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November 12, 2024–7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting of Council

The Council of the Town of Petrolia held their regular meeting of Council on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Victoria Hall.

At this meeting, the Council of the Town of Petrolia:

- Heard a delegation from the Lambton Seniors Advisory Committee and passed a motion in support of their request of funding from the County of Lambton.
- Heard a delegation from Ms. Kelly Bailey regarding arena upgrades/building a second ice pad and passed a motion that the Director of Parks, Recreation and Facilities look further into the logistics of upgrading the current Arena and expand to include a second ice surface at Greenwood Arena; and that the proposal in principle include information around contributions from surrounding municipalities that do not operate arenas that have residents that utilize activities in Petrolia and possibly fundraising initiatives including but not limited expanding a fund specific for this proposed project through the Petrolia Community Foundation.
- Endorsed a report regarding the 2025 Council and Advisory Committee calendar and directed the Clerk to remove the Town Hall Meeting engagement sessions from the Council calendar and procedures and approved the 2025 Council and Advisory Committee calendar.
- Adopted a report regarding false alarm by-laws for the Lambton OPP and the Petrolia and North Enniskillen Fire Department.
- Adopted a report regarding recent committee appointments.
- Received and filed a report regarding the 2024 third quarter (Q3) financial results.
- Received and filed a report regarding the St. Clair Regional Conservation Authority Watershed-Based Resource Management Strategy.
- Received and filed a report regarding emergency roof repairs at Victoria Hall.
- Passed a motion regarding Eureka Street Lands.
 (Notice of motion was provided on October 15, 2024)
 WHEREAS in April 2024 council previously was provided with a report regarding the surplus of lands known as Eureka Street, PLAN 14 PT LOTS 31 AND 33 RP 25R10378 PARTS 3 AND 4; AND WHEREAS council tabled that report from staff, with the item expiring before being able to be raised from the table; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Town of Petrolia direct the Clerk to proceed to return the motion as presented to the December 9, 2024 agenda.
- Passed a motion regarding keeping of backyard chickens.
 (Notice of motion was provided on October 28, 2024)
- WHEREAS this council recently heard, at the October 15, 2024, council meeting delegation from two residents regarding requests to allow backyard chickens within the Town of Petrolia; and NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in response to the delegations, that the Council of the Town of Petrolia direct staff, to move forward through a two stepped approach in providing all residents of the municipality an opportunity to provide input to council prior to any changes to by-law or regulations is undertaken.

Step 1: conduct a public input survey exercise, to collect responses for public input similar to what other municipalities, such as Chatham-Kent have conducted.

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Step 2: followed by a public information meeting for members of the community to come out, hear about all points relating to the keeping of backyard chickens, and be able to provide council with their thoughts, concerns, etc.

Sec 239(2) of the Act

None.

By-Laws

THAT By-Law Number 47-2024 being a By-Law of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia to impose fees and charges for services or activities provided by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), on behalf of the Town of Petrolia in relation to alarms be read a third time and finally passed.

THAT By-Law Number 48-2024 being a By-Law of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia to impose fees and charges for services or activities provided by the Petrolia and North Enniskillen Fire Department in relation to false alarms be read a third time and finally passed.

THAT By-Law Number 49-2024 being a By-Law of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia to appoint Members of Town Council and Town Ratepayers to various Town of Petrolia committees and responsibilities be read a third time and finally passed.

THAT By-Law Number 50-2024 being a By-Law of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia to Confirm the Resolutions and Motions of the Council of the Town of Petrolia which were adopted up to and including November 12, 2024, be read a third time and finally passed.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS and INFORMATION:

Leaf Collection continues until December 9, weather permitting.

NOVEMBER

- 13 Waste Management Cart Open House at Victoria Hall 6:00 8:00 p.m.
- 13 Lions Gift Card BINGO 7:00 p.m.
- 17 Petrolia 150 Free Skate at Greenwood Rec. Centre 1:50 2:50 p.m.
- 18-29 Delivery of Waste Management Carts
- 22 & 23 Downtown Christmas Open House Events and Promotions
- 22 Dec. 8 "Starbright Christmas" on Stage at Victoria Hall
- 23 St. Paul's Christmasfest Craft and Gift Show 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
- 30 Breakfast with Santa at the Lions Hall 9:00 11:00 a.m.

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DECEMBER

- 1 Petrolia 150 Free Swim at Petrolia YMCA 1:00 3:30 p.m.
- 2 Starting with your regular pick-up day, Waste Management will begin collecting waste and recycling in the carts
- 6 Christmas in the Park/Chili Cook Off in Victoria Park from 6:00 8:00 p.m.
- 7 Petrolia Christmas Market at the Petrolia Farmers' Market Site 10:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.
- 7 Petrolia Santa Claus Parade "Celebrating Petrolia 150" 2:00 p.m. downtown
- 7 Lambton Central Petrolia Optimist Santa at the YMCA (following the parade)
- 9 2025 Public Budget Information Session at Victoria Hall 6:00 p.m
- 9 Regular Meeting of Council at Victoria Hall 7:00 p.m.
- 10 & 11 Christmas for Everyone Luncheon at the Petrolia Lions Hall
- 12 14 Victoria Playhouse Petrolia presents "The VPP Holiday Jamboree" on stage at Victoria Hall
- 15 Petrolia 150 Free Skate at Greenwood Rec. Centre 1:50 2:50 p.m.
- 26-30 International Silver Stick Tournament at Greenwood Rec. Centre
- 31 Petrolia 150 Closing Event with free skating, a DJ, and fireworks with free Lang's Shuttles (4:00 8:30 p.m.)
- 31 Royal Canadian Legion New Years' Eve Party

JANUARY

1 – Petrolia 150 celebratory flag lowering, youth mosaic mural unveiling, and light refreshments at Victoria Hall 11:00 a.m.

TUESDAY, November 26, 2024, is the Annual Budget Session in Council Chambers, at Victoria Hall at 9:00 a.m. MONDAY, December 9, 2024, is the next scheduled REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL in Council Chambers, at Victoria Hall.

All Council meetings and public information sessions are now available on YouTube within 24 hours of the meeting. Please visit https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIU4yc_Bsj6gobs4vZNXTSQ (You Tube "Town of Petrolia" Channel) to view.

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