

Council Meeting Tuesday December 1, 2020, at 7:00 pm Fire Hall, Powassan

Present:

Peter McIsaac, Mayor Randy Hall, Deputy Mayor Markus Wand, Councillor Dave Britton, Councillor

Absent:

Debbie Piekarski, Councillor, with regrets

Staff:

Maureen Lang, CAO/Clerk-Treasurer

Terry Lang, IT

Presentations: None

Disclosure of Monetary Interest and General Nature Thereof: none

2020-363

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall
That the agenda of the Regular Council meeting of December 1, 2020, be approved with the addition of:

14.1 Rural Economic Development (RED) correspondence from MPP Vic Fedeli

14.2 By-law 2020-29 Appoint Deputy Fire Chiefs

Carried

Carried

2020-364

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton

That the Consolidated Financial Statements for the Municipality of Powasan for the year ending December 31, 2019, be received.

2020-365

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: D, Britton

That the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 17, 2020, be adopted.

Carried

2020-366

Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: R. Hall

That the Public Works Committee minutes of November 17, 2020, be received.

Carried

2020-367

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: M. Wand
That the correspondence dated November 26, 2020 from the North Bay Mattawa Conservation
Authority, be received.

Carried

2020-368

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: M. Wand
Whereas the Province has introduced Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from Covid-19
Act. Schedule 6 – Conservation Authorities Act;

And Whereas the proposed changes will limit Conservation Authorities ability to ensure people and property are protected from natural hazard and result in short and long term impacts to property and the environment;

Therefore be it resolved that the Municipality of Powassan request the removal of Schedule 6 from Bill 229 to allow for provincial, municipal and conservation authority

level consultations on the implications of the changes to the Conservation Authorities Act:

And further that this resolution be circulated to all levels of government.

Carried

2020-369

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: D. Britton

That the minutes from the Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee meeting of November 18, 2020 be received.

Carried

2020-370

Moved by:R. Hall

Seconded by: M. Wand

That the minutes dated October 26, 2020 from the Powassan and District Union Public Library

Board, be received.

Carried

2020-371

Moved by:R. Hall

Seconded by: M. Wand

That the draft minutes dated November 23, 2020 from the Powassan and District Union Public Library Board, be received.

2020-372

Moved by:R. Hall

Seconded by: M. Wand

That the report on Powassan and District Union Public Library Board patron/resident data as it relates to a new contract and the associated percentages for municipalities, be received.

Carried

2020-373

Moved by:M. Wand

Seconded by: R. Hall

WHEREAS, installing tile drainage is a common land improvement practice among farmers in Ontario and the benefits of tile drainage for crop productivity, farm efficiency and even for reducing environmental impacts have been studied and are generally well known to farmers;

AND WHEREAS, the Tile Loan Program, authorized by the Tile Drainage Act, provides loans to agricultural property owners to help them finance these tile drainage projects; all tile loans have 10-year terms and repayments are made annually;

AND WHEREAS, the provincial government sets the program interest rate at a competitive level which was reduced from 8% to 6% in the fall of 2004 and the loan limit was also increased from \$20,000.00 to \$50,000.00 at the same time;

AND WHEREAS, interest rates have continued to decline over the years and the cost per acre for tile drainage has increased over the years;

NOW THERFORE; be it resolved that Council of the Municipality of Powassan request the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs to consider lowering the interest rate on Tile Drain Loans to 4% and increasing the yearly loan limit to \$100,000.00, and that this Resolution be forwarded to Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, MPP Victor Fedeli, and AMO.

Carried

2020-374

Moved by: M. Wand

Seconded by: D. Britton

That the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) Powassan Drinking Water Quality Management System 2020 Annual Report, be received.

Recorded Vote - Requested by: D. Britton

Councillor Hall

Yea

	Councillor Wand Yea Councillor Britton Yea Mayor McIsaac Yea Councillor Piekarski Absent Carrie	e <b>d</b>
2020-375	Moved by:M. Wand Seconded by: R. Hall That the correspondence from the Royal Canadian Legion Ontario Command regarding the Annual Military Service Recognition Book, 2020 be received, and further that Full Quarter- coloured \$570 be approved.  Carrie	ed
2020-376	Moved by:R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton  That the correspondence dated October 29, 2020 from Almaguin Highlands Community  Livingregarding the Carole Guthrie Award recipients for 2020, the Municipality of Powassan  Staff, be received.  Carrie	ed
2020-377	Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: R. Hall That correspondence dated November 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2020 from MPP vic Fedeli regarding the Rural Economic Development (RED) program, be received.  Carrie	d
2020-378	Moved by:D. Britton Seconded by: R. Hall That By-law 2020-29, being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Fire Chief for Station 1 and Station 2, for the Municipality of Powassan Fire Department, READ a FIRST time and considered READ a SECOND AND THIRD time and aopted as such in open Council meeting this the 1st day of December, 2020  Carrie	d
2020-379	Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: R. Hall That the accounts payable listing reports dated November 16,17,24 & 26, 2020, in the total amount of \$252,649.37 be approved for payment.  Carrie	d
2020-380	Moved by: M. Wand Seconded by: D. Britton That Council now adjourns at 8:08 pm.  Carrie	d
	Mayor Maureen Lang CAO/Clerk-Treasurer	