondence from MPAC regarding the Agreement between the Corporation of the Municipality of Powassan and MPAC and the accompanying Documents be received; and,

FURTHER that the Mayor and Director of Corporate Services be given authority to execute the agreement.

Carried

2023-368

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: L. Patey
Where the Council for the Municipality of Powassan has received consent Application B40/POWASSAN/2023 for the property known as Part of Lot 20, Concession 10, PIN 52208-0506 (LT): and

Whereas the application as presented is not in conformity with the Municipality of Powassan's Official Plan and all development within the municipality must conform to the Official Plan.

Now therefore an Official Plan Amendment must be completed prior to Council for The Municipality of Powassan providing support for the Consent application.

Deferred

2023-369

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton
That the correspondence from NECO regarding funding for the 2024 Maple Syrup Festival, be received; and,

FURTHER that staff be directed to execute the agreement.

Carried

2023-370

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
WHEREAS Canada has 90,000 volunteer firefighters who provide fire and all hazard emergency services to their communities; in addition, approximately 8,000 essential search and rescue volunteers respond to thousands of incidents every year; and,

WHEREAS many of these individuals receive some form of pay on call, an honorarium, or are given some funding to cover expenses, but they do not draw a living wage from firefighting; and;

WHEREAS without volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers, thousands of communities in Canada would have no fire and emergency response coverage; and;

WHEREAS in 2013, the federal government initiated a tax credit recognizing these individuals and calling on the federal government to increase this tax credit from \$3,000 to \$10,000, and;

WHEREAS volunteer firefighters account for 71% of Canada's total firefighting Essential first responders;

- The tax code of Canada currently allows volunteer firefighters and search and rescue volunteers to claim a \$3,000 tax credit if 200 hours of volunteer services were completed in a calendar year;
- This works out to a mere \$450 per year, which we allow these essential volunteers to keep of their own income from their regular jobs, \$2.25 an hour;
- If they volunteer more than 200 hours, which many do, this tax credit becomes even less;
- These essential volunteers not only put their lives on the line and give their time, training and efforts to Canadians, but they also allow cities and municipalities to keep property taxes lower than if paid services were required;
- It would also help retain these volunteers in a time when volunteerism is decreasing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Powassan call upon the Government of Canada to support Bill C-310 and enact amendments to subsections 118.06 (2) and 118.07 (2) of the Income Tax Act in order to increase the amount of the tax credits for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services from \$3,000 to \$10,000; and;

FURTHERMORE, THAT a copy of the resolution be shared with the Association of Fire Chiefs of Ontario, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

2023-371

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: M. Wand

That the correspondence from the Township of McKellar calling for an amendment to the Legislation Act, 2006 be received; and,

FURTHER that the Council of the Municipality of Powassan support the resolution No. 23-671 passed by the McKellar Township Council to amend the Legislation Act, 2006 to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations;

AND FURTHER that staff forward this resolution to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Nipissing MPP, Vic Fedeli; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver, and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

2023-372

Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: L. Patey
That the correspondence from the Maple Ridge Family Health Organization,
be received,

AND further that council directs staff to respond.

Carried

2023-373

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton
That the correspondence from the Aids Committee of North Bay and Area regarding their
Red Scarf Campaign be received,

AND FURTHER that Council supports their campaign and approves their request.

Carried

2023-374

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
That Council now adjourns to closed session at 7:24 pm to discuss:

17.1 Adoption of Closed Session Minutes of October 17, 2023

17.2 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.

17.3 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.

17.4 Legal Matters – Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act and under Section 9(4)(f)
of the Procedural Bylaw – advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including
communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

2023-375

Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: L. Patey
That Council now reconvenes to regular session at 8:48 pm.

Carried

2023-376

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
That the Municipality directs staff to advise the owner of the property at 137 Main Street
that an appeal has been received on the Official Plan Amendment which was passed
on October 17th; and,

FURTHER that the Municipality does not intend to actively defend the appeal and that
the property owner should consult with appropriate professionals about defending the
appeal on its own.

If requested, the Municipality could also advise the Ontario Land Tribunal that a Case
Management Conference should be convened so that the positions of the property
owner and appellant can be clarified.

Carried

2023-377

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: D. Britton
That Council now adjourns at 8:50 pm.

Carried



Mayor



Clerk