

**The Corporation of the
Village of Merrickville-Wolford**

Monday, January 7, 2019

A special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 7, 2019.

Chaired by: Mayor J. Douglas Struthers
Members of Council: Councillor Michael Cameron
Councillor Bob Foster
Councillor Don Halpenny
Councillor Timothy Molloy

Staff in Attendance: Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk
Christina Conklin, Deputy Clerk
Randy Wilkinson, Chief Building Official
Kirsten Rahm, Treasurer
Jeff McNamee, Economic Development Officer

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof: None

Approval of Agenda

R-001-19 Moved by Councillor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby adopt the agenda of the special Council meeting of January 7, 2019, as circulated.

Carried

CAO:

R-002-19 Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report CAO-01-2019 regarding Cannabis Retail Sales Option to Opt Out, for information purposes.

Carried

Public Question Period:

T. Shaw inquired as to how existing businesses would be assisted for loss of potential revenue if Merrickville-Wolford opted out of permitting cannabis retail sales.

K. Sheppard requested the answer to T. Shaw's question be repeated.

C. Willemsen inquired as to what tools would be used to measure the Village's response to opt in or opt out.

E. Dickie inquired as to whether the opt-out was for the first phase only and requested clarity on whether funding would be received if the Village chose to opt-out.

M. Zaversenuke inquired as to if Council would be willing to consider the legality, morality, ethics and economic benefits to the Village while making the decision whether or not to opt-out.

T. Iannazzo commented regarding the lack of negativity surrounding a decision to not opt-out and the potential benefit of residual business that the decision to remain in could bring to the Village.

D. Gagnon commented that he would like to see Merrickville-Wolford remain an open-minded business community.

Confirming By-Law

R-003-19 Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 04-2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of January 7, 2019, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 04-2019 be read a third and final time and passed.

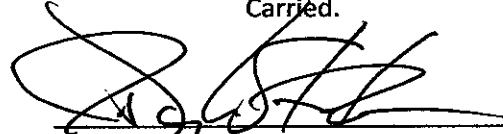
Carried.

Adjournment

R-004-19 Moved by Councillor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 8:00 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk