

6:30 p.m.

September 8, 2020

**TOWN OF PETAWAWA**

**REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**Present:** Mayor Bob Sweet Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss  
Councillor James Carmody Councillor Tom Mohns  
Councillor Murray Rutz Councillor Theresa Sabourin

**Regrets:** Councillor Matthew McLean

**Also Present:** Daniel Scissons Dawn Recoskie  
Wayne Bando

**CALL TO ORDER** (Moment of Silent Reflection)

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOVED BY:** Murray Rutz  
**SECONDED BY:** Theresa Sabourin

- (1) That the agenda for the September 8, 2020 meeting of Council be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Council Meeting (August 17, 2020)

**MOVED BY:** Gary Serviss  
**SECONDED BY:** James Carmody

- (2) That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held August 17, 2020 be approved as printed and circulated.

**CARRIED**

**PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

## **BY-LAWS**

1. By-law 1358/20 – being a by-law to authorize the execution of a transfer payment agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program)

**MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin**

**SECONDED BY: James Carmody**

- (3) That By-law 1358/20, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a transfer payment agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, be read a first and second time.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED BY: Gary Serviss**

**SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz**

- (4) That By-law 1358/20, be read a third time and passed.

**CARRIED**

2. By-law 1359/20 – being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with PRO-TEC 5 Inc. (Animal Control Services)

**MOVED BY: Gary Serviss**

**SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin**

- (5) That By-law 1359/20, being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement with PRO-TEC 5 Inc., be read a first and second time.

**CARRIED**

**MOVED BY: Murray Rutz**

**SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns**

- (6) That By-law 1359/20, be read a third time and passed.

**CARRIED**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC) model – County of Renfrew

Mayor Bob Sweet presented the item of correspondence.

**MOVED BY: James Carmody**  
**SECONDED BY: Theresa Sabourin**

- (7) **WHEREAS** COVID-19 has required municipalities to address access to primary health care for all residents, either due to a lack of primary physicians or the closure or reduced hours of family physician offices; ensure testing of asymptomatic and symptomatic people; and protect hospital emergency departments' surge capacity;

**AND WHEREAS** the need to meet these priorities in a large rural setting required an innovative solution resulting in the Renfrew County Virtual Triage and Assessment Centre (RC VTAC) model being adopted rather than a static assessment centre;

**AND WHEREAS** RC VTAC resulted in a significant reduction in 911 calls, unnecessary emergency room visits, the elimination of hallway medicine, and created access to primary care for thousands of residents without a family doctor;

**AND WHEREAS** the concept of virtual triage and assessment has the potential for improving access to Long Term Care for seniors by supporting them to age at home;

**AND WHEREAS** the concept of virtual triage and assessment has the potential to improve broadband services in rural eastern Ontario as an essential component for an improved health-care system;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa hereby supports the County of Renfrew in its efforts to establish a permanent Virtual and Triage Assessment Centre (VTAC);

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa hereby requests that the Minister of Health make permanent the billing codes that would allow the creation of VTAC in communities across Eastern Ontario;

**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that correspondence be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Health, and the Minister of Long Term Care requesting support for the continuation of VTAC and its potential for addressing the health needs of rural residents.

**CARRIED**

## **MINUTES**

1. Council-in-Committee Meeting (August 24, 2020)

**MOVED BY: Murray Rutz**  
**SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss**

- (8) That the minutes of the Council-in-Committee meeting held on August 24, 2020 be accepted by Council, and that resolutions from that Committee become resolutions of Council.

**CARRIED**

2. Petawawa Police Services Board (July 15, 2020)

Councillor James Carmody provided an overview of the recent activities of the Petawawa Police Services Board. Councillor Carmody highlighted the future potential for municipal police services boards to be dissolved and replaced with OPP Detachment area police services boards. Councillor Carmody also discussed municipal roads where there is chronic speeding and suggested resurrecting the discussion regarding a policy for speed humps/bumps at a future meeting of Council.

**MOVED BY: James Carmody**

**SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns**

- (9) That the minutes of the Petawawa Police Services Board meeting held on July 15, 2020 be adopted as information.

**CARRIED**

**STAFF REPORTS**

There were no staff reports.

**COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss reported he attended two tours of the Wastewater Treatment Plant with members of Council on August 25, 2020 and August 31, 2020 with reference to the proposed net zero project feasibility study.

Councillor Tom Mohns reported he attended the tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant on August 31, 2020.

Councillor Theresa Sabourin reported she attended the tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant on August 31, 2020 as well. Councillor Sabourin reported the next meeting of the Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee is scheduled for September 24, 2020; plans are also underway to host the Christmas Angels Luncheon on Christmas Day at the Petawawa Civic Centre, modifications will be required due to COVID-19.

Councillor Murray Rutz reported he attended the August 25, 2020 tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Councillor Rutz commented events are still being rescheduled at Festival Hall due to COVID-19.

Councillor James Carmody reported he also attended the August 25, 2020 tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mayor Bob Sweet reported he attended a recent meeting of the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail committee; the Province has provided 154,000 tonnes of stone dust to spread on the Algonquin Trail from Petawawa to Mattawa to encourage bicyclists to use the trail as opposed to Highway 17. Mayor Sweet also participated in further discussions regarding the County's Official Plan with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark and Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, John Yakabuski.

**CLOSED MEETING**

There was no closed meeting.

**CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**MOVED BY: Theresa Sabourin**  
**SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz**

(10) That By-law 1360/20 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**


**MOVED BY: Gary Serviss**  
**SECONDED BY: James Carmody**

(11) That the meeting adjourn to the call of the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk