

6:30 p.m.

January 6, 2020

TOWN OF PETAWAWA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Present:	Mayor Bob Sweet Councillor Tom Mohns Councillor Murray Rutz	Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss Councillor James Carmody
Regrets:	Councillor Matthew McLean	Councillor Theresa Sabourin
Also Present:	Daniel Scissons Rudy Kadlec	Dawn Recoskie

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: James Carmody

- (1) That the agenda for the January 6, 2020 meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Council Meeting (December 16, 2019)

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (2) That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held December 16, 2019 be approved as printed and circulated.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

1. Mayor's Year End Review

Mayor Sweet presented his 2019 Year End Review:

A very, very busy year where much was achieved. At this time I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the past year's accomplishments and some disappointments for 2019. I would like to present an overview of corporate milestones.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- Hiring of Christine Mitchell as the Economic Development Officer in February, she has worked for the Town in various departments over the past five years and has great rapport with the business community.
- Creation of the Petawawa Business Advisory Network (PBAN), ten volunteer members from various business and community sectors with the objective to foster strong communications and consultation opportunities between the Town and the business community.
- Enhancing business communications by improving the municipal website pages on economic development, planning and building which will include an online business registration and the creation of the new Petawawa Business Facebook page.
- Acknowledge some business openings:
 - Fleurish Flowers & Gifts;
 - J & E's Bored and Saucy;
 - Giant Mart;
 - Tick Tock Escape Room;
 - Boston Pizza;
 - Nook Creperie On the Go; and
 - Michelle Letourneau Mortgage Alliance.
- Major Business renovations/customer appreciation events:
 - Kelsey's;
 - Hyundai Pembroke;
 - Quality Inn and Suites – 10th anniversary & major renovation; and
 - Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre, expansion to provide programming space and permanent commercial space to: Life Labs, Mulvihill Drug Mart and Ottawa Valley Physiotherapy.
- \$26 Million in development permit values for 2019.

- Petawawa continues steady growth and maintains housing value in the residential sector, with 475 homes sold at an average price of \$296,000.
- 2020 is anticipating to be another successful year of growth for our community – looking forward to the grand openings of Marriott TownePlace Suites Hotel, the Parkview Place Luxury Apartments and the RE/MAX development in Town Centre.

PUBLIC WORKS

- Approximately \$4.2 million towards roads, water, sanitary and sidewalks.
- 90% completed revised Asset Management Plan to include roads, water, sanitary, storm, sidewalk, fleet and facilities.
- Started Community Energy Plan through a grant from Ministry of Energy.
- Biosolid and Energy Recovery Project – Feasibility Study presented and accepted by Council. Project proceeding through planning phase with funding from federal government Low Carbon Economy Fund.
- Completion of several projects including the twinning of the Algonquin Trail from Town Centre Boulevard to Portage Road. A 2.4 km asphalt ribbon designated for human powered use was constructed to separate motorized and non-motorized users along the urban section of the commercial core. This trail also connects to the Garrison Petawawa recreational trail, which is a 16 km asphalt trail.
- Petawawa is further benefiting from partnerships and collaborations through a grant received by the Snow Country Snowmobile Region and Keetna Snowmobile Club which allowed for much needed improvements and enhancements to the Four Seasons and CP rail bridges. Railing, decking and some other wayfinding improvements were completed.
- Active Transportation – Continue to work with St. Francis of Assisi and Valour JK-12 School on active transportation and safety around schools.
- Construction of the new Sand Dome at the public works site.
- Rolling stock additions included the replacement of a tandem snowplow and new trackless McLeans sidewalk tractor.
- Retirement of Tom Renaud, Public Works Supervisor after 45 years of service to the Town.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

- Major repairs to Centennial Park as a result of damages from the significant weather event in April, the above average spring freshet which resulted in a flood emergency.
 - The flood was ranked the #1 extreme weather event in Canada for 2019 which resulted in extensive damages and the relocation of the July 1st festivities to the Civic Centre.
 - Regardless of the location change the community came together and celebrated not only Canada Day but the birthday of Petawawa.
 - The flood did not put a damper on the festivities as the event was a great success and Community Services staff received great feedback from residents that attended.

- July, awarded the Enabling Accessibility Fund, Accessible Aquatic Program Infrastructure for Petawawa Point. Installed a safe launch docking system, ability board, fully accessible picnic tables, water mobi-chair and an additional 100 feet to existing mobi-mat.

- August, Awarded TD Arbor Day Fund/Green Spaces for Petawawa Point tree planting and shade structure project, which included the planting of ten trees, four shade structures erected and installation of solar lighting.

- A number of upgrades to neighbourhood parks.

- Upcoming traditional events:
 - Cabin Fever;
 - Civic Centre Days;
 - Hell or High Water;
 - Upper Ottawa Valley River Race and Paddle Festival; and
 - Get to the Point Beach Festival.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

- In July, four members were presented with Exemplary Service Medals, a recognition to firefighters that have completed 20 years of active service. Recipients were:
 - Deputy Fire Chief Craig Proulx;
 - Assistant Deputy Chief Phil Smith;
 - Captain Jamie Knott; and
 - Firefighter Tim Allen.

- Updated equipment for water rescuing.

- Acquired additional containers for fire training.

- Hired seven probationary firefighters to ensure fire protection for our community.

- Participated in a live joint emergency training exercise with CNL, Township of Laurentian Valley, EMS, OPP and CACC.

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- Total assessment in Petawawa is approximately \$1.94 billion.
- Continued to bring forward a yearly budget which is the lowest tax rate within an urban centre in the County of Renfrew and remains to be a debt free community.
- Celebrated a combined 125 years of service for the employee service awards.
- Several new hires, including already mentioned Christine Mitchell, Kate Bennett as Executive Assistant and Chris Mantha in the newly created Manager of Public Works position.
- Ministry of Transportation and Community Transportation Program – staff were able to leverage an Age Friendly Community Assessment and obtain roughly \$489,000 in funding for a pilot four year transportation program to meet the daily living needs of community members for those with disabilities and that are in vulnerable sectors.
- Introduction of new online pet licensing program, in partnership with DocuPet, to improve customer service and convenience, and increase efficiency, improve compliance and reduce labour costs.

COUNCIL

- June, presented the Freedom of the Town to the Royal Canadian Dragoons in recognition of their 136th anniversary.
- Petawawa was recognized by Maclean's Magazine as one of the safest communities in Canada; thank you to all our emergency services personnel and residents that continue to keep our community safe.
- Petawawa was 120 out of 415 Canada's best places to live.
- Petawawa was ranked 2nd place for a medium sized family income in Ontario, behind the City of Ottawa.

COUNTY OF RENFREW

- Lieutenant Governor's Award for Economic Development Excellence was presented to the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail Partners Group for the Ottawa Valley Recreational Trail partnership led by the County of Renfrew.

- The County with support from the City of Pembroke, hosted the Ontario Small Urban Municipal (OSUM) conference in May. Informative and valuable municipal conference to generate increased economic activity in the County during a slow period of business and tourism activity. With 34 exhibitors and sponsors and 205 delegates from across Ontario, OSUM 2019 was one of the most successful conferences in the past decade.
- County signed on to the Eastern Ontario Regional Network (EORN) cell gap initiative. EORN has developed a \$213 million public-private partnership to improve both the reach and quality of mobile broadband services in the region. The County has committed over \$900,000 in support of this initiative.
- Disappointment with the denied grant application for improvements to County Road 51, Petawawa Boulevard; however, Highway 17 will be expanded to four lanes beyond O'Brien Road in Renfrew.

CONCLUSION

Thank you to the media for their fair and accurate reporting. Thank you to staff for your support to Council, and finally thank you to Council for your support to me and to our community.

BY-LAWS

1. By-law 1318/20 – being a by-law to set remuneration and expenses for members of Council, persons appointed to Local Boards and Committees and members of staff when on municipal business

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

- (3) That By-law 1318/20, being a by-law to set remuneration and expenses for members of Council, persons appointed to Local Boards and Committees and members of staff when on municipal business, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Tom Mohns
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (4) That By-law 1318/20, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

2. By-law 1319/20 – being a by-law to set 2020 compensation rates for members of the Town of Petawawa Volunteer Fire Department

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (5) That By-law 1319/20, being a by-law to set 2020 compensation rates for members of the Town of Petawawa Volunteer Fire Department, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (6) That By-law 1319/20, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

3. By-law 1320/20 – being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy and to provide for the payment of taxes

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (7) That By-law 1320/20, being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy and to provide for the payment of taxes, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss
SECONDED BY: Murray Rutz

- (8) That By-law 1320/20, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

4. By-law 1321/20 – being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing

MOVED BY: Tom Mohns
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (9) That By-law 1321/20, being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing, be read a first and second time.

CARRIED

MOVED BY: James Carmody
SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

- (10) That By-law 1321/20, be read a third time and passed.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

MINUTES

1. Petawawa Business Advisory Network (PBAN) (November 12, 2019)

Mayor Bob Sweet presented the minutes.

MOVED BY: James Carmody

SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (11) That the minutes of the Petawawa Business Advisory Network meeting held on November 12, 2019 be adopted as information.

CARRIED

2. Petawawa Police Services Board (November 20, 2019)

Councillor James Carmody provided an overview of the recent activities of the Petawawa Police Services Board.

MOVED BY: James Carmody

SECONDED BY: Gary Serviss

- (12) That the minutes of the Petawawa Police Services Board meeting held on November 20, 2019 be adopted as information.

CARRIED

3. Petawawa Public Library Board (November 25, 2019)

Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss provided an overview of the recent activities of the Petawawa Public Library Board.

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss

SECONDED BY: James Carmody

- (13) That the minutes of the Petawawa Public Library Board meeting held on November 25, 2019 be adopted as information.

CARRIED

4. Festival Hall Committee (September 19, 2019)

Councillor Murray Rutz provided an overview of the recent activities of the Festival Hall Committee.

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns

- (14) That the minutes of the Festival Hall Committee meeting held on September 19, 2019 be adopted as information.

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Deputy Mayor Gary Serviss reported he volunteered on Christmas Day to help serve the Christmas Angel's Luncheon held at the Petawawa Civic Centre. Deputy Mayor Serviss thanked Councillor Theresa Sabourin and her team of volunteers for organizing the luncheon for our community.

Councillor Tom Mohns reported he attended an executive meeting of the Pembroke and Area Airport Commission in December.

Councillor James Carmody reported he volunteered with Operation Red Nose in December and attended the Town's New Year's Eve celebration.

Councillor Murray Rutz reported he attended a Festival Hall Committee meeting on December 19, 2019 where the members discussed future fundraising opportunities for new seating for the hall. Councillor Rutz also attended the Town's New Year's Eve celebration and thanked the Community Services Department for hosting this annual event. Councillor Rutz wished all residents a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Mayor Bob Sweet reported he also attended the Town's New Year's Eve celebration and he attended the Petawawa Legion's New Year's Day levee.

CLOSED MEETING

There was no closed meeting.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED BY: Murray Rutz
SECONDED BY: James Carmody

(15) That By-law 1322/20 be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY: Gary Serviss
SECONDED BY: Tom Mohns


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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk