

Council News in Brief

April 13, 2026 – 7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting of Council

The Council of the Town of Petrolia held their regular meeting of Council on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. following a 6:30 p.m. In-Camera Meeting in Council Chambers at Victoria Hall.

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

- Heard a presentation from Ms. Carrie-Ann Zavitz from JSG Animal Control regarding the 2025 Animal Control Activities.
- Heard a presentation from Ms. Noeleen Tyczynski from The Workplace Group about 50 Years 50 Legacies.
- Heard a presentation from Ms. Jen Beaubien regarding the County of Lambton Small House Project.
- Heard a delegation from Mr. Adam Veen, interim Executive Officer for Tourism Sarnia-Lambton.
- Received and filed a report regarding the March and April 2026 Committee of Adjustment meetings.
- Adopted a report regarding the Certificate of Cancellation with a fee of \$700.00 being added to Schedule K of the Town of Petrolia fee schedule.
- Received and filed a report regarding the 2025 Council remuneration and expenses and public sector disclosure filing.
- Received and filed a report regarding the 2025 Heritage Tax Rebates.
- Received a report regarding the 2025 Petrolia and North Enniskillen Fire Department Annual Report.

Sec 239(2) of the Act

Item 1:

Personal 01-2026

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

- Council to consider the request for leave of absence

RISE AND REPORT: Council of the Town of Petrolia accepted the medical leave of absence request of Councillor Ross O'Hara effective immediately, to be re-visited after a three (3) month period;

Item 2:

Property 02-2026

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

(i) a trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;

- Council to receive development update

RISE AND REPORT: Council was provided a status update from Will Nywening, Manager of Planning and Ian MacDougall, Sr. Planner on key negotiations and level of development in residential areas currently at various stages of plans of subdivision.

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OTHER BUSINESS /UNDER STRONG MAYOR POWERS

Motion from Councillor Liz Welsh - Greenwood Arena

- Notice of Motion was provided at the March 23, 2026, regular meeting of council

It is recommended:

WHEREAS Greenwood Recreation Centre is a valuable and well used community asset; and
WHEREAS many operational and high-level reports relating to Greenwood Rec Centre exist; and
WHEREAS a comprehensive Asset Management Plan including levels of service for Greenwood will provide for informed and evidence-based decision making and will educate residents and facility users on the true costs of operating the facility; and
WHEREAS a clear vision for the future of Greenwood Rec Centre is needed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Utilizing all available data including 2022 Asset Management Plan, Parks and Recreation Master Plan, Recent Greenwood Operational Assessment, Inventory of all assets at Greenwood Rec Centre, All financial information regarding operations.

THAT Staff review all operational and capital requirements of Greenwood Recreation Centre to create a detailed Asset Management Plan including a site map indicating property ownership, wage costs to operate, levels of service, agreements with organizations, scheduled maintenance plans, equipment purchases, utilities, inspections, plans for end of service life for all arena components and the facility itself and estimated ROI for the community.

AND FURTHER, THAT staff create a tracking system to record all facility lifecycle data for the purpose of informed decision making and budgeting; and
Present recommendations to Council for plans to optimize operations and where possible, reduce the operating deficit for long term sustainability.

CARRIED.

By-Laws

THAT By-Law Number 19-2026 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.

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THAT By-Law Number 20-2026 being a By-Law of the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia to set the 2026 tax ratios and to provide for a Final Tax Levy for the year 2026, the payment of such taxes and for penalty and interest of 1.25 percent be read a third time and finally passed.

THAT By-Law Number 21-2026 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 April 13 2026 be read a third time and finally passed.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS and INFORMATION:

April

13- May 8 – Hydrant Flushing

14 – Curbside Wood Chipping South Side of Petrolia Line

18 - Pop Up Petrolia Farmers' Market 8:00 a.m. - noon

21 – May 1 - Victoria Playhouse Petrolia presents "Divine Women 2" on stage at Victoria Hall

25 – Compost Transfer Site

Next Council Meeting Monday, April 13, 2026, 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers (or at call of the Chair)

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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