

Council News in Brief

July 14, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting of Council

The Council of the Town of Petrolia held their regular meeting of Council on Monday, July 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at Victoria Hall.

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

- Heard a presentation from Ms. Corrine Nauta, Manager of Development Services, Chief Building Official from the County of Lambton, regarding pool fencing.
- Presented a \$3,000.00 donation to St. Joseph's Hospice.
- Heard a delegation from Courtney Sinclair regarding Sinclair Hockey and No Stars hockey groups.
- Received and endorsed a report as amended regarding a Draft Plan of Subdivision 38T-07001 – Elbee Investments Sarnia Limited and directed staff to advise the County of Lambton that the Town of Petrolia has no objections to granting a one-year extension of draft plan approval.
- Received and filed a report regarding the 2025 2nd Quarter Report of the Incident responses, inspections, apparatus use and public education events, of the Petrolia & North Enniskillen Fire Department.
- Endorsed a report regarding a road closure request; and that the roads listed be approved for closure on the dates and times listed; and that public notification be issued by the Director of Legislative Services, Clerk | Deputy Operations.
- Endorsed a report regarding the Victoria Playhouse Petrolia ticketing software; and directed staff to sign and proceed with the agreement.
- Received a report regarding the Tender Results - Petrolia Line and Oil Heritage Road Watermain Replacement (Phase 1); and approved that our Water Reserve and potentially Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund reserve pays for the Town's portion of this capital project; and approved that the project be awarded to Clarke Construction in the amount of \$1,029,800.00 excl. HST.
- Received a report regarding the Pettibone Street reconstruction - tender results; and approved that the project be awarded to 2044970 Ontario Inc. o/a All Season Excavating in the amount of \$260,770.00 excl. HST.
- Adopted a report regarding Petrolia YMCA Bulk Swim Pass pilot program; advised staff to continue the program for Bulk Swim Pass sales.

Sec 239(2) of the Act

Item 1:

Legal 01-2025 – Eureka Street

- Council received information from Mr. Robert Gray relating to PT Lot 31 and 33, Plan 14, Eureka Street, Petrolia, council provided direction to respond to the inquiring legal counsel and provide a two-week deadline.

Item 2:

Legal 02-2025 – Discovery Line

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- Council received information from Mr. Robert Gray regarding Plan 3 LTS 1-3, 12-14 and 30 ROW RP 25R5624 | ROW PTS 1,2&3 EXC RP25R6286, Discovery Line, Petrolia council provided direction to staff to proceed with rectifying the decades old ROW as laid out on an old Plan that was never implemented on a Registry non-convert a 30ft ROW which bisects the property as included in the deed, as was never formally closed by the Town. Mr. Gray was provided direction to formally close the ROW and convey it to the applicant (property owner), at their expense.

Item 3:

Property 03-2025 – Town of Petrolia land development update

- Council received a presentation by Trevor Benjamins, Sr. Planner reviewing current 7 plans of subdivision at various stages of development within the Town of Petrolia, as the developments, Council looks forward to receiving these developments presented to them in open session when able through site plan and draft plan agreements.

New Business

- Received a notice of motion from Councillor Chad Hyatt regarding the order of business in the procedural by-law.
- Heard a statement from Mayor R. Brad Loosley as follows:
 - Regarding Freedom of Information Act Appeal and Information Release

A letter was released to the public today through a Freedom of Information Act Appeal that I wrote in 2021 barring former Councillor Marty Souch from In-Camera Meetings at the Town of Petrolia. This letter was written in response to the former Councillors defiance of the Town of Petrolia Confidentiality Policy and for his actions violating the Council Code of Conduct.

I would like to state for the public record that I wrote this letter with the belief that I acted in the best interest of the Town of Petrolia and reiterate that confidentiality regarding In Camera meetings is critical to the Town of Petrolia.

I will not be commenting further on this subject matter.

By-Laws

THAT By-Law Number 24-2025 being a By-Law of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia to establish the retention periods for certain documents and records to be kept by the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia and to rescind By-Law 82-2008 be read a third time and finally passed.

THAT By-Law Number 25-2025 being a By-Law of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia to amend By-Law 38 of 2023 a By-Law to provide rules governing the Proceedings of Council and Committees and the Conduct of its Members (Strong Mayor Implementation) be read a third time and finally passed.

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THAT By-Law Number 26-2025 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 July 14, 2025, be read a third time and finally passed.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS and INFORMATION:

Until July 25 - Victoria Playhouse Petrolia presents "Nunsense" on stage at Victoria Hall
26 – Petrolia Farmers' Market

August

2 – Petrolia Farmers' Market
5-22 - Victoria Playhouse Petrolia presents "Sexy Laundry" on stage at Victoria Hall
26 – Petrolia Farmers' Market
9 - Elite Star Dance Academy Open House, 10am-2pm
16 – Petrolia Farmers' Market
16 - Petrolia & Area Kiwanis Club Golf Tournament at Kingswell Glen
23 – Petrolia Farmers' Market
30 – Petrolia Farmers' Market

September

3 - Mid. Oct. - Petrolia Scarecrow Festival
5,6,7 - Petrolia and Enniskillen Fall Fair
6 – Petrolia Farmers' Market
13 – Petrolia Farmers' Market
13 - Harvestfest
16 - Oct. 3 - Victoria Playhouse Petrolia presents "All About ABBA" on stage at Victoria Hall
19 & 20 - IODE Quilted Treasures Quilt Show
20 – Petrolia Farmers' Market
20 - Appin Takeout dinner 4-6 pm- St. Paul's United Church
26 - Shop Like Charlotte
27 – Petrolia Farmers' Market

Petrolia Discovery is open:

July & August – Wednesday – Sunday 10am-4pm
Or by appointment (519)882-0897

Next Council Meeting September 8, 2025, 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers (or at call of the Chair)

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