

# *Council News in Brief*

January 8, 2018– 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting of Council

1. **WATER & WASTEWATER** – The Town of Petrolia's recent Mandaumin Reservoir replacement project was reviewed by the Ontario Public Works Association in consideration of the 2017 Public Works Project of the Year. We recently received confirmation that the Town of Petrolia has been chosen to receive this award. The award will be presented at the end of January.
2. **OPERATIONS** – As per the 2018 Budget, a wood chipper has been approved for purchase. After obtaining quotes, the Nortrax 150XP will be ordered for \$46,147.00, which falls within the \$50,000 budgeted amount.
3. **ADMINISTRATION** - Fire Chief, and CEMC/By-Law Officer Lawrence Swift, has accepted the position of Fire Chief with the Municipality of Lambton Shores. The transition plan, and long-term plan will be presented to Council at an upcoming meeting.
4. **ADMINISTRATION** – Council received Rob Nesbitt, Senior Planner's report regarding a site plan for a building addition for Southwest Fence at 320 Centre Street.
5. **CULTURAL SERVICES** – Council has authorized a Grant Agreement between the Ministry of Canadian Heritage and the Town of Petrolia, and have agreed to moving \$25,000.00 from the approved 2017 Capital Budget to the 2018 Capital Budget to be utilized as the required 50% matching funds for the Grant; and have appointed Janis A. Barlow & Associates to complete the Victoria Hall Revitalization Feasibility Study; and provided the Director of Cultural Services authorization to sign an agreement between Janis A. Barlow & Associates and The Town of Petrolia.
6. **MARKETING & SPECIAL EVENTS** – Council has agreed to assume ownership of the Tourism Sarnia-Lambton outdoor tourist information kiosk in front of Victoria Hall for zero cost. Staff will continue to update the kiosk, and Tourism Sarnia-Lambton will provide updated maps.

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