

Council Report Card Voting Details

PDI Sale Vote: On December 15, 2016, Council voted to approve the sale to Hydro One of PDI, the City-owned electricity distribution company (e.g. poles and wires). Public consultations and delegations to several Council meetings over the six months leading up to the sale showed almost unanimous opposition to the sale. Two polls confirmed this, with between 90% and 93% of people polled against the sale.

- 93% from: Environics, MyKawartha.com, May 11, 2016
- 90% from Environics, Peterborough Examiner, December 5, 2016

Parkway Vote: On October 2, 2017, Council voted to seek provincial approval for building the Parkway. This vote supposedly removed the bridge over Jackson Creek (middle) from the plan and sought to overturn the Order for an Individual Environmental Assessment (EA) and instead approve the 2014 Class EA for the north and south parts. Council authorized the Mayor to discuss a plan for this with Ontario's Premier and Minister of Environment and Climate Change. A development cap on unbuilt subdivisions (e.g. at Lily Lake) was also lifted, although transportation issues remain a problem and are uncertain. On April 30, 2018, the plan to do a full EA of The Parkway extension was deferred by Council, in an 8-3 vote. Staff will carry out five smaller transportation-related studies and then create a new Transportation Master Plan.

Casino Vote: On May 16, 2016, Council voted to approve the planning changes to allow the Casino at Crawford Drive and The Parkway. This decision was appealed to the OMB, resulting in a settlement by the City, DBIA and AON. A previous Council decision on November 15, 2015 to choose the Crawford Drive site from a longer list was held in camera (without the public), and this was later found to be illegal. Repeated referendum and polling results from 1997 to 2016 show opposition to a casino ranging from 61% to 76%.

Environmental Combo: This combines the results of three significant environmental decisions:

On March 21, 2016, Planning Committee was tied on whether to approve the Batten-White subdivision next to the Loggerhead Marsh, with many remaining planning and environmental issues. The developer appealed this decision to the OMB, which has yet to reach its decision.

On June 5, 2017, Council approved the building site and parking (site plan) for the casino and adjacent hotel plus associated City financing for new roads. This was done before completion of all environmental studies and without fully addressing advisory committee concerns.

On November 14, 2017, Council approved the site plan for the Trent University arena complex. This complex affects the Trent Nature Sanctuary, creeks, wildlife and an unevaluated wetland, and is part of City-Trent larger development of the Pioneer Road and CleanTech Commons area.

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