

# COUNCIL CORNER

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## June – a month of decisions

Council took two important decisions this month that bear mentioning in more detail.

### Picton Terminals

Council filed an application in provincial court in 2022 to assert our right to apply the Planning Act and municipal zoning bylaws to the Picton Terminals property. They had claimed we don't have such rights.

After much back and forth a proposal to try to reach a settlement rather than pursue the court case was put forward. On June 25 Council decided as follows:

- That Council approve the draft terms of settlement and direct legal counsel to seek similar approval from Picton terminals.
- That a meeting with Council, the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte and Picton Terminals be held to discuss the draft terms of settlement at the earliest opportunity prior to bringing a bylaw to implement the settlement agreement and
- That the executed minutes of settlement be made public with the applicable Council agenda

Vote was recorded –

**For:** Harrison, Braney, Grosso, Nieman, Roberts, Pennell, Engelsdorfer

**Against:** Hirsch, MacNaughton, Maynard, Prinsen, St. Jean, Ferguson

I can't go into details due to our code of conduct prohibiting releasing details of what goes on in closed session. What I can say is that part of my opposition to this is that the public has had no opportunity to see or comment on the proposed terms of settlement. The public has had no opportunity to weigh in on whether the County should pursue the court case. You won't get to see this until after the terms have been agreed with Picton Terminals and come to Council for approval of a bylaw. So, keep your eyes open for this coming to Council in late July or August.

### Fawcetteville

The proposal by Hilden Homes for an 85 unit subdivi-

sion on an extension of Fawcett Ave. in Picton was the subject of heated debate and well organized representation by local residents. It was clear that many of the neighbourhood's concerns had not been dealt with by the developer, so Council sent them back to the drawing board – an encouraging sign in my view.

### Council News

- Approval of MOU with Ameliasburgh Fair Board
- Establishment of new OPP Detachment Board which replaces Police Services Board
- Approval of Audit Committee plan to examine growth and other assumptions behind Development charges
- Issuance of a request for Expressions of Interest to develop Queen Elizabeth school for affordable housing
- Approval of 4 contentious severances in Ameliasburgh
- Approval of long-term plan for Delhi park
- Receipt of report on Road construction and maintenance plan which will have impact at budget time
- Referral back to the developer of the Fawcetteville subdivision
- Approval of terms of settlement with Picton Terminals (see above).

### Coming Up

- Peer review of financing plan for WWW infrastructure in Wellington
- Results of Master Servicing Plan study for water services for the County
- Tenders for design of Wellington water and wastewater plants
- Parks and Rec Master Plan

Much greater detail on all issues before Council is covered in my five days a week community email. It has been modified to focus on Covid only in the Saturday edition. So if you are not already subscribed, just send me your email address and I will add you to the list of over 400 families.

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