

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council of the
Corporation of the Township of Pelee
held at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall
on Thursday, March 20th, 2014

Present:

Mayor: Richard Masse

Councillors: Darlene Wiper

Ray Durocher

Absent:

Peter Letkeman

Dayne Malloch

Staff:

Wayne Miller – CAO/Clerk/Treasurer

Sandi Cowie - Deputy Clerk

Others:

Members of the Public

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor presented the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council of March 20th, 2014.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014 - 22

Moved by:

Ray Durocher

Seconded by:

Darlene Wiper

“Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby adopts the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held March 20th, 2014 with the addition of the Ontario Provincial Police Lease.”

Carried.

The minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 6th, 2013 were presented.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014 – 23

Moved by:

Ray Durocher

Seconded by:

Darlene Wiper

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“Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby adopts the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 6th, 2014.”

Carried.

Mayor Masse asked Council members if there were any pecuniary interests to declare. Councillor Wiper declared an interest in WIP02, February 25th, 2014. There were no petitions or delegations.

Mayor Masse brought forward the Grant Agreement with Municipal Affairs and Housing. The CAO stated that he and the Mayor had been to a meeting in London regarding this. The CAO outlined some of the conditions included in the Grant Agreement which are that Council pass the By-law at tonight’s meeting and that financial information must be finished by June 30, 2014. A tax rate by-law must be done by September 30, 2014. An internal service delivery review must be done by June 30th and March 31st of 2015 explaining what has been accomplished in order to save money. An asset management plan must be in place by December 2014. A reserve fund policy must be established and tax strategy must be maintained. A member of the Municipal Affairs and Housing will be making regular visits during this period to assist with the above measures. Councillor Wiper asked when the grant was going to have to be paid back and the CAO stated that this was a grant and would not have to be paid back. The CAO and Mayor felt that the Province was not taking into consideration all the problems that were caused directly by the governing bodies such as the water plants. Mayor Masse and the CAO would have liked to see more funding but stated that this was a good start with the hopes of possible other grants in the future. Mayor Masse directed the CAO to send in a cover letter thanking Municipal Affairs for the funding of \$278,000.00 and stating that it was a good start to overcoming our financial concerns.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-24

Moved By:

Ray Durocher

Seconded By:

Darlene Wiper

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to accept the terms of the Grant Agreement with Municipal Affairs and Housing and that Mayor Masse and CAO Wayne Miller sign the agreement.”

Carried.

Mayor Masse brought forward a letter from the Royal Canadian Legion requesting tax relief the same as last year’s agreement.

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The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-25

Moved By:

Ray Durocher

Seconded By:

Darlene Wiper

“Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby agrees that the Royal Canadian Legion #403 enters into the same agreement as 2013 for property tax relief.”

Carried.

Mayor Masse introduced Wayne Miller CAO for a report on the “Source Water Protection Proposal”. The CAO presented a proposal from the Essex Region Conservation Authority for the provision of Source Water Protection Risk Management Services as required by the Water Protection Act,(2006). Pelee Township does not have the staffing or expertise to comply with the requirements of the Act. He explained that the cost would be significant but that using Essex Region Conservation Authority would be the least expensive option and that some funding had been available for other municipalities. The CAO recommended that Council approve this option. Discussion ensued and Councillor Wiper would like it included in the Minutes that she had reservations to this proposal.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-26

Moved By:

Ray Durocher

Seconded By:

Darlene Wiper

“Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to accept the recommendation of the CAO and that we agree in principle to have Essex Region Conservation Authority provide Source Water Protection Risk Management Services.”

Carried.

The CAO presented a report on the Ontario Provincial Police rent lease for the apartment. He stated that the rent had been raised 2% and that the Ontario Provincial Police were going to purchase their own new metal door for the apartment.

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The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-27

Moved By: *Ray Durocher*

Seconded By: *Darlene Wiper*

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to approve the CAO to enter into an agreement for the Ontario Provincial Police office rental.”

Carried.

Mayor Masse presented disbursements for payment.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-28

Moved By: *Ray Durocher*

Seconded By: *Darlene Wiper*

“Resolved that the Council of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to pay disbursements as presented.”

Carried.

Councillor Wiper stated that some people seemed to be confused about the new tax payment dates. The CAO stated that only the dates had changed and that these payments were still for the calendar year, January 1st to December 31st, simply the dates for payment had changed.

Deputy Mayor Durocher questioned if an ad had been placed in the Grapevine for Public Library Board members and the CAO stated that it had been placed in this week’s edition.

Deputy Mayor Durocher also asked when the West Shore Road was going to be cleared as he felt that this was needed to be done in case of fire or emergency. The CAO stated that the Township just doesn’t have the equipment to accomplish this but that it should be done soon if the weather co-operates. Mayor Masse stated that the Road crew had done a good job keeping the roads open for all houses where people were in residence for the winter and that it would have been a waste of time and energy this winter when the road would fill in again the next day after being cleared.

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Mayor Masse presented a booklet from the Provincial Government regarding changes in the Provincial Policy. He suggested that the office read the booklet and report back to Council regarding the impact that these changes might have to the Island.

Mayor Masse presented By-law 2014-08 being a By-law to appoint Roger Foster as Weed Inspector for 2014.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-29

Moved By: *Darlene Wiper*

Seconded By: *Ray Durocher*

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to adopt By-law 2014-08 being a By-law to appoint Roger Foster as weed inspector.”

Carried.

Mayor Masse presented By-law 2014-09 being a By-law to authorize signing of a grant agreement.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-30

Moved By: *Darlene Wiper*

Seconded By: *Ray Durocher*

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to adopt By-law 2014-09 being a By-law to authorize the Mayor and CAO to sign the Grant Agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.”

Carried.

Mayor Masse presented By-law 2014-10 being a Confirming By-law.

The following resolution was passed:

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Resolution 2014-31

Moved By: *Darlene Wiper*

Seconded By: *Ray Durocher*

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee resolves to adopt By-law 2014-10 being a Confirming By-law.”

Carried.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-32

Moved By: *Darlene Wiper*

Seconded By: *Ray Durocher*

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to go In Camera regarding personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local board employees.”

Carried.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-33

Moved By: *Darlene Wiper*

Seconded By: *Ray Durocher*

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to come out of camera.”

Carried.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-34

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Moved By:

Darlene Wiper

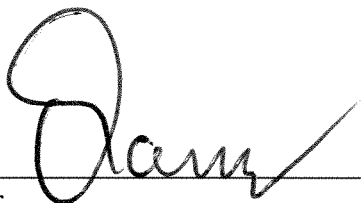
Seconded By:

Ray Durocher

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to adjourn until the next Regular Meeting of Council held on April 23rd, 2014.”

Carried.

Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer

