

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

Monday, February 10, 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, February 10, 2020.

Chaired by: Mayor J. Douglas Struthers
Members of Council: Deputy Mayor Michael Cameron
Councillor Don Halpenny
Councillor Timothy Molloy
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
Kirsten Rahm, Treasurer

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

Approval of Agenda

R-033-20 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 agenda of the regular Council meeting of February 10, 2020, as circulated.

Carried.

Delegation:

R-034-20 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation of Ian Ross of Enbridge Gas Inc. regarding the potential for natural gas expansion, for information purposes.

Carried.

Public Question Period to Council:

M. Zaversenuke inquired how the Village would enforce current building codes once the revised Official Plan is approved as it pertains to pre-WWII designs.

S. Hart inquired whether it would be possible to include a portion of the forest on her property in the revised Official Plan as a significant woodland.

Planning:

R-035-20 Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny
Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 10-2020, being a by-law to adopt a revised Official Plan for the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 10-2020 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Minutes:

R-036-20 Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, 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 January 27, 2020, as circulated.

Carried.

Correspondence:

R-037-20 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 Ann Martin, President of the Merrickville District Historical Society, dated January 21, 2020, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-038-20 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 receive correspondence from Robbie Giles dated February 7, 2020, for information purposes.

Carried.

Committees:

R-039-20 Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Minutes of the Recreation, Health and Wellness Advisory Committee dated November 28, 2019, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-040-20 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 the Minutes of the Community Development Advisory Committee dated January 6, 2020, for information purposes.

Carried.

Public Works:

R-041-20 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny
Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 06-2020, being a by-law to appoint Brad Cole as a Municipal By-law Enforcement Officer, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 06-2020 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

By-law Enforcement:

R-042-20 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 exempt Curbex Media from Sign By-law 24-2010 for the purpose of an oversized sign to be placed on property known locally as 306 Read Street, Merrickville, as outlined on the map provided from February 12th to April 12th, 2020.

Carried.

Finance:

R-043-20 Moved by Councillor Foster, 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-04-2020 regarding the 2020 water and wastewater rates; and

That Council gives favourable consideration to By-law 09-2020, being a by-law to amend By-law 24-03, to adopt the 2020 Water and Wastewater Rates.

Carried.

R-044-20 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Molloy
Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 09-2020, being a by-law to amend Schedules "A" and "B" of By-law 24-03 to adopt the 2020 Water and Wastewater Rates, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 09-2020 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Notice of Motion:

R-045-20 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 request of the Heritage Advisory Committee to hold a follow-on meeting to their inaugural meeting of January 28, 2020 to discuss the following issues of interest:

1. The potential for training opportunities regarding the *Ontario Heritage Act*;
2. The potential re-establishment of the Annual Walkabout of Heritage Properties, with photographs;
3. The potential review of the status of the Heritage Tax Relief Program and process; and

4. The potential for creating a Heritage Communication Strategy.
Defeated.

Public Question Period to Council:

M. Zaversenuke inquired whether Council or staff had started the process to hire a consultant for the water and wastewater review.

P. Watson inquired whether there would be upcoming relief of water and wastewater rates in the coming years and whether the previously borrowed \$1.2 million that was not used for the construction of the water and wastewater treatment plant was reflected in monthly water and wastewater bills.

A. Barr inquired whether the draft Minutes of the Heritage Advisory Committee could be presented to Council for further context and whether the Heritage Advisory Committee would have an opportunity to review the Minutes prior to them being circulated to Council.

Confirming By-Law

R-046-20 Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 07-2020, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of February 10, 2020, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 07-2020 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

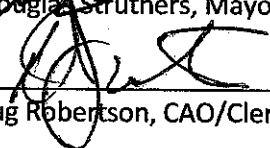
R-047-20 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Be it hereby resolved that: This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 8:25 p.m. until the next special meeting of Council on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk