

REGULAR COUNCIL MINUTES

Meeting #: C-01/2021 - Regular Council
Date: Monday, January 11, 2021
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Town of Pelham Municipal Office - Council
Chambers
20 Pelham Town Square, Fonthill

Members Present: Marvin Junkin
Lisa Haun
Bob Hildebrandt
Ron Kore
Wayne Olson
Marianne Stewart
John Wink

Staff Present: David Cribbs
Nancy Bozzato
Bob Lymburner
Jason Marr
Teresa Quinlin
Barbara Wiens
Holly Willford

Other: Ryan Cook
William Heikoop, Item 4.2.1
Steven Soos, Item 4.2.2

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Noting that a quorum was present, the Mayor called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. All attendees were present electronically, save and except the Mayor and Clerk who were in Council Chamber.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved By Marianne Stewart
Seconded By Ron Kore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the January 11, 2021 Regular meeting of Council be adopted.

Amendment:
Moved By Marianne Stewart
Seconded By Ron Kore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be amended to include the addendum item 8.4.1 and 8.5.7

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0
Carried (7 to 0)		

Amendment:
Moved By Marianne Stewart
Seconded By Ron Kore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the January 11, 2021 Regular meeting of Council be adopted, as amended.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0
Carried (7 to 0)		

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests and General Nature Thereof

There were no pecuniary interests disclosed by any of the members present.

4. Hearing of Presentation, Delegations, Regional Report

4.1 Presentations

4.1.1 COVID-19 Update - Community Emergency Management Co-Ordinator

Fire Chief/CEMC B. Lymburner provided an update on the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Moved By Bob Hildebrandt

Seconded By Lisa Haun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the COVID-19 update presentation from B. Lymburner, Fire Chief and Community Emergency Management Co-Ordinator, for information.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0

Carried (7 to 0)

4.1.2 COVID-19 Update - Chief Administrative Officer

Chief Administrative Officer, D. Cribbs provided an update from an Administrative perspective with regard to the provision of municipal services throughout the pandemic.

Moved By Wayne Olson

Seconded By John Wink

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the COVID-19 update presentation from D. Cribbs, Chief Administrative Officer, for information.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0

Carried (7 to 0)

4.2 Delegations

4.2.1 William Heikoop, Upper Canada Consultants - Lavender Fields

William Heikoop, agent for the developer regarding a Saffron Meadows Phase 3 project known as Lavender Fields seeking Council's approval to proceed with minor variance applications, required due to a recent change in the Planning Act.

Moved By Lisa Haun

Seconded By Ron Kore

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the delegation from William Heikoop, Planner, Upper Canada Consultants, and

THAT Council grant an exemption to the 2-year waiting period for minor variance and thereby allow Upper Canada Consultants, for Grey Forest Homes, to file an application to the Town's Committee of Adjustment for minor variance(s), as it pertains to Block 178 of Saffron Meadows Phase 3, now known as Block 1, 59M-481.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart		X
John Wink	X	
Results	6	1

Carried (6 to 1)

4.2.2 Steven Soos - Request to Declare State of Emergency on Mental Health, Homelessness, and Addiction

Steven Soos presented information regarding his request for Pelham Council to support on a motion to declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness and addiction in the Niagara Region.

Moved By Wayne Olson

Seconded By Bob Hildebrandt

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the delegation from Steven Soos requesting Pelham to request the Niagara Region to declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness, and addiction, for information; and

WHEREAS According to the Province of Ontario Emergency Response Plan (2008), Canadian municipalities are free to declare states of emergencies in response to "any situation or impending situation caused by the forces of nature, an accident, an intentional act or other Wise that constitutes a danger of major proportions to life or property."

WHEREAS Approximately 625 residents - including 144 children in Niagara, were counted as homeless (March 2018), with shelter occupancy operating at 109.4 percent capacity

WHEREAS Niagara EMS reported 335 suspected opiate overdoses (Jan-June 2019).

WHEREAS Some Niagara-area municipalities have had services such as mental health removed from their Hospitals, and whereas Niagara is severely lacking in mental health and addiction services

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Pelham request the Niagara Region to declare a state of emergency on mental health, homelessness, and addiction.

FURTHERMORE, the Niagara Regional Council, Niagara Region Public Health and Social Services, Premier of Ontario, the provincial Minister of Health, Minister of the Attorney General, Minister of Children, Community, and Social Services, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Leader of the Official Opposition, as well as the Prime Minister of Canada, all regional municipalities and all local area municipalities within the Niagara Region be copied on this resolution."

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0

Carried (7 to 0)

4.3 Report of Regional Councillor

No Report.

5. Adoption of Minutes

Moved By Lisa Haun

Seconded By Marianne Stewart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following minutes be adopted as printed, circulated and read:

1. SC17-2020 Special Council Minutes - December 15, 2020; and

2. C-21/2020 - Council Minutes - December 14, 2020.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0

Carried (7 to 0)

6. Business Arising from Council Minutes

Councillor Olson noted an action item he made on December 14th, requesting financial information regarding the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission. Given that the information is not available, he suggested that the motion be deferred to give the Commission opportunity to provide the information requested. Councillor Olson described some of the additional information he is interested in seeing. He was asked to provide an itemized list to the Pelham representative, Councillor Haun.

7. Request(s) to Lift Consent Agenda Item(s) for Separate Consideration

Items 8.5.4.2, 8.5.6 and 8.5.6.1 were lifted.

8. Consent Agenda Items to be Considered in Block

Moved By Ron Kore

Seconded By John Wink

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Consent Agenda items as listed on the January 11, 2021 Council Agenda be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved, as applicable.

8.1 Presentation of Recommendations Arising from COW or P&P, for Council Approval

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL HEREBY approves the Recommendations Resulting from the following:

- 1. PCOW-08/2020 Public Meeting Under Planning Act - December 14, 2020**

8.2 Minutes Approval – Committee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the following minutes for information:

- 1. PCOW-08/2020 Public Meeting Under Planning Act - December 14, 2020**

8.3 Staff Reports of a Routine Nature for Information or Action

8.3.1 October 2020 Financial Report, 2021-0008-Corporate Services

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2021-0008-Corporate Services, October 2020 Financial Report, for information.

8.3.2 Information Report - Second Dwelling Units, 2021-0004-Planning

THAT Council receives Report #2021-0004 for information as it pertains to proposed Second Dwelling Units Policies and Regulations.

8.4 Action Correspondence of a Routine Nature

8.4.1 Upper Canada Consultants - request to Defer Motion re Town of Pelham Trail System

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from Upper Canada Consultants requesting that Agenda Item 14.2 regarding the Town of Pelham Trail System be received.

8.5 Information Correspondence Items

8.5.1 Report of Integrity Commissioner

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the Integrity Commissioner's correspondence and report dated December 14, 2020, for information.

8.5.2 NPCA Board Meeting Highlights

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the NPCA Board Meeting Highlights dated November 19, 2020, for information.

8.5.3 Region of Niagara: Information Correspondence Items

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the Regional Reports CLK-C-2020-244 and CLK-C-2020-245, for information.

8.5.4 Additional Community Correspondence re Steve Bauer Trail and Surrounding Development Applications

8.5.4.1 Mary Nolle Comments re: Proposed Forest Park Subdivision Development

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive correspondence from Mary Nolle regarding the proposed Forest Park Subdivision Development, for information; and

THAT the correspondence be referred to the Town Planning Department for consideration in the preparation of a recommendation report on this matter.

~~**8.5.4.2 Mike Jones – The Pelham Tree Conservation Society**~~

~~**BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive correspondence dated December 15, 2020 from Mike Jones – The Pelham Tree Conservation Society regarding the Town of Pelham Tree Policy under development, for information. (lifted)**~~

8.5.4.3 Cheryl MacDavid Comments re Steve Bauer Trail

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive correspondence from Cheryl MacDavid regarding the Steve Bauer Trail, for information; and

THAT the correspondence be referred to Town Planning Staff.

8.5.4.4 Tanya Blankenburg Comments re Steve Bauer Trail

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive correspondence from Tanya Blankenburg regarding the Steve Bauer Trail, for information; and

THAT the correspondence be referred to Town Planning Staff.

8.5.5 Jack and Brenda Braybrook Comments re: 3 Hurricane Road, Application AM-09-2020

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive correspondence from Jack and Brenda Braybrook regarding 3 Hurricane Road, Application AM-09-2020, for information.

~~**8.5.6 Letter of Objection to Conditions of Approval Saffron Valley Phase 2**~~

~~**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the letter of objection to conditions of approval regarding Saffron Valley Phase 2 dated January 5, 2021 from Upper Canada Consults and related correspondence for information. (lifted)**~~

~~**8.5.6.1 Responses to Letter of Objection**~~

~~**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the letter of response to objection of conditions of approval regarding Saffron Valley Phase 2 dated January 5, 2021 from the Niagara Region and related material for information. (lifted)**~~

8.5.7 Letter of Support for Trails Motion - Berkhout Family

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the correspondence from the Berkhout Family in support of the Pelham Trails Motion, Agenda Item 14.2.

8.7 - Committee Minutes for Information

8.7.1 Cannabis Control Committee Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Cannabis Control Committee minutes dated October 28th, 2020, for information.

8.7.2 Pelham Public Art Advisory Committee Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Pelham Public Art Advisory Committee minutes dated February 19, 2020 and November 18, 2020, for information.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	

Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0

Carried (7 to 0)

9. Items for Separate Consideration, if Any

9.1 Mike Jones - The Pelham Tree Conservation Society

Mr. Marr advised that staff is in the process of reviewing the first draft of the tree conservation policy and look forward to bringing this to Council in late winter or early spring. Councillor Olson is hopeful this will raise a high bar regarding potential for awards and acknowledgement.

Moved By Ron Kore
Seconded By John Wink

BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive correspondence dated December 15, 2020 from Mike Jones - The Pelham Tree Conservation Society regarding the Town of Pelham Tree Policy under development, for information.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0

Carried (7 to 0)

9.2 Letter of Objection to Conditions of Approval - Saffron Valley Phase 2

Moved By Ron Kore
Seconded By John Wink

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the letter of objection to conditions of approval regarding Saffron Valley Phase 2 dated January 5, 2021 from Upper Canada Consults and related correspondence for information.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0
Carried (7 to 0)		

9.2.1 Responses to Letter of Objection

Moved By Ron Kore
Seconded By John Wink

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the letter of response to objection of conditions of approval regarding Saffron Valley Phase 2 dated January 5, 2021 from the Niagara Region and related material for information.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0
Carried (7 to 0)		

10. Presentation & Consideration of Reports

10.1 Reports from Members of Council:

10.2 Staff Reports Requiring Action

10.2.1 2021 Draft Capital Budget Update, 2021-0015-Corporate Services

WTR-06-21 is red circled pending the grant announcement, as noted by the Treasurer, Ms. Quinlin.

Moved By Marianne Stewart
Seconded By Lisa Haun

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report # 2021-0015-Corporate Services;

AND FURTHER Council approve the amendment in this report to the draft 2021 Capital Budget,

AND THAT Council pass the 2021 Capital Budget as amended.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0
Carried (7 to 0)		

10.2.2 2021 Draft Operating Budget Update , 2021-0014-Corporate Services

Moved By Ron Kore
Seconded By John Wink

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report # 2021-0014-Corporate Services;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the amendment in this report to the draft 2021 Operating Budget;

AND THAT Council pass the 2021 Operating Budget as amended.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0

Carried (7 to 0)

10.2.3 Recommendation Report for Applications for Saffron Valley Phase 2 (1304 Rice Road), 2021-0006-Planning

Moved By John Wink
Seconded By Wayne Olson

THAT Council receives Report #2021-06 for information as it pertains to File Nos. 26CD19-02-20, OP-AM-02-20 and AM-06-20;

AND THAT Council directs Planning staff to prepare the by-laws for approval of the Draft Plan of Condominium, Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments for Council’s consideration.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0

Carried (7 to 0)

**10.2.4 Site Plan Control (SP-09-2020) 1768 Balfour St -
Recommendation Report, 2021-0010-Planning**

Moved By Lisa Haun
Seconded By Bob Hildebrandt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report # 2021-0010 for information pertaining to Site Plan Control application file No. SP-09-2020; and

THAT Council consider approval of the By-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Site Plan Agreement between the Town and Wierenga Greenhouses Limited.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0

Carried (7 to 0)

**10.2.5 Establish Reserve for Human Resources Capacity Building,
2021-0011-Corporate Services**

Moved By Marianne Stewart
Seconded By Ron Kore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report # 2021-0011-Corporate Services;

AND THAT Council approve the establishment of a Reserve for Human Resources Capacity Building with the purpose, funding sources, and drawdowns as outlined in this report;

AND FURTHER THAT this Reserve be effective for the year ended December 31, 2020.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0

Carried (7 to 0)

10.2.6 Group Benefits Policy, 2021-0003-Chief Administrator Officer

Moved By John Wink

Seconded By Marianne Stewart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2021-0003, Town Benefits Policy Amendment;

AND THAT COUNCIL approve the Benefit Plans Policy S600-01 as amended.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0

Carried (7 to 0)

11. Unfinished Business

None

12. New Business

None

13. Presentation and Consideration of By-Laws

Moved By Wayne Olson
Seconded By Ron Kore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Pelham, having given due consideration to the following By-laws do now read a first, second and third time and do pass same, and THAT the Mayor and Clerk be and are hereby authorized to sign and seal the by-laws:

- 1. By-law 4306(2021) - Being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy for the year 2021.
- 2. By-law 4307(2021) - Delegation of Authority - Being a by-law to delegate certain powers and duties under the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25*, and other Acts as contained in the Schedules hereto.
- 3. By-law 4308(2021) - Being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Site Plan Agreement for the lands located at 1768 – 1770 Balfour Street. Wierenga Greenhouses Limited. File No. SP-09-2020

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0
Carried (7 to 0)		

14. Motions and Notices of Motion

14.1 Motion: Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission Funding

Moved By Wayne Olson
Seconded By John Wink

Moved by Councillor Olson

Seconded by Councillor Wink

WHEREAS the funding request from the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission (NCDRAC) for the year 2021 remains the same as the 2020 request, in the amount of \$154,770;

AND WHEREAS the 2021 funding request contains a Depreciation amount of \$80,000;

AND WHEREAS Depreciation is a non-cash expense item;

AND WHEREAS the removal of Depreciation from the 2021 NCDRAC funding request would not create operational or financial difficulties for the Airport Commission;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Pelham Town Council approves the Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission funding request in the amount of \$74,770, such amount being \$154,770 minus Depreciation of \$80,000, resulting in the Town of Pelham Municipal Contribution in the amount of \$13,459.

Amendment:

Moved By Wayne Olson
Seconded By John Wink

THAT Consideration of the Motion, Agenda Item 14.1 re Niagara Central Dorothy Rungeling Airport Commission Funding be referred to a future meeting, pending receipt of additional information.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0

Carried (7 to 0)

14.2 Motion: Town of Pelham Trail System

A motion to refer this motion for consideration February 16, 2021 was made but did not obtain a second.

Moved By John Wink

Seconded By Bob Hildebrandt

Moved by Councillor Wink

Seconded by Councillor Hildebrandt

WHEREAS the Provincial Government launched the Ontario Trails Strategy that is a long term plan that establishes strategic direction for planning, managing, promoting and using trails in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS trails play an important role in building a healthier, more prosperous, Ontario;

AND WHEREAS section 1.5.1 of the Provincial Statement 2020 states:

"Healthy, active communities should be promoted by: a) planning public streets, spaces and facilities to be safe, meet the needs of pedestrians, foster social interaction and facilitate active transportation and community connectivity; b) planning and providing for a full range and equitable distribution of publicly accessible built and natural settings for recreation, including facilities, parklands, public spaces, open space areas, trails and linkages, and, where practical, water-based resources; c) providing opportunities for public access to shorelines; and d) recognizing provincial parks, conservation reserves, and other protected areas, and minimizing negative impacts on these areas";

AND WHEREAS good trails play a vital role in our well-being by supporting an active lifestyle that improves health, trails attract tourists to our community, trails build strong communities that strengthen our social fabric, and trails conserve and appreciate the environment;

AND WHEREAS the Steve Bauer Trail has been in existence for over 20 years and is public property owned by the Town of Pelham;

AND WHEREAS the Gerry Berkhout Trail has been in existence for over 2 years and is public property owned by the Town of Pelham;

AND WHEREAS these trails provide safe areas to increase trail use by all community residents including children, youth, seniors and persons with a disability;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for safe, accessible trails to the point that the trails are one of the most utilized public spaces in Pelham;

AND WHEREAS our Town's ecosystems and natural features need to be preserved;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that no new road crossings over the Steve Bauer Trail or the Gerry Berkhout Trail shall be permitted by the Town;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town shall not dedicate any portion of the Steve Bauer Trail or the Gerry Berkhout Trail as a public

highway;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Pelham Town Council endorses the preservation of the Steve Bauer Trail and the Gerry Berkhout Trail as they currently exist.

Amendment:
Moved By Wayne Olson
Seconded By John Wink

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public in order to consider a matter under Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, as follows:

- (e) - litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality;**
- (f) - advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.**

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore		X
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart		X
John Wink	X	
Results	5	2
Carried (5 to 2)		

Moved By Wayne Olson
Seconded By John Wink

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn the In Camera Session and that Council do now Rise With No Report.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	

Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0

Carried (7 to 0)

Moved By John Wink
Seconded By Bob Hildebrandt

Moved by Councillor Wink
Seconded by Councillor Hildebrandt

WHEREAS the Provincial Government launched the Ontario Trails Strategy that is a long term plan that establishes strategic direction for planning, managing, promoting and using trails in Ontario;
AND WHEREAS trails play an important role in building a healthier, more prosperous, Ontario;
AND WHEREAS section 1.5.1 of the Provincial Statement 2020 states: "Healthy, active communities should be promoted by: a) planning public streets, spaces and facilities to be safe, meet the needs of pedestrians, foster social interaction and facilitate active transportation and community connectivity; b) planning and providing for a full range and equitable distribution of publicly accessible built and natural settings for recreation, including facilities, parklands, public spaces, open space areas, trails and linkages, and, where practical, water-based resources; c) providing opportunities for public access to shorelines; and d) recognizing provincial parks, conservation reserves, and other protected areas, and minimizing negative impacts on these areas";
AND WHEREAS good trails play a vital role in our well-being by supporting an active lifestyle that improves health, trails attract tourists to our community, trails build strong communities that strengthen our social fabric, and trails conserve and appreciate the environment;
AND WHEREAS the Steve Bauer Trail has been in existence for over 20 years and is public property owned by the Town of Pelham;
AND WHEREAS the Gerry Berkhout Trail has been in existence for over 2 years and is public property owned by the Town of Pelham;
AND WHEREAS these trails provide safe areas to increase trail

use by all community residents including children, youth, seniors and persons with a disability;
AND WHEREAS the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic has increased the demand for safe, accessible trails to the point that the trails are one of the most utilized public spaces in Pelham;
AND WHEREAS our Town's ecosystems and natural features need to be preserved;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that no new road crossings over the Steve Bauer Trail or the Gerry Berkhout Trail shall be permitted by the Town;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town shall not dedicate any portion of the Steve Bauer Trail or the Gerry Berkhout Trail as a public highway;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Pelham Town Council endorses the preservation of the Steve Bauer Trail and the Gerry Berkhout Trail as they currently exist.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin		X
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson		X
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	5	2
Carried (5 to 2)		

- 15. Matters for Committee of the Whole or Policy and Priorities Committee**
 None
- 16. Matters Arising Out of Committee of the Whole or Policy and Priorities Committee**
 None
- 17. Resolution to Move in Camera**
 Closed session convened under Item 14.2.
- 18. Rise From In Camera**

19. Confirming By-Law

Moved By Marianne Stewart
Seconded By Ron Kore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following By-law be read a first, second and third time and passed:

Being a By-law No. 4309(2021) to Adopt, Ratify and Confirm the proceedings of Council of the Town of Pelham at its Regular Meeting held on the 11th day of January, 2021.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	
John Wink	X	
Results	7	0
Carried (7 to 0)		

20. Adjournment

Moved By Lisa Haun
Seconded By Marianne Stewart

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Regular Meeting of Council be adjourned until the next regular meeting scheduled for February 1, 2021 at 5:30 pm.

	For	Against
Marvin Junkin	X	
Lisa Haun	X	
Bob Hildebrandt	X	
Ron Kore	X	
Wayne Olson	X	
Marianne Stewart	X	

John Wink

X

Results

7

0

Carried (7 to 0)

Mayor: Marvin Junkin

Town Clerk: Nancy J. Bozzato