

Council News in Brief

February 13, 2023– 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting of Council

The Council of the Town of Petrolia held a Public Information Meeting at Victoria Hall, Petrolia on Monday, February 13, 2023, with a presentation from Rick Charlebois, Chief Administrative Officer/Treasurer regarding the Proposed 2023 Budget.

The Council of the Town of Petrolia Education Session with The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation was postponed.

The Council of the Town of Petrolia held their regular meeting in person at Victoria Hall, Petrolia on Monday, February 13, 2022. At this meeting, the Council of the Town of Petrolia:

- Council received and filed a City of Sarnia request for all municipalities within Lambton County to participate in funding Blue Coast Primary Care – Recruitment and Retention.
- Council received and filed the request of Mr. Jim Brown for dog license fees to be eliminated for our most vulnerable people.
- Council received, as information, the 2022 MPAC Partnership Report.
- Council passed a motion of support for the Lambton Group Police Services Board to call upon the Hon. Doug Downey, Attorney General of Ontario to:
 - 1. Revisit policies and procedures that permit offenders to plea bargain numerous offences to a minimal number of offences, thereby reducing their sentencing. There must be consequences for actions of violent, repeat offenders; and
 - 2. Revisit the bail release system, so those who are violent or repeat offenders remain incarcerated while awaiting bail to preserve and protect public safety.
 - AND THAT this resolution of council be forwarded to Attorney General of Ontario Hon. Doug Downey, Solicitor General Hon. Michael Kerzner, MPP Bob Bailey, MPP Monte McNaughton and County of Lambton Warden Kevin Marriott
- Council Received a delegation from Ken Phillips, General Manager of the St. Clair Region Conservation Authority regarding a general overview of the Authority's programs and objectives.
- Council endorsed a report regarding tender results for the cleaning and janitorial services at Victoria Hall and approved that PGT Limited be awarded the contract for a term of January 2023 through December 31, 2028, at the submitted rate plus HST.
- Council endorsed a request for "significant event status" for the Town of Petrolia Signature Events including Pizzafest, Canada Day, The Barn Dance and Harvestfest.
- Council endorsed a request for road closures and parade requests for specific events as outlined.
- Council received and filed a report regarding capital projects including Bridgeview Park Trail Connection and the Victoria Hall Cupola.

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- Council endorsed and approved the extension of By-Law 42 of 2019, and that Acute Network Solutions continue as the Town of Petrolia's Information Technology support provider through 2025.
- Council deferred a report regarding lottery updates, and that the Town of Petrolia continue to waive the 3% licensing fee as eligible though Provincial Policy, and that \$200.00 Lottery Licensing Eligibility Review fee be added annually to the Municipal Fee Schedule.
- Council received and filed the 2022 Annual Petrolia and North Enniskillen Fire Department Report.
- Council received and filed a report regarding Deputy Chief positions with the Petrolia and North Enniskillen Fire Department.
- Council received a report regarding the appointment of an alternative (Community Emergency Management Coordinator) CEMC, and approved that Colleen Johnston be appointed as a second, alternate CEMC for the Town of Petrolia.

Sec 239(2) of the Act
None.

*Notice: **Neither the Public Meeting or the Regular Session of Council was recorded and uploaded to You Tube as the recordings would have very poor audio and would not benefit the public in any way. We are in the process of requesting budget funds for a replacement of our failing equipment and will plan to be back online at that time. We apologize for the inconvenience. **

SUMMARY OF EVENTS and INFORMATION:

- Petrolia 150 Coin Sets are available at Town Hall - \$50 for the set – call to order.
- Compost Transfer Site and Wood Chipping Dates will be announced in the Spring.
- "2023 VPP Season" tickets on sale now.
- Public Skating continues as scheduled.
- 14 – St. Paul's United Church Valentine's Italian Dinner
- 17-20 – Petrolia Family Fun Days
- 21 – Shrove "Pancake" Tuesday at Christ Church
- 21 – Shrove Tuesday and Messy Church at St. Paul's United Church
- 28 – Petrolia Soccer Registration closes
- VPP presents: "Pot O' Gold" a fundraiser on stage at Victoria Hall – March 17-19, 2023 – all proceeds go toward microphone replacement.

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A Public Information Session regarding Sidewalk Connectivity will be held at Victoria Hall on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. – all are welcome.

Council will meet on Monday, February 27, 2023, for a Regular Council Meeting at 7 p.m. The meetings will be in-person in the Council Chambers at Victoria Hall. All are welcome.

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