

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council of the  
Corporation of the Township of Pelee  
held at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall  
on September 8, 2014

Present:  
Mayor: Richard Masse  
Councillors: Darlene Wiper  
Ray Durocher  
Dayne Malloch

Staff: Wayne Miller – CAO/Clerk/Treasurer  
Katrina DiGiovanni-Deputy Clerk  
Kyle Davis-Environmental Services Manager

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

The Mayor presented the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council of September 8, 2014 with one addition under Petitions and Delegations, as 4b) Water Report.

*Moved by:* Ray Durocher

*Seconded by:* Darlene Wiper

Carried.

**2.) Minutes**

**a.)** The minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 21, 2014 with corrections were presented and adopted.

*Moved by:* Ray Durocher

*Seconded by:* Darlene Wiper

Carried.

**b.)** The minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on August 25, 2014 were presented and adopted.

*Moved by:* Ray Durocher

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*Seconded by:*

*Darlene Wiper*

Carried.

**3.) Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None were declared at this time.

**4.) Petitions and Delegations**

**a.) Richard Hamm-AGCO**

Mayor Masse introduced Mr. Hamm and asked him to proceed with his delegation on his liquor license appeal. Mr. Hamm began with a brief history of the issue surrounding his liquor license conditions, he then proceeded to outline letters of support from residents near Scudder Bar and Grill and their support of the restrictions placed on the license.

Mr. Hamm stated that he does not want to remove the conditions, but alter them to make them more conducive to his patrons. He stated that he agreed with not serving alcohol outside and having no live entertainment outside after 10:00 p.m. Mr. Hamm continued to state that his intentions for making the appeal were to allow patrons to go outside on the back deck with their drinks, but not to be served outside.

Councillor Malloch stated that he believed previously having music outside was the noise issue and that he supported removing the Township's letter of objection to removing conditions.

Councillor Wiper stated that she would support the removal of the objection under strict assurance that there would be no bar or music on the deck after 10:00 p.m. and that people would only be bringing drinks purchased inside out on the deck.

Mr. Hamm assured Council that he would follow those provisions.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-97:

Moved by:

*Dayne Malloch*

Seconded by:

*Darlene Wiper*

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“Resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby supports Richard Hamm’s concerns regarding the Liquor License Appeal for Scudder Beach Bar & Grill and further that the Township remove its letter of objection”.

Carried.

### **b.) Water Report**

Mayor Masse introduced the report by giving a brief summary of the algae situation and the desire to have a resolution made so that administration can set parameters of when to impose advisories and closures on beaches and water systems.

Kyle Davis, Environmental Services Manager, continued with outlining the sampling practices of the Township through the presence of the blue green algae and microcystin toxin as of August 18, 2014. Mr. Davis stated at that point there were no visible signs of the algae however, the toxin was present. Mr. Davis further stated that when test results from August 26, 2014 came in the Windsor Essex County Health Unit (WECHU) advised the beach closure, media and public information release. Mr. Davis stated that at this point it was decided to increase sampling to 4 times a week from 3 different locations around the Island, as well as suggestions from WECHU, Essex Region Conservation Authority and the Ministry of the Environment to sample private shore well systems.

Mr. Davis continued to explain that 11 private shore wells were tested and the results indicated a 0.10 toxin level in the wells, where the drinking water standard of 1.50 is acceptable. He also stated that the sample levels were significantly higher from the lake water, however, when the water was being drawn in through sand and rocks in front of the wells the toxin was being mostly eliminated.

Mr. Davis also stated the importance of having a guideline to reference for toxin levels to be more accurate when issuing public warnings. He then went on to outline the guidelines the World Health Organization uses, with ranges given of toxin levels corresponding to the appropriate action to take.

Councillor Malloch asked Mr. Davis if he had made contact with any of the American Islands to see how they were affected and what their procedures were. Mr. Davis said he did try but had no response.

Mayor Masse stated that the reason why our advisories and closures were so stringent was because the information and test results now present were not available at the time the advisories were issued. Mayor Masse also stated that ERCA and the MOE would continue to monitor Pelee because the toxin and algae will hit the Island before the mainland, and that WECHU has put

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forward some funds to help pay for the private well testing.

Further discussion ensued regarding toxin levels and the algae as well as setting our own trigger points and parameters for issuing warnings. Mr. Davis stated that ERCA would continue to monitor the Island for the toxin for the next year under contract.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-98:

Moved by:

*Dayne Malloch*

Seconded by:

*Ray Durocher*

“Resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby agrees to allow administration to look further into setting trigger points for blue green algae and microcystin warnings and advisories”.

Carried.

## **5.) Old Business**

### **a.) AGCO Liquor License Appeal**

No further action taken as previously dealt with through delegation with Richard Hamm.

### **b.) MNR 2015 Hunt Proposal**

Mayor Masse introduced the 2015 Hunt proposal to MNR regarding moving to an open season three day hunt and increasing the license price.

