

The Town of Pelham regular council meeting was held on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at the Pelham municipal building at 20 Pelham Town Hall. Video recording and live stream of the meeting can be viewed at www.pelham.ca/live

Lincoln Pelham Public Library Presentation – Fonthill Branch

Council received a presentation from the Lincoln Pelham Public Library (LPPL) regarding the Fonthill Branch and future renovations to expand access to public spaces and upgrade the facility to be AODA compliant. The presentation included conceptual designs for the proposed floorplan and the inclusion of an elevator to access the lower level of the facility. The LPPL completed a financial feasibility study in March of 2024 and has launched an ongoing capital campaign with Armstrong Strategy Group. LPPL continues to work alongside the Town of Pelham planning staff and ward99 architects on drawings for the renovation. Town of Pelham council will review the request and determine the impact of additional support for the LBBL – Fonthill Branch as part of the 2025 Town of Pelham budget process. Residents can learn more about the LPPL at www.lppl.ca and about the future of the Fonthill Branch at the dedicated project site at www.pelham.ca/lpplfonthill

New Provincial Planning Statement, 2024 Recommendation

Council received Report #2024-0194, New Provincial Planning Statement 2024, for information. On August 24, 2024, the Province of Ontario released the final version of the Provincial Planning Statement, 2024, which is set to take effect on October 20, 2024. The release of this document follows a period of significant public consultation on two prior drafts and replaces A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe and the Provincial Planning Statement 2020 by integrating them into a single planning document, which applies to the entire Province.

Town of Pelham New Official Plan – Status Update and Information Report Recommendation

Council received Report 2024-0203, Town of Pelham New Official Plan – Status Update and Information Report, for information. The new (draft) Town of Pelham Official Plan is a comprehensive policy document that places a stronger emphasis on compact and efficient land use, sustainable development, housing affordability, transportation and infrastructure, climate change and environmental protection. Mapping has been created to reflect more up-to-date land use and environmental conditions and is an integration of the mapping contained in the NOP and previous official plan mapping. The draft Official Plan is made up of 15 Sections. Staff are preparing to circulate the draft document to Council, the public, stakeholders, agencies and Town Committees. An initial round of public consultation via a series of in-person Open Houses will be completed before the formal Statutory Public Meeting, which is proposed to be held in Q1 of 2025. The draft Official Plan will be posted on the 'Engaging Pelham' website. The public can also provide input online on the proposed draft Official Plan through this public engagement platform. Learn more at www.pelham.ca/officialplan

Development Agreement Security Deposit Policy

Council received Report #2024-0199 Development Agreement Security Deposit Policy Report for information and approved Policy No. S300-04, the Development Agreement Security Deposit Policy. The policy replaces the existing one to bring it into compliance with the current Town policy template and allows the use of surety bonds as security for development projects where specific requirements are met.

Fire Station No.1 Architectural Design Project Recommendation

Council received Report #2024-0190 Fire Station No.1 Architectural Design Project and directed staff to move forward with Capital Project FAC-3-24 Fire Station No.1 Architectural Design and be completed as a standalone rebuild of the facility on the existing property (177 Regional Road 20 West), to accommodate a phased construction approach. Staff have provided construction estimates; however, the total project cost will not be determined until the final design drawings are completed and assessed.

Haist Street Traffic Calming Pilot Update

Council received Report #2024-0205-Public Works Haist Street Traffic Calming Pilot Update and directed staff to install permanent speed cushions on Haist Street north of Brewerton. In addition, council directed staff to include budget consideration for the inclusion of traffic calming measures in the 2025 Capital Roads Budget.

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