

# Council News in Brief

September 22, 2025 – 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting of Council

The Council of the Town of Petrolia held a Public Information Session regarding the 2026 Proposed Water and Sewer Rates at 6:00 p.m., followed by an in-camera session at 6:30 p.m., and then their regular meeting of Council on Monday, September 22, 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 Mrs. Janice McMichael-Dennis regarding the Bluewater Power 2024 Annual Report.
- Heard a presentation from Amanda Pepping, P.Eng., PMP, Senior Project Manager, CIMA+ regarding the Brights Grove Water Treatment Plant intake project update.
- Endorsed a report regarding the 2026 Council & Advisory Committee Meeting Calendar and approved the calendars.
- Received and filed a report regarding the By-Law Enforcement - Pro Active report- June to August 2025.
- Adopted a report regarding the boiler replacement proposal at the Community Centre; approved the award of the project to Johnson Controls in the amount \$138,742 plus HST.
- Received and filed a report regarding the completed Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reduction feasibility study.
- Received a report regarding Municipal Drinking Water License (MDWL) renewal, 10-year capital plan; and approved the 10-year (2025-2034) Water capital plan for treatment and distribution and approved that the endorsed 10-year capital plan be provided to the Ontario Clean Water Drinking Agency by the Clerk for inclusion with the Municipal Drinking Water License renewal application.

Sec 239(2) of the Act

Item 1:

Legal 02-2025 -

- Plan 3 LTS 1-3, 12-14 and 30 ROW RP 25R5624 | ROW PTS 1,2&3 EXC RP25R6286, Discovery Line, Petrolia
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

Rise and Report: No further action will be taken by Council, the exemption request is not approved.

New Business

- Notice provided under Strong Mayor Powers to prepare the 2026 budget.
- Motion presented by Councillor Chad Hyatt regarding an amendment to by-law 38-2022 (basketball nets): It is recommended: WHEREAS sec. 2.f.i of By-Law 38-2022 prohibits basketball nets being placed on boulevards.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia make an amendment to By-Law 38-2022 to permit basketball nets being placed on boulevards seasonally to align with the winter parking schedule and which meet encroachment clearances as outlined in sec. 7.d of the by-law was not approved.

- Motion presented by Councillor Liz Welsh regarding the construction of a new fire hall: It is recommended: WHEREAS the PETROLIA & NORTH ENNISKILLEN FIRE DEPARTMENT Fire Hall is approaching end of life and in

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"fair" condition. (AMP 2022 Section 9.2) WHEREAS we have planned upgrades over the next few years with an annual capital requirement of \$34 000 (AMP 2022); and

WHEREAS plans for a new fire hall do not appear in our long-term financial plan and as only upgrades and maintenance of the current PETROLIA & NORTH ENNISKILLEN FIRE DEPARTMENT fire hall are in Petrolia's asset management plan; and

WHEREAS the town of Petrolia is growing and we need to plan for increased population and structures that meet our needs and levels of service in the long term. I Liz Welsh, move that Council have a new PETROLIA & NORTH ENNISKILLEN FIRE DEPARTMENT fire hall incorporated into both Petrolia's Asset Management Plan and the long-term financial plan for the Town of Petrolia;

AND THAT a plan to replace the current fire hall begin immediately including exploring location, ensuring PETROLIA & NORTH ENNISKILLEN FIRE DEPARTMENT capacity is adequate for future population growth and building construction. Was approved.

## By-Laws

THAT By-Law Number 28-2025 a By-Law authorizing the execution of an agreement between Lambton Rural Childcare and the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia to provide a facilities licence of municipal property described as 4184 Petrolia Line commonly known as the Bank of Nova Scotia Building in the Town of Petrolia, for use as administrative offices be read a third time and finally passed.

THAT By-Law Number 29-2025 a by-law 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 (closed session ordering) be read a third time and finally passed.

THAT By-Law Number 30-2025 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 September 22, 2025, be read a third time and finally passed.

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS and INFORMATION:

### September

26 - Shop Like Charlotte

27 – Petrolia Farmers' Market

### October

Until 10 - Victoria Playhouse Petrolia "All About ABBA" on stage at Victoria Hall

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1, 2, 8, 9 - Apple Pie Making Days - IODE Margaret Stokes Chapter Petrolia  
4 – Petrolia Farmers' Market  
4 – Military History in Action at Petrolia Discovery  
4- The Great Pumpkin Giveaway – LC Optimist Club at Back Lot at Heidi's YIG  
4, 5 - LEO's Stuff the Bus at Heidi's Independent Grocer  
11 – Petrolia Farmers' Market  
13 – Office Closed for Thanksgiving  
14 – Regular Meeting of Council  
16-19 - Petrolia and Area Kiwanis- Fiery Faces Event at Petrolia Discovery  
17-31 - Downtown Scavenger Hunt  
18 – Spooky Farmers' Market (last regular Market of 2025)  
18 - Petrolia and Area Kiwanis- Fiery Faces Family Event at the YMCA  
18, 19, 25 & 26 -Windover Nurseries Fall Open House  
25 - Victoria Playhouse Petrolia Big Band Fundraiser on stage at Victoria Hall  
26 Takeout Turkey on a Bun after church- St. Paul's United Church  
29 - Halloween Movies at Victoria Hall  
30 - Trunk or Treat at the Royal Canadian Legion Parking Lot

Next Council Meeting TUESDAY, October 14, 2025, 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers (or at call of the Chair)

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