Councillor Durocher stated that he saw more positives with moving to a three day hunt.

Further discussion ensued about increasing the license price and it was determined not to move forward with a price increase for 2015.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-99:

Moved by:

*Dayne Malloch*

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Seconded by:

*Ray Durocher*

“Resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby accepts the submission of the 2015 Hunt Proposal to the Ministry of Natural Resources for proposed changes to the fall hunts in 2015, provided that the fee schedule remain the same as 2014”.

Carried.

## **6.) New Business**

### **a) Declare Grader as Surplus**

Mayor Masse presented the resolution to declare the 1979 Champion Grader 720 as surplus.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-100:

Moved by:

*Dayne Malloch*

Seconded by:

*Ray Durocher*

“Resolved that the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby agrees to declare the 1979 Champion Grader 720 as surplus equipment and further that it be offered to sale to the highest bidder”.

Carried.

### **b) Grant Applications**

The CAO outlined the available grants and stated that an expression of interest for the Infrastructure Ontario grant had to be submitted by next week. He stated that the grant coverage would be 2/3, and that the roads should be focused on. The CAO went on to state that repaving, shoulder and drainage work would be covered under the grant.

The CAO then went on to outline the Small Communities Grant that was 90% funded and suggested as brought up at the August 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Council, that a generator be purchased for emergency purposes to power the clinic and the township office.

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The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-101:

*Moved By:*

*Darlene Wiper*

*Seconded By:*

*Dayne Malloch*

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby accepts the CAO’s direction for the submission of applications for federal and provincial grants regarding road repairs and a generator for the township building and the medical clinic”.

Carried.

### **7.) Correspondence**

None.

### **8.) Disbursements**

Mayor Masse presented disbursements for approval, there were no comments.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-102:

*Moved By:*

*Dayne Malloch*

*Seconded By:*

*Darlene Wiper*

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby resolves to pay disbursements as presented and attached in the amount of \$301,369.64”.

Carried.

### **9.) Boards and Committees**

There were no presentations from any boards or committees.

### **10.) Councillor Reports**

#### **a.) Hydro**

Mayor Masse followed up on the Hydro One situation in regards to power outages and generators

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on the Island; Mayor Masse read aloud an email he received from Hydro One representatives. They stated that they would look into alerting vessels by buoys or other methods, and that they were looking into a reliable source of power generation on the Island.

Councillor Wiper stated that she wanted a guarantee that there would be a replacement generator before the winter months; Mayor Masse said he would ask for a guarantee.

**b.) Meeting Time**

Mayor Masse asked if the meeting time could be changed to 7:00 p.m.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-103:

Moved by:

Dayne Malloch

Seconded by:

Darlene Wiper

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby agrees to change Council meeting times to 7:00 p.m.”.

Carried.

**c.) Heritage Centre**

Councillor Malloch commented on the condition of the back of the Heritage Centre where the bathrooms used to be, stating that this was a safety hazard.

Councillor Wiper stated that maybe there was some Heritage funding that could be used towards these repairs.

Mayor Masse asked Councilor Malloch to give a list of repairs to the CAO to look into pricing.

**d.) Marina Dockage**

Mayor Masse addressed Geri Marentette’s concerns about dockage availability from a previous meeting of council and stated that this needs to be looked into further.

Councillor Malloch suggested that a report be brought back to Council from the Marina Manager and the CAO.

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**e.) Public Washrooms**

The CAO commented on the state of the public washrooms and the repair timeline. He stated that the septic tanks had collapsed, and had since been pumped out. He stated that until repairs could be done an arrangement had been made for patrons to use the washrooms at the Westview Tavern.

**f.) Emergency Management**

The CAO commented that he attended an EMO meeting in Leamington regarding the emergency exercise that would take place on the Island on October 18<sup>th</sup>, and that this exercise could be used for our annual exercise.

**11.) In Camera**

No In-Camera items.

**12.) By-Laws**

**a)** Mayor Masse brought forward By-Law 2014-28 being a by-law to confirm proceedings of the September 8, 2014 meeting.

The following resolution was passed:

Resolution 2014-104:

Moved by:

Dayne Malloch

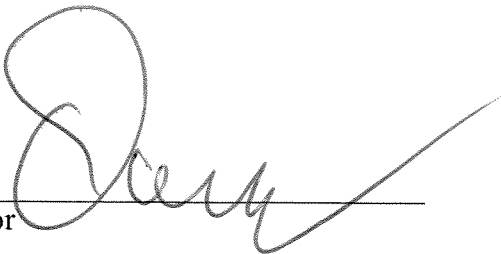
Seconded by:

Peter Letkeman

“Resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Pelee hereby agrees to pass By-Law 2014-28 to confirm proceedings of the September 8, 2014 Meeting of Council”.

Carried.

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Mayor



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Chief Administrative Officer

