

# Council News in Brief

March 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, March 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. following a 5:00 p.m. Education Session and 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. Felicia Cooper, Petrolia's appointed representative for the Lambton County Trails Committee.
- Heard a delegation from Jacobs regarding the 2025 Wastewater Treatment Plant annual report.
- Approved the Lambton County Board of Health proceeding with the West Nile Larviciding program in Petrolia for 2026; and that the Clerk be authorized to sign the County of Lambton authorization request.
- Received and filed a report regarding some of the Town's major 2025 achievements.
- Received and endorsed a report regarding an annual community shred day event; and approved option a) for a Saturday Shred Day Event to be conducted at a cost of \$2260.00 incl. HST, and that the Town of Petrolia request that Lambton County Council be approached to include this service as part of their Hazardous Waste Day Schedule in 2027.
- Received a report regarding an update to the 2026 council calendar dates; and approved that the June 8, 2026, council meeting be re-scheduled to take place on June 11, 2026.
- Received and filed a report regarding the 2026 Election - Restricted Acts after Nomination Day "Lame Duck".
- Received and filed a proactive by-law enforcement report from Jessica Vandenberghe, Property Standards & By Law Enforcement Officer.
- Adopted a report regarding the updating of the Town's Financial Policy; and approved as amended the Budget Stabilization Reserve (\$130K) be eliminated and 100% of the funds be placed in the Operating Tax Reduction Reserve; and approved the updated Financial Policy.
- Received and filed a report regarding the 2025 Audit.
- Endorsed a report regarding the Victoria Hall Renovation Update; and approved that the request of up to \$500,000.00 (depending on grant approvals) be approved so that this project can progress.
- Adopted a report regarding the road closure request for the Lambton County Library event; and approved that the road listed in the report be approved for closure on the date and times as listed; and approved that public notification be issued by the Director of Legislative Services, Clerk | Deputy Operations.
- Adopted a report regarding the Petrolia & Enniskillen Agricultural Society fall fair approvals; and approved the request to grant significant event status to the Petrolia & Enniskillen Agricultural Society fall fair as detailed in the report; and granted the Petrolia & Enniskillen Agricultural Society an exemption to the noise by-law 61-2009 for the fall fair as detailed in the report; and approved that the Clerk be directed to produce confirmation of the same for application to the AGCO.

Sec 239(2) of the Act

Item 1:

Property 01-2026 - PLAN 16 LOT 30 PT LOT 29 RP 25R1371 PART 3

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

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RISE AND REPORT: Council provided direction to the By-Law Enforcement to return to council to discuss the future of this property and at this time no action be completed.

## OTHER BUSINESS UNDER STRONG MAYOR POWERS

### By-Laws

THAT By-Law Number 13-2026 being a By-Law to Delegate Authority to the Chief Administrative Officer for Certain Acts During a “Lame Duck” Period be read a third time and finally passed.

THAT By-Law Number 14-2026 being a By-Law to appoint a Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) for the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia be read a third time and finally passed.

THAT By-Law Number 15-206 being a By-Law to appoint an alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator (alternate CEMC) for the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia be read a third time and finally passed.

THAT By-Law Number 16-2026 being a by-law to amend By-law 63 of 2017 (comprehensive zoning) - 262 and 270 Eureka Street be read a third time and finally passed.

THAT By-Law Number 17-2026 being a By-Law authorizing the execution of a contract for service agreement between Denise Thibeault and the Corporation of the Town of Petrolia with respect to the provision of Downtown Business Liaison services be read a third time and finally passed.

THAT By-Law Number 18-2026 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 March 23, 2026, be read a third time and finally passed.

## SUMMARY OF EVENTS and INFORMATION:

### March

25 – So, You Want to Run for Council Sessions, County of Lambton Building

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

26 – LC Petrolia Optimist Ham Raffle, Chuck’s Roadhouse, 6:00 p.m.

27 – Last Day to Purchase an At-Home Composter at Cost from the Town of Petrolia

28 – St. Paul’s United Church Chicken to Go

28 & 29 – Petrolia LEO Club Stuff the Bus at Heidi’s Your Independent Grocer

### April

1 – Last Day to Order Plants from the IODE Fundraiser

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- 3 – Petrolia Lions Annual Egg Hunt
  - 3 – Good Friday, Municipal Office Closed
  - 4 – Pop Up Petrolia Farmers’ Market 8:00 a.m. - noon
  - 4 – Ham and Roast Beef Meat Raffle, Royal Canadian Legion Br. 216, 2:00 p.m.
  - 6 – Easter Monday, Municipal Office Closed
  - 8 -Public Open House Petrolia Line Watermain Upsizing, Victoria Hall 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
  - 10 – Parkinson’s Flag Raising at Victoria Hall Flagpole 11:00 a.m.
  - 11 – Compost Transfer Site Opens
  - 13 – Curbside Wood Chipping North Side of Petrolia Line
  - 13 – Regular Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Victoria Hall
  - 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIU4yc_Bsj6gobs4vZNXTSQ) (You Tube “Town of Petrolia” Channel) to view.

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