

Council News in Brief

February 23, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting of Council

The Council of the Town of Petrolia held their regular meeting of Council on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. following a Public Re-Zoning Meeting in Council Chambers at Victoria Hall.

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

- Heard a presentation from Inspector Ross Stuart and Chair of the LGODB, Greg Nencek regarding the annual OPP report for 2025 about policing in Petrolia and Lambton County.
- Heard a delegation from Mr. Bob DeRaad and Mr. Jack Vanderveen of Bluewater Health regarding a request to use Town property. Council approved the land to be used for a laydown area and pass through area.
- Received and filed a report respecting subdivision file 38T-07001 and commencement of tree removal by the developer.
- Received and filed a report regarding approval of our provincial HEWSF grant Transfer Payment Agreement; and approved the By-Law authorizing the Mayor and CAO/Treasurer to sign and execute the HEWSF Transfer Payment Agreement.
- Approved a motion as amended that whereas in CY2025 a new tax reduction operation reserve was established and partially funded with the CY2024 budget surplus, and because annual updates of the user fee schedule result in unplanned changes in user rates for our local service groups and organizations, therefore be it resolved that; staff review the draft financial policy to consider: 1. Updating the fee schedule once per term of Council with the exception of water and sewer fees and, 2. Transferring 25% - 50% of the annual surplus to the operating reserve and the remaining to the working capital reserves.
- Received and filed a report regarding 4th quarter report of PNEFD.
- Endorsed a report regarding the road closure request for the Black Gold Street Party; the roads listed above be approved for closure on the dates and times as listed; and that public notification and a letter of approval for license extension be issued by the Director of Legislative Services, Clerk | Deputy Operations.
- Received and filed a report regarding Arena Canteen Agreement.
- Adopted a report regarding LCDS downtown sidewalk cleaning; and directed staff to proceed with a service agreement with Lambton County Developmental Services for cleaning of sidewalks in the downtown core from June 1st to August 28th, 2026, for the contract term price of \$3880.80 plus HST.
- Received a report regarding the Tender Results - Petrolia Line and Oil Heritage Road Watermain Replacement (Phase II); and approved that our Water Reserve and potentially Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund reserve pay for the Town's portion of this capital project; and approved that the project be awarded to Clarke Construction in the amount of \$1,383,000.00 excl. HST.

Sec 239(2) of the Act

- None.

OTHER BUSINESS UNDER STRONG MAYOR POWERS

Mayor Loosley

- amendment direction to councillor representative on the Petrolia Heritage Advisory Committee

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It is recommended: THAT Councillor Pitel be appointed as a member of the Petrolia Heritage Advisory Committee in place of Councillor O'Hara; and

THAT the clerk updates the appointment by-law as necessary.

MAYORAL DIRECTION NO. 2026 – 01

DIRECTION TO research fee recovery from loss of arena grant funding

Authority: Under Part VI.1 (Special Powers and Duties of Head of Council) of the Municipal Act, 2001, Sections 284.3 & 284.4 (Direction to Employees) for the purposes of performing the duties under Part VI.1 the Mayor may direct Staff to:

(a) undertake research and provide advice to the head of council and councillors on policies and programs of the Town of Petrolia or of the head of council as they relate to the powers and duties under this Part; and

(b) carry out duties related to the exercise of the power or performance of the duty, including implementing any decisions made by the head of council under this Part.

I, R. Brad Loosley, Mayor of the Town of Petrolia hereby direct staff as follows:

Ms. Julie Bullock, Director of Parks, Recreation & Facilities, to bring back a report to council on the following:

1. outlining options to recover the loss of grant funds due to the recent budget decision of Plympton-Wyoming.
2. include confirmation from all youth associations including minor hockey and figure skating utilizing the arena, the number of registered participants from Plympton-Wyoming for ice rentals.
3. advise council of the per user amount that would make up the \$4600.00 difference due to the loss of grant funding previously provided through Plympton-Wyoming.
4. options for a Non-Resident participation fee to be considered for all future years where arena grant support is not received from neighbouring municipalities, to be invoiced out directly to the non-resident users or as an additional fee charged to the minor sports organizations.
5. to include Village of Oil Springs, and any other municipalities who do not contribute towards the grant, under the same parameters as above.
6. for a formal agreement, be established between the Town and user municipalities.

Mayor R. Brad Loosley advised that he will not seek re-election in the October 2026 Municipal Election.

By-Laws

THAT By-Law Number 11-2026 being a By-Law of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia to authorize the execution of an agreement with his Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Transportation for the

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purpose of receiving funds for the Petrolia Line Watermain upsizing project through HEWSF be read a third time and finally passed.

THAT By-Law Number 12-2026 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 February 23, 2026, be read a third time and finally passed.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS and INFORMATION:

February

27 – MUDMEN on stage at Victoria Hall

March

3 – Draw for the Petrolia Business Association “We Want Your Receipts” Promotion

7 – Pop Up Petrolia Farmers’ Market

7 & 9 – OPP Recruitment Events at Victoria Hall

11 – Lions BINGO

12 – OPP Fraud Information Session at Victoria Hall

14- “Swing into Spring” on stage at Victoria Hall

16-20 – March Break Screens and Skates Events

21 – Pop Up Petrolia Farmers’ Market

26-29 – Petrolia Community Theatre presents “Gee Ma’am You’re Prettier’n Ma Horse” on stage at Victoria Hall

Next Council Meeting Monday, March 23, 2026, 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers (or at call of the Chair)

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