



Public Notices

Meetings:
Council/Committee of the Whole
September 11 & 25
5:00 pm

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Reminder
2018 FINAL TAX BILL
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September 28.

2018 Municipal Election Where to Vote:

Drummond Ward Electors:

If the roll number on your Tax Bill begins with 0919 919 you are an elector of Drummond Ward and you vote at:
Drummond Hall- 1920 Drummond Concession 7, Perth, ON

North Elmsley Ward Electors:

If the roll number on your Tax Bill begins with 0919 908 you are an elector of North Elmsley Ward and you vote at:

Municipal Office- 310 Port Elmsley Road, Perth, ON

Voting Dates and Times:

Advanced Voting
10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 13
Wednesday October 17

Election Day
10:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.
Monday, October 22

*Residents of the Rideau Ferry Country Home are eligible to vote at the Rideau Ferry Country Home: 1333 Rideau Ferry

Are you on the Voters' List?

The Township of Drummond/North Elmsley is encouraging all voters to check to see if they are on the Voters List for the 2018 Municipal and School Board Elections occurring in October, 2018 by visiting www.voterlookup.ca.

Employment Opportunity – Planner Salary Range \$65,029.48 - \$76,491.76

The Township of Drummond/North Elmsley is accepting applications for a full-time Planner. The Township Planner will review development applications, new policy initiatives, site plans, severances, respond to planning inquiries, process land use planning applications to ensure conformity with the Official Plan, Zoning Bylaw and Provincial Policy Statement and act as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment.

A complete job description is available on the Township's website at: www.dnetownship.ca.



REMINDER Last Weekend for 2018
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NEWS

'OLD BASTARDS' MAKE \$600 DONATION TO TABLE FOOD CENTRE

DESMOND DEVOY
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For a group that claims its members are a bunch of "old bastards," they are actually quite a generous bunch.

Now, in case you are wondering, yes, for a family newspaper, the Old Bastards Vintage Motorcycle Club comes by its name honestly - it's based in Bastard Township, which is now the Bastard Ward of Rideau Lakes Township.

The group does a lot of fundraising for charities across eastern Ontario and western Quebec, and they roared into Perth on Tuesday, Aug. 21, to donate \$600 to the Table Community Food Centre.

The donation, made at Stewart Park that evening, was proposed by local Perth



Ramsey Hart/ The Table Community Food Centre

From left, Kristian Bostlund, a Perth-based member of the Old Bastards Vintage Motorcycle Club, presents Ramsey Hart, executive director of The Table Community Food Centre, with a cheque for \$600 in Stewart Park on the evening of Tuesday, Aug. 21, as fellow club members Lincoln Pearce (club president) and Michael Hannah look on.

member Kristian Bostlund.

Bostlund was joined by club president Lincoln Pearce, and fellow member

Michael Hannah, who presented the cheque to the Table's executive director Ramsey Hart that night.

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Family fun at the Frosty Fling

The Frosty Fling brought many families out to the Lanark Civitan Club over the weekend of Friday, Jan. 26 to Sunday, Jan. 28 for fun activities such as sledding, arts and crafts, horse-drawn wagon rides, a talent show, a pancake breakfast, and much more. Pictured, from left: Haley Lortie-Lynch, Laura Lortie, Sadie Lortie-Lynch, and Madison Georgadis get creative at the craft table.

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Beyond '50 Shades of brown': Public has say on colour palette

BY DESMOND DEVOY
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If you want to paint your front façade purple or puce or pink, you can do so — on your own dime.

The issue of the colour palette for the downtown heritage conservation district came back to the public on Wednesday, Jan. 24, with development

and protective services director Forbes Symon telling the crowd gathered in the council chambers at Perth town hall that the meeting was “about us talking to you about ideas that are being contemplated.” With input from the public, “we (staff) will take that information back to council. There have been “no decisions, it’s simply gathering informa-

tion. It’s been a journey.”

After the public meeting, there will be a more formal process that will be undertaken as changes to the colour palette will require a change in the town’s bylaws under the Ontario Heritage Act.

