

Council News in Brief

July 13, 2020– 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting of Council

1. FINANCE

- a. Council endorsed the report of the CAO/Treasurer regarding the transfer of our 2019 Town General Operating Surplus to Working Capital Reserve; and adopt the audited 2019 Financial Statements.

2. OPERATIONS

- a. Council received the report of the Director of Operations regarding fence encroachment at 423 Princess Street; and that the owner of 423 Princess Street, Ms. Jessica Haara be contacted and advised the current fence is not erected within her property boundary; and that the existing fence is to be re-located in entirety to ensure the five foot fence encroachment onto municipal lands is rectified. That the property owner have ninety (90) days from this decision of Council to clean up the removal of the fence; and to assist the homeowner, and as the fence does currently stand on municipal property, Council direct Public Works staff to remove the existing fence and footings

3. FACILITIES & COMMUNITY SERVICES

- a. Council endorsed the report of the Director of Community Services and Facilities regarding the 2020 Farmers' Market Vendor Fees.
- b. Council received and filed the report of the Director of Community Services and Facilities regarding Public Washrooms during the COVID 19 pandemic.
- c. Council endorsed the process of moving the Parks and Rec Master Plan online with a Virtual Open House to continue to gather valuable information from residents in the development of the Town's 10 year plan as indicated in the report of the Director of Community Services and Facilities report

4. ADMINISTRATION

- a. Council received and filed the report of the **Clerk** regarding vital statistics & meeting attendance update for the first half of 2020.
- b. The Town of Petrolia Council endorse the County of Lambton resolution:

WHEREAS the amount of single-use plastics leaking into our lakes, rivers, waterways is a growing area of public concern; WHEREAS reducing the waste we generate and incorporating valuable

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resources from our waste stream into new goods can reduce Greenhouse Gasses significantly; WHEREAS the transition to full producer responsibility for packaging, paper and paper products is a critical to reducing waste, improving recycling and driving better economic and environmental outcomes; WHEREAS the move to a circular economy is a global movement, and that the transition of Blue Box programs would go a long way toward this outcome; WHEREAS the Town of Petrolia is supportive of a timely, seamless, and successful transition of Blue Box programs to full financial and operational responsibility by producers of packaging, paper and paper products; WHEREAS the Town of Petrolia is concerned about a recent proposal by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks that could jeopardize over 135 small rural, remote, and Northern community Blue Box programs across the Province as well as servicing to schools and public spaces;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures municipalities under 5,000 continue to receive Blue Box servicing as was agreed as part of the Provincial government's Blue Box mediation as well as schools and public spaces; AND THAT the Council of the Town of Petrolia strongly advocates for language to be included in the regulation that ensures that there will be existing collection and materials service levels, as currently seen in municipalities, will be held as a minimum for future Blue Box servicing. AND THAT if an extension to the current waste services collection contract can be successfully negotiated, the Town of Petrolia would like to transition their Blue Box program to full producer responsibility effective a December 31, 2025; AND THAT this decision is based on the following rationale:

- a) The current waste collection contract, which includes the collection and processing of blue box material expires January 31, 2030.
 - b) If a contract amendment can be successfully negotiated, this would allow the Town of Petrolia to align the transition to Full Producer Responsibility for the blue box materials and procure a new collection contract for the additional waste collection streams within a successful and reasonable timeline; AND THAT the Town of Petrolia would be interested in providing collection services to Producers should we be able to arrive at mutually agreeable commercial terms.
- AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ontario Ministry.

5. MARKETING, ARTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Council endorsed the report of the Director of Marketing, Arts and Communications regarding Advertising at Kingswell Glen Golf Club.

6. CLOSED SESSION -IN CAMERA

Sec 239(2) of the Act

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a. Property/Legal 2020-03 to discuss Woodland Estates:

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

RISE AND REPORT:

Council received legal advice from Mr. Gray regarding six blocks of land within the Woodland Estate subdivision, where conveyance to the municipality was not established in the original 1992 plan of subdivision.

These six blocks are at point of connection and servicing for future development to the north of Woodland Estates.

That acquisition of these six blocks are a necessary to allow proper progress for future development, of the lands to the north.

That the Council of the Town of Petrolia direct the CAO/Treasurer and Director of Operations to proceed with negotiations to acquire the necessary six blocks of Woodland Estates; and that the CAO/Treasurer provide an update to Council at the next Council meeting, prior to the Clerk proceeding with preparation of the necessary by-law; and that any expenses incurred in the acquisition of these blocks to be recuperated as a connection fee when lands to the north are developed.

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