



Town of Petawawa
Regular Meeting of Council Minutes
February 21, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Mayor Gary Serviss
Councillor James Carmody
Councillor Lisa Coutu
Councillor Adam Driscoll
Councillor Karen Donovan
Councillor Murray Rutz

Regrets:

Deputy Mayor Theresa Sabourin

Also Present:

Daniel Scissons, CAO
Colin Howard, Clerk
Annette Mantifel, Treasurer
Paula Turcotte, Accounting Clerk
Jennifer Gruntz, Account Manager, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation
Victor Beitner
Peter Moss

Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement

The land acknowledgement was read.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Mayor Serviss asked those in attendance to stand for a moment of silent reflection.

Approval of Agenda

Resolution #1

Moved by Murray Rutz

Seconded by Karen Donovan

That the agenda for the February 21, 2023 regular meeting of Council be adopted.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

Approval of Minutes

1. **Council Meeting (February 6, 2023)**

Resolution #2

Moved by James Carmody

Seconded by Lisa Coutu

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held February 6, 2023 be approved as printed and circulated.

Carried

Presentations

1. **MPAC 101 Council Orientation – Jennifer Gruntz, Account Manager**

Annette Mantifel, Treasurer, introduced Jennifer Gruntz, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Account Manager, who presented Council with an overview of the role MPAC has in the assessment and classification of more than 5.5 million properties across Ontario. Ms. Gruntz informed Council that MPAC is an independent, not-for-profit corporation funded by all Ontario municipalities. MPAC's assessments are used by municipalities in the establishment of tax rates and in the distribution of revenue requirements to ratepayers. Residential property assessments are primarily calculated based on location, lot dimensions, living area, age of the property, adjusted by any major renovations, and the quality of construction. Ms. Gruntz commented that the current valuation date for properties in Ontario is January 1, 2016. The reassessment scheduled to occur in 2020 was postponed by the Province to provide stability to Ontarians and enable municipalities to focus on responding to the challenges posed by the pandemic. Ms. Gruntz reported that no specific date has been established for the next reassessment, but confirmed that MPAC is ready to react when the legislation is enacted. MPAC processes on average 300,000 building permits for new development or renovations annually. In anticipation of the next reassessment, MPAC has implemented a strategy to

address misconceptions about the relationship between assessed value and taxation, including providing resources for municipalities.

Ms. Gruntz expressed her appreciation to Council for providing her with the opportunity to appear and stated she would be happy to take any questions.

Mayor Serviss, on behalf of Council, thanked Ms. Gruntz for the informative presentation.

By-laws

1. By-law 1563/23 – being a by-law to appoint an Acting Deputy Treasurer for the Town of Petawawa

Resolution #3

Moved by Adam Driscoll

Seconded by Murray Rutz

That By-law 1563/23, being a by-law to appoint an Acting Deputy Treasurer for the Town of Petawawa, be read a first and second time.

Carried

Resolution #4

Moved by James Carmody

Seconded by Lisa Coutu

That By-law 1563/23 be read a third time and passed.

Carried

Correspondence

There were no items of correspondence.

Minutes

1. Council-In-Committee (February 13, 2023)

Resolution #5

Moved by Adam Driscoll

Seconded by Karen Donovan

That the minutes of the Council-In-Committee meeting held on February 13, 2023 be accepted by Council, and that resolutions from that Committee become resolutions of Council.

Carried

2. Petawawa Business Advisory Network (January 17, 2023)

Councillor Murray Rutz provided an overview of the recent activities of the Petawawa Business Advisory Network.

Resolution #6

Moved by Murray Rutz
Seconded by Lisa Coutu

That the minutes of the Petawawa Business Advisory Network meeting held on January 17, 2023 be adopted as information.

Carried

Staff Reports

There were no staff reports.

Councillor Reports

Councillor James Carmody – nothing to report.

Councillor Lisa Coutu reported she attended the inaugural meeting of the new Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Advisory Committee on February 7, 2023 and announced her election as Chair.

Councillor Adam Driscoll reported he attended a Pembroke and Area Airport Commission meeting on February 16, 2023.

Councillor Karen Donovan reported she recently attended three information webinars hosted by Canadian Nuclear Laboratories on the integrated waste strategy for the Near Surface Disposal Facility, the decommissioning of Building 250 at Chalk River and the Nuclear Power Demonstration Closure Project. Councillor Donovan also reported that earlier today she attended the Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting and was pleased to announce the election of Sheila Clarke as the Chair.

Councillor Murray Rutz reported he attended the Petawawa Business Advisory Network meeting on February 7, 2023 and Pembroke and Area Airport Commission and Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board (OVWMB) meetings on February 16, 2023. Councillor Rutz advised of the election of Township of Laurentian Valley Mayor Steve Bennett as OVWMB Chair and City of Pembroke Councillor Andrew Plummer as Vice Chair. Councillor Rutz also attended an onsite meeting at Festival Hall to discuss flooring improvements and volunteered at the Ontario Winter Games on the weekend of February 10, 11 and 12, 2023.

Mayor Gary Serviss reported he toured the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre with Executive Director Judy Hill and the CAO on February 6, 2023, and attended OCWA Net Zero and Algonquin Park Local Citizens' Committee meetings the same day. Mayor Serviss also attended the Ottawa Valley Forest Local Citizens Advisory Committee meeting on February 8, 2023, a meeting with City of Pembroke Mayor Ron Gervais, CAO David Unrau and the CAO on February 10, 2023 and County of Renfrew Development and Property, Community Services and Housing Corporation meetings on February 14 and 15, 2023. Mayor Serviss attended the final weekend of the Ontario

Winter Games and participated in medal ceremonies for badminton at Dundonald Hall on February 12, 2023.

Closed Meeting

There was no closed meeting.

Confirming By-law

Resolution #7

Moved by Murray Rutz

Seconded by Lisa Coutu

That By-law 1564/23 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

Carried

Adjournment

Resolution #8

Moved by Adam Driscoll

Seconded by Karen Donovan

That the meeting adjourn to the call of the Mayor.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Signature of the Mayor (Original Signed)

Signature of the Clerk (Original Signed)