

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

Monday, March 26, 2018

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2018.

Chaired by: Mayor David Nash
Members of Council: Councillor Chuck MacInnis
Councillor Stephen Ireland
Councillor Kim Weedmark
Deputy Mayor Anne Barr
Councillor Vic Suthren
Councillor David Snowdon

Staff in Attendance: Arie Hoogenboom, Interim CAO/Clerk/Treasurer

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof: None

Approval of Agenda

R-103-18 Moved by Councillor Snowdon, Seconded by Councillor Suthren
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby adopt the agenda of the regular Council meeting of March 26, 2018, as amended.

Carried

In Camera

R-104-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby move to "In Camera" at 6:05 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees, and a proposed or pending possible disposal of municipal or local board land.

Carried

R-105-18 Moved by Councillor Snowdon, Seconded by Councillor Suthren
Be it hereby resolved that: the "In Camera" session rise and report at 6:55 p.m. with staff being given direction, and the regular Council session resume at 7:00 p.m.

Carried

Note: The regular Council session resumed at 7:00 p.m.
Additional staff now in attendance are Deputy Clerk, Christina Conklin, and Manager of Public Works, Dave Powers.

Minutes

R-106-18 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis
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 March 12, 2018, as amended.

Carried

Public Question Period to Council:

A resident inquired as to when more information would be available regarding the infrastructure expansion project.

Public Works:

R-107-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report CAO-02-2018 from the Interim CAO/Clerk/Treasurer, Arie Hoogenboom, respecting a citizen's complaint about excessive snow removal; and

That Council direct staff to review the current snowplowing and snow removal policy, By-law 2-88, as amended, and bring forward any recommendations for the 2018-19 snow removal season.

Carried.

R-108-18 Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report PW-01-2018; and

___ That Council approve the estimated \$19,391 repair of the grader to enable it to be sold.

Or

___ That Council approve the replacement of the grader's engine at an estimated cost of \$90,326, with a possible maximum rebate on the existing engine of \$35,859.

Deferred.

R-109-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report PW-02-2018, the 2017 fourth quarter results of the Public Works Department, for information purposes.

Carried.

Library:

R-110-18 Moved by Councillor Snowdon, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the 2017 Annual Report of the Merrickville Public Library for information purposes.

Carried.

R-111-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

WHEREAS public libraries provide safe, inclusive and vibrant community spaces where everyone is welcome to learn, work, connect and have fun;

AND WHEREAS the Merrickville-Wolford Public Library engages with the community to provide a center of learning and recreation;

AND WHEREAS the Merrickville-Wolford Public Library continues to have a limited resource budget despite increased hours, expanded programming and a growing membership;

AND WHEREAS the Merrickville-Wolford Public Library continues to manage public resources with the utmost care and is committed to the sustainability of its services;

THEREFORE Be it hereby resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford hereby urges the Province of Ontario to recognize the contribution of local libraries within their communities and to cease the 20-year budget freeze to local libraries in acknowledgment of the services they offer to all residents; and

THAT Council urges the Province of Ontario to reinstate adequate and appropriate funding for local libraries, increasing each year going forward in line with the Consumer Price Index; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs, to the local MPP, to the Ontario Library Association, and to the Federation of Ontario Public Libraries.

Carried.

Building and Planning:

R-112-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report CBO-02-2018, the 2017 fourth quarter results of the Building and Planning Department, as well as the annual permit statistics, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-113-18 Moved by Councillor Snowdon, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report CBO-03-2018; and

That Council approve the application for Heritage Property Tax Relief for the property at 106 Colborne Street East, Merrickville, Ontario.

Carried.

Economic Development:

R-114-18 Moved by Councillor MacInnis, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Minutes of the Industry, Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee dated January 15, 2018 and February 20, 2018, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-115-18 Moved by Councillor MacInnis, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby support the Re-enactment event to be held from May 18th to May 21st, 2018; and

That Council will waive the rental fees for the Community Centre and Fairgrounds for the purposes of the event.

Defeated.

Finance:

R-116-18 Moved by Councillor Snowdon, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby direct staff to set the following lines in the budget, in advance of the 2018 budget approval, as follows:

17-8241 Cenotaph/Parkette \$1,000.00; and
17-8252 Flowers and Planters \$7,000.00.

Carried.

Notice of Motion:

R-117-18 Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby confirm streetscaping to include: flower baskets and barrels, public garden spaces, trees, banners and flags as well as any other elements that are intentionally placed on public property throughout the landscape to add visual impact; and

Council does hereby request that Merrickville-Wolford in Bloom take the leading role in collaboration and consultation with all stakeholders in matters relating to the above, including municipal staff and the Merrickville Chamber of Commerce.

Deferred.

Canada Day:

R-118-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the correspondence of Robyn Griff, Chair of the Canada Day Committee, requesting an additional \$2,000.00 be set aside for the 2018 Canada Day celebration; and

That Council does hereby direct staff to increase the Canada Day line item in the 2018 Operating Budget by \$2,000.00 to a total of \$12,000.00, in advance of the 2018 budget approval.

Carried.

CAO:

R-119-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive and adopt report CAO-01-2018 from the Interim CAO/Clerk/Treasurer, Arie Hoogenboