

Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 5, 2021, at 7:00 pm

Powassan Council Chambers

Present: Randy Hall, Deputy Mayor
Dave Britton, Councillor
Markus Wand, Councillor

Virtual: Debbie Piekarski

Absent: Peter McIsaac, Mayor

Staff: Maureen Lang, CAO, Clerk-Treasurer
Terry Lang, IT

Disclosure of Monetary Interest and General Nature Thereof:

M. Wand – Named in Accounts Payable, Item 15

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| 2021-307 | Moved by: D. Britton
That the agenda of the Regular Council meeting of October 5, 2021 be approved. | Seconded by: D. Piekarski | Carried |
| 2021-308 | Moved by: D. Piekarski
That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of September 21, 2021 be adopted. | Seconded by: D. Britton | Carried |
| 2021-309 | Moved by: D. Britton
That the minutes of the Special Business Meeting of September 29, 2021 be adopted. | Seconded by: D. Piekarski | Carried |
| 2021-310 | Moved by: D. Britton
That the minutes from the Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) meeting of August 16, 2021 be received. | Seconded by: D. Piekarski | Carried |
| 2021-311 | Moved by: M. Wand
That the Municipality of Powassan Vaccination Policy – Coronavirus (COVID-19), be received, and further, that Council adopt the new policy for inclusion in the Municipal Human Resource Policy manual. | Seconded by: D. Britton | Carried |
| 2021-312 | Moved by: D. Piekarski
That the correspondence from Dave Moore, regarding the 250 Clark Lego Robotics Team, be received, and further, that council donate \$500.00 to the Team, as well as provide T-shirts, to assist with team participation in the First Lego League Program. | Seconded by: M. Wand | Carried |
| 2021-313 | Moved by: D. Britton
WHEREAS Communities across the province are addressing an intensified social crisis and Northern Ontario is no different. We recognize that creating solutions will require a multi-ministry approach but if there are lessons to be learned from this pandemic, what were once cracks in the health care foundation, there are now large gaps forming especially around mental health, addictions, and homelessness;

WHEREAS Northern Ontario has significant challenges when it comes to accessing mental health and addictions services for our people in our communities;
WHEREAS over 300 Child care staff who provide services to over 21,000 licenced child | | |

care spaces in over 340 locations across the North and they see the effects of Mental Health and Addictions every day in the children they care for and the parents they support;

WHEREAS, the defined area of Northern Ontario is over 800,000 square kilometres. Also, annually over 500 Social Services staff provide financial and employment assistance to over 15,000 families in 37 delivery sites across the North. Over 300 Community Housing staff provide safe and affordable housing to over 17,000 families in the North. In addition, there are many Police Officers and over 900 paramedics who responded to 200,000 medical emergency 911 calls. Paramedics have seen the direct results of the Mental Health and Addictions crisis in the North and some cases becoming ill themselves trying to cope with what they have seen;

WHEREAS FONOM and the Municipality of Powassan appreciates the efforts of all the agencies that are working to help and support those addicted to opioids. In some districts, over 30 agencies are providing some assistance. But we would like to see consolidation of these agencies with the input of Municipalities/DSSAB's and local stakeholders. As we believe, a streamlined agency would be able to put the combined funds to better use;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality of Powassan supports FONOM's request to ask that our Northern Ontario Health Teams, in consultation with Municipalities/DSSAB's and local stakeholders, support a province-wide strategy that supports such consolidation;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution to be shared with FONOM, Premier Ford, Christine Elliott the Minister of Health, Michael Tibollo the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, the Leaders of the Provincial Oppositions, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Deferred

2021-314

Moved by: M. Wand

Seconded by: D. Piekarski

That the correspondence dated September 30, 2021 regarding the OPP Annual Billing statement for 2022, be received.

Carried

2021-315

Moved by: D. Britton

Seconded by: M. Wand

That the correspondence from The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation, dated September 15, 2021 be received.

Carried

2021-316

Moved by: M. Wand

Seconded by: D. Piekarski

That the correspondence dated September 28, 2021 from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario regarding Dress Purple Day 2021, be received, and further that the Municipality of Powassan participate in the Dress Purple Day campaign.

Carried

2021-317

Moved by: D. Britton

Seconded by: D. Piekarski

That the accounts payable listing reports September 21, 23, 29, 2021 in the total amount of \$208,134.57 be approved for payment.

Carried

2021-318

Moved by: D. Britton

Seconded by: M. Wand

That Council now adjourns at 7:49 p.m.

Carried



Mayor


CAO/Clerk-Treasurer