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SHADES

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“This (meeting) isn’t part of it (that process),” explained Symon.

Community services director Shannon Baillon read out a letter from Carl Bray, who “was a really good resource for us,” which called painting on wood “a reversible intervention.” Right now, to change the colour on a business façade, “a heritage permit is required,” said Baillon.

Heritage districts are in place “mostly to protect the buildings,” Baillon explained. There are roughly 135 heritage districts across the province, and most of them have a “recommended colour palette but not a mandatory colour palette,” said Baillon. The town polled the provincial heritage district network and got 14 responses back — of which 12 had a recommended colour palette, but no mandatory one. That is why Perth is looking “at making some changes to the bylaw,” such as “not to require a permit for wooden façade features,” and use the paint colour of your choice, she said.

However, if a business in the district wishes to utilize town funds, like community investment plan renovation grants, to spruce up a façade, then the business will have to adhere to the colour palette.

The proposed change to the bylaw would see that a business would not “require a permit for wooden façade features.”

One of those in attendance asked about the barber shop on the intersection of Foster and Wilson streets, which has red, white, and black colours. Symon explained that those colours are consistent with the company’s logo, but he agreed that “that’s a fair point ... the exemption process is sometimes a slippery slope.” Pointing to the 100-plus page bylaw on a nearby table — of which only two paragraphs deal with paint — he called it a “very complicated document.” He has worked hard, for all of his career, on such documents and “it’s not perfect. It’s never 100 per cent. (But) you work to get it right. There has been a real change.”

One of the challenges facing town hall in administering a colour palette is that “taste is a very, very difficult thing to regulate,” said Symon. “I personally like red doors. My wife does not. Taste is a very personal thing. Whenever government regulates taste ... it can be a rub.”

In a lighter comment, he urged those in attendance to remember that tastes can change. About 40 years ago, for example, “avocado green was a very popular colour when I was a kid in the ‘70s.” With this bylaw change, “we are moving away from ‘Thou shalt follow the colour,’” to something different. “If you don’t want any free government money, and paint it on your own dime,” you can, he said.

One attendee noticed that some businesses could have vinyl on their front facades. While the bylaw under discussion was only looking at wood, not brick or stone, staff conceded

that the wording could be adjusted to cover vinyl.

“Painting masonry is a no-no,” said Symon. “It’s bad for the masonry and it is hard to undo.”

Public input

Colourful comments from the gallery made sure that a meeting about paint was far more exciting than watching paint dry.

Emmet Cameron told staff that “we’re not dead. We are not a museum,” and that the changes were needed. “We are a living town.”

Painter Joe Ponte admitted that he

was the painter who painted the front façade of the Shadowfax store purple this past summer, which brought about the current ongoing debate.

“We were pretty close to what was there,” said Ponte in choosing a colour that he and the owner believed was close to the existing colour. “The fault is with me. I’m the painter.”

He added that “we didn’t cover anything that wasn’t already covered,” with paint. One of the challenges that businesses on that side of Foster Street face is that they are “pounded with sun every day,” especially in the summer months. “It did come out a little

bit brighter than we had expected.” He half-jokingly said that his paint crew was not made up of “crackheads and bikers,” and that they tried to follow the rules.

Ponte asked if, per chance, if an owner wished to paint using their own colours, the town would not pick up the tab for the paint, but would help out with covering labour costs.

“That’s still a work in progress,” said Symon.

Richard Schooley, former owner of Crain and Schooley Insurance on Gore Street, said that “we got where we got with peer pressure and with

tools, not rules,” he said.

John McKenty agreed, saying that the changes were “wise.” The debate over the palette has “created a lot of emotional discussion on both sides. It separated people.” He said it was a good idea to take the issue out of local, invested hands, and give it to an expert to look over.

Pete Blier, owner of The Stone Cellar and Mex and Co. restaurants, got a laugh of his own when he said that “Perth needs to move beyond 50 shades of brown,” he said.

“We have to attract the younger set,” with different colours, he added.



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