

The Corporation of the
Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Monday, March 8, 2021

Chaired by:

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

Members of Council:

Staff in Attendance:

Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk
Christina Conklin, Deputy Clerk
Brad Cole, Manager, Operations/Fire Chief

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof: Deputy Mayor Cameron declared a pecuniary interest regarding Consent Application B-12-21 as the subject lands are a neighbouring property to Deputy Mayor Cameron.

Approval of Agenda

R-056-21 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 March 8, 2021, as amended.

Carried.

Note:

The agenda was amended to remove the In-Camera session and to add a motion to issue a call for volunteers for the Property Standards Committee. Correspondence from Judith Hurman and Family was moved from correspondence to immediately following consideration of By-law 12-2021.

Planning:

R-057-21 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 Planning Report of Forbes Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. regarding Consent Application B-15-21, dated February 24, 2021, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby defer consideration of Consent Application B-15-21 to allow for the matters as outlined in the aforementioned report to be addressed.

Carried.

R-058-21 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 Planning Report of Forbes Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. regarding Consent Application B-12-21, dated February 22, 2021, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby defer consideration of Consent Application B-12-21 to allow for the matters as outlined in the aforementioned report to be addressed.

Carried.

Minutes:

R-059-21

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 approve the Minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 22, 2021, as circulated.

Carried.

Correspondence:

R-060-21 Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Foster

WHEREAS on April 7, 2018, a young Canadian named Logan Boulet became an organ donor in the aftermath of the tragic Humboldt Bronco bus crash;

AND WHEREAS Logan saved the lives of six others, and his story inspired hundreds of thousands of people around the world to register as an organ and tissue donor;

AND WHEREAS there are more than 4,000 people that are on waiting lists for transplant operations, including individuals in Merrickville-Wolford area;

AND WHEREAS one organ and tissue donor can save up to eight lives and improve the life and health of up to 75 other people;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Transplant Association and the family of Logan Boulet will carry on Logan's legacy by recognizing April 7th as Green Shirt Day, raising awareness of the need for registered organ and tissue donors so that access to life saving and life transforming transplants can be improved;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby declare April 7th of each year as "Green Shirt Day" in the municipality to inspire organ donor registration in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford.

Carried.

R-061-21 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 Krista Smith, member of the Merrickville Day Nursery School regarding a rain barrel fundraiser dated February 16, 2021, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby waive the rental fees associated with the Merrickville Community Centre for this event.

Carried.

R-062-21 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 correspondence from Robbie Giles regarding Merrickville-Wolford Wetland Evaluation, received on February 12, 2021, for information purposes.

Carried.

Public Works:

R-063-21 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 the Merrickville Drinking Water System 2020 Annual Water Report from the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) issued February 24, 2021, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-064-21 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 PW-02-2021, being a report regarding the current recycling program, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby direct staff to continue to contract recycling services to Limerick Environmental Services Ltd. at the current cost of \$45,152.02 per year until the producer-based program takes effect, with Merrickville-Wolford slated for a 2023 rollout; and

That Council does hereby direct staff to explore opportunities to partner with several other municipalities for one large recycling program, as done by neighbouring municipalities in Lanark County.

Carried.

R-065-21 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 12-2021, being a by-law to adopt a Memorial Bench and Tree Policy, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 12-2021 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

R-066-21 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 correspondence from Judith Hurman and family regarding a request for bench installation in memory of Colin Hurman, dated February 25, 2021, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby approve the installation and dedication of a bench to be located in the new Merrickville Public Square in memory of Colin Hurman.
Carried.

CAO:

R-067-21 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 receive report CAO-04-2021, being a report to provide Council with options regarding Council and Advisory Committee Meetings, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby direct staff to bring back a by-law to amend the Village's Procedure By-law 30-17 to allow for electronic participation in meetings; and

That Council does hereby direct staff to bring back a by-law to amend the Terms of Reference of advisory committees to allow for electronic participation in meetings; and

That Council does hereby give favourable consideration to the implementation of virtual Council and Advisory Committee Meetings through Zoom, to be livestreamed via YouTube; and

That Council does hereby direct staff to issue a public call for volunteers to replenish the membership of the Community Development Advisory Committee and the Planning Advisory Committee.

Carried.

R-068-21 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 direct staff to issue a public call for volunteers for the Property Standards Committee.

Carried.

Confirming By-Law:

R-069-21 Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 13-2021, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular Council meeting of March 8, 2021, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 13-2021 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

R-070-21 Moved by Councillor Foster, 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 3:45 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on Monday, March 22, 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