

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

Monday, January 11, 2021

**Chaired by:
Members of Council:**

Mayor J. Douglas Struthers
Councillor Don Halpenny
Deputy Mayor Michael Cameron
Councillor Bob Foster
Councillor Timothy Molloy

Staff in Attendance:

Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk
Christina Conklin, Deputy Clerk
Kirsten Rahm, Treasurer
Brad Cole, Manager, Operations/Fire Chief
Forbes Symon, Jp2g Consultants Inc.

Guest:

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof: None.

Approval of Agenda

R-001-21 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Molloy
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the agenda of the regular Council meeting of January 11, 2021, as amended.

Carried.

Note: The agenda was amended to reflect a change in date in paragraph 5 of By-law 02-2021.

Planning:

R-002-21

Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive Planning Report of Forbes Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. with respect to Consent Applications B-128-20 and B-129-20, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby recommend deferral of Consent Applications B-128-20 and B-129-20 to the Consent Granting Authority until a satisfactory Archeological Study and a Noise Impact Study are submitted and reviewed.

Carried.

Note: Forbes Symon left the Council meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Minutes:

R-003-21

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the Minutes of the special Council meeting of December 9, 2020, as circulated.

Carried.

R-004-21

Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Molloy
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the Minutes of the regular Council meeting of December 14, 2020, as circulated.

Carried.

Correspondence:

R-005-21

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Molloy
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive correspondence from Kelvin McGreavy, President of the Lions Club of Merrickville, received November 23, 2020, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby approve the installation of Lions Club signage as described in the aforementioned correspondence to the Village entrance signs, at the discretion of

the Manager, Operations in consultation with the CAO/Clerk, to ensure safety and sufficient space.

Carried.

Police Services Board:

R-006-21 Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive correspondence from Dell Bower, Chair of the Merrickville-Wolford Police Services Board, dated December 28, 2020, for information purposes.

Carried.

Finance:

R-007-21

Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FIN-01-2021 regarding the Interim Borrowing By-law for 2021; and

That Council does hereby give favourable consideration to By-law 01-2021, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet the 2021 expenditures of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford.

Carried.

R-008-21

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 01-2021, being a by-law to authorize the municipality to borrow up to \$2,000,000 during the January 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021 period, and up to \$1,000,000 during the October 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 period in order to finance the Village's Current Operating Expenditures on an interim basis, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 01-2021 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

R-009-21

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FIN-02-2021 regarding the Interim Tax Levy for 2021; and

That Council does hereby give favourable consideration to By-law 02-2021, being a by-law to authorize the 2021 interim tax levy.

Carried.

R-010-21

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 02-2021, being a by-law to impose an interim tax levy for the year 2021 on properties within all tax classes in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 02-2021 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Fire Department:

R-011-21

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FD-01-2021, being the 2020 year-end report of the Merrickville Fire Department, for information purposes.

Carried.

CAO:

R-012-21

Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Foster

WHEREAS Section 3.6 a) of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's Procedure By-law 30-17 indicates that regular meetings of Council shall be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m., except as altered by way of Council resolution;

AND WHEREAS Section 3.3 a) of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's Procedure By-law 30-17 states that Council, by resolution, may cancel or reschedule any meeting at a preceding meeting;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario declared a State of Emergency on March 17, 2020 due to the global pandemic known as COVID-19, followed by subsequent Emergency Orders and Ontario Regulations which set out restrictions and guidelines regarding social distancing in order to protect the safety of all Ontarians;

AND WHEREAS social distancing restrictions pose health and safety challenges to the Village of Merrickville-Wolford in permitting the public to physically attend regular Council meetings;

AND WHEREAS all Council meetings that are open to the public are recorded and audio recordings of Council's meetings are available on the Village's website in order that Council meetings remain transparent and open to the public;

AND WHEREAS Councillor Halpenny, at the Council meeting of July 27, 2020, requested an alteration to the start time of 7:00 p.m. for Council meetings as outlined in Section 3.6 a) of the Villages Procedure By-law 30-17;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby direct that regular meetings of Council beginning January 25, 2021 and continuing until such a time as the requirements set out by the Province of Ontario be lifted so that the Village may, once again, safely accommodate the public's physical attendance at regular Council meetings, be held at 2:00 p.m.

Recorded vote requested by Councillor Molloy:

Deputy Mayor Cameron: In favour
Councillor Foster: In favour
Councillor Halpenny: In favour
Councillor Molloy: Opposed
Mayor Struthers: In favour

Carried.

In Camera:

R-013-21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby move to an "In-Camera" session at 7:45 p.m. under Section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to address matters pertaining to:

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried.

Rise and Report:

R-014-21 Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby rise and report from the "In-Camera" session of the regular Council meeting, with staff being given direction, at 8:25 p.m.

Carried.

Confirming By-Law:

R-015-21 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 04-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular Council meeting of January 11, 2021, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 04-2021 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

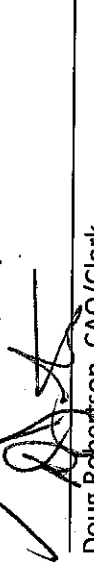
R-016-21 Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that: This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 8:27 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk