

Council News in Brief

January 11, 2021– 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting of Council

1. FINANCE

- a. Council received and filed the report of the CAO/Treasurer regarding the 2019 Financial Indicator Review.

2. WATER AND WASTEWATER

- a. Council adopted the report of the Director of Operations regarding preliminary engineering for the Bright's Grove Water Treatment Plan intake update; and that the study expense of \$98,000.00 + HST, be approved.

3. OPERATIONS

- a. Council received the Trackless procurement report from Director of Operations and direction was provided to the Clerk to proceed with surplus of two (2) Kubota Lawn tractors and one (1) John Deere utility tractor.
- b. Council defeated the report of the Director of Operations regarding the 2021 Compost Transfer Site and dates, and the 2021 compost pass fee, and event dates.
- c. Council approved the curbside brush collection dates and procedures as presented.
- d. Council gave staff direction to report back and provide possible solutions to reduce the pass fee; and that consideration be given to provide fewer dates in the middle of the season with a shift to consider more dates at the beginning and end of the season; and that the possibility of less staff be considered.

4. COMMUNITY SERVICES & FACILITIES

- a. Council adopted the Town of Petrolia Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2021 - 2026 as outlined in the report of the Director of Community Services and Facilities and that the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan be posted on the towns website and be made available upon request at town hall.

5. NOTICE OF MOTION - CARRIED

- a. WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Petrolia feel there have been financial hardships to small business and homeowners during the on-going COVID 19 pandemic;

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AND WHEREAS increase to property market value assessment, the value used to calculate the amount of taxes owing;

AND WHEREAS it would prove to be a further burden to our community during this difficult time;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Town of Petrolia make a strong recommendation to the Ontario Government that the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) postpone updating these assessment values for another year;

AND THAT the Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this motion to Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Mr. Bob Bailey, MPP for Sarnia-Lambton, MPAC and County Municipalities.

6. BY-LAWS

- a. Council of The Corporation of the Town of Petrolia endorsed the recommendation of Rob Nesbitt, Sr. Planner that a condition be included in the Draft Plan of Subdivision 38T-20003 approval stating that no development of the subject lands is permitted until a species at risk study is submitted, reviewed and a clearance letter is provided by the appropriate Provincial Ministry and/or St. Clair Region Conservation Authority.
- b. Council of The Corporation of the Town of Petrolia endorsed the County of Lambton Subdivision Approval Authority recommendation that the Draft Plan of Subdivision 38T-20003 be given draft approval, with proposed conditions.

7. CLOSED SESSION -IN CAMERA

Sec 239(2) of the Act

- a. none

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