

Council News in Brief

September 14, 2020– 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting of Council

1. WATER & WASTEWATER

- a. Council adopted the report of the Director of Operations regarding pre-liminary engineering for the First Avenue Pump Station; and approved the study expense of \$35,000.00 + HST.

2. OPERATIONS

- a. Council received and filed the report of the Director of Operations regarding the Wingfield Street reconstruction project progress completion update.
- b. Council received and filed the report of the Director of Operations regarding the completion of the Bright's Grove Water Treatment Plant Clearwell and High Lift Pumps upgrade project.

3. ADMINISTRATION

- a. Council endorsed the report of the Clerk/Operations Clerk regarding the 2021 Council & Advisory Committee Meeting Calendar as presented.
- b. Council directed the Clerk to make amendment to By-Law 39-2019, effective as of September 28, 2020, by adding thereto a new 3.7 that reads as follows:

Part 3.7 - Electronic meeting participation

Add to definitions: "Electronic Meeting" means a meeting called by the Head of Council and held in full through such electronic means selected by the Head of Council, in consultation with the Clerk, taking into account the Town of Petrolia's resources, which may include, but not be limited to, audio telephone conference or online through the Internet or otherwise via the Internet.

- a. Notwithstanding any other Part hereof, at the call of the Head of Council a regular or special meeting of Council may be conducted by Electronic Participation, in accordance with this Part and any other protocol and/or policy as may be approved by Council from time to time.
- b. A Member attending and present during an Electronic Meeting shall be counted for purposes of quorum at the commencement and at any point in time during the Meeting, and shall be entitled to vote as if they were attending the Meeting in person.

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- c. An Electronic Meeting may include a Closed Session, which shall be conducted with members of the public excluded in accordance with *the Municipal Act, 2001*

- d. A public notice of an Electronic Meeting shall include sufficient information as to provide the public with the ability to reasonably access and/or otherwise observe, by such means identified in the notice, the open session of the Electronic Meeting.

- e. Despite any other Part hereof any person desiring to present verbally to, or to make a request of, or present correspondence to, Council at and/or during an Electronic Meeting, shall first give the requisite notice thereof to the Clerk and meet all other requirements of these Rules of Procedure, and provided such requirements have been met, shall only be permitted to make such presentation, request or present such correspondence in writing, provided further that such written presentation, request and/or correspondence is received by the Clerk no later than 12:00 noon on the Tuesday immediately prior the scheduled Electronic Meeting.

- f. The Rules of Procedure shall continue to apply to an Electronic Meeting held pursuant to this Part 3.7. In the event of any inconsistency and/or conflict between this Part 3.7 and any other Part of these Rules of Procedure, this Part 3.7 shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency and/or conflict.

That a By-Law amending By-Law 39 of 2019 be presented to Council for adoption at the September 28, 2020 regular meeting of Council.

4. CLOSED SESSION -IN CAMERA

Sec 239(2) of the Act

a. none

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