

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

Monday, January 27, 2020

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 27, 2020.

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

**Staff in Attendance:** Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk  
Christina Conklin, Deputy Clerk  
Randy Wilkinson, Chief Building Official  
Brad Cole, Manager of Operations/Fire Chief

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

**Approval of Agenda**

**R-021-20** 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 approve the agenda of the regular Council meeting of January 27, 2020, as circulated.

Carried.

**Public Question Period to Council:** No questions.

**Minutes:**

**R-022-20** 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 approve the Minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 13, 2020, as circulated.

Carried.

**Library Board:**

**R-023-20** 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 receive the Minutes of the Merrickville Public Library Board dated December 12, 2019, for information purposes.

Carried.

**Public Works:**

**R-024-20** 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 report PW-01-2020, being the 2019 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and year-end report of the Operations Department, for information purposes.

Carried.

**Planning:**

**R-025-20** 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 receive the Minutes of the Planning Advisory Committee dated September 16<sup>th</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup>, November 21<sup>st</sup>, and December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020, for information purposes.

Carried.

**R-026-20** 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 direct the Mayor and CAO to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Park View Homes and obtain a deposit of \$20,000.00.

Carried.

**R-027-20** 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 receive resolution R-01-20 of the Planning Advisory Committee for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby recommend approval of consent application B-106-19 to the Consent Granting Authority.

Carried.

**R-028-20** 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 receive correspondence from Paul Matteau dated January 23, 2020 and John Miner dated October 23, 2019 regarding the expansion of Provincially Significant Wetlands in the Northeast quadrant of the Village, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby request that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry provide to the Village the wetland evaluations as they pertain to the subject lands and to re-evaluate the Provincially Significant Wetlands designation.

Carried.

**R-029-20** Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

WHEREAS the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is endeavouring to adopt a new Official Plan as required per Section 17 of the *Planning Act* and the Village is required to incorporate the Provincial Policy Statements of the Act;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Policy Statements require the Village to provide in its Official Plan the updated provisions of new and expanded Provincially Significant Wetlands designations;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that the expansion of these wetlands is detrimentally affecting certain landowners and the Village's assessment base;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that designations of Provincially Significant Wetlands have occurred throughout the Province of Ontario without the provision of supporting evidence;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned about the expansion of the Provincially Significant Wetlands in the Northeast quadrant of the Village;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford is concerned that these wetlands designations have been expanded without the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry having provided to the Village supporting evidence to justify said expansion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby respectfully request that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry provide the Village with supporting evidence with respect to the expansion of these wetlands designations;

AND THAT the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry re-evaluate the subject properties without delay;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried.

**By-law Enforcement:**

**R-030-20** 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 report BLEO-01-2020, being the 2019 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and year-end report of the By-law Enforcement Department, for information purposes.

Carried.

**Public Question Period to Council:**

Y. Grandmaitre inquired as to whether the notice of the changeroom portion of the rink house being closed for construction would be posted on the website.

Y. Grandmaitre inquired as to how an individual or group who wanted to borrow pylons or other in-kind services could make such a request.

P. Matteau expressed appreciation to Council for the actions that Council has taken regarding the Provincially Significant Wetlands designation.

H. Thompson inquired as to the repercussions for landowners whose land has been designated as Provincially Significant Wetlands.

**Confirming By-Law**

**R-030-20** Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

**Be it hereby resolved that:** By-law 05-2020, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of January 27, 2020, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 05-2020 be read a third and final time and passed.


Carried.

**Adjournment**

**R-031-20** Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny

**Be it hereby resolved that:** This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 7:50 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.

  
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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor  
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Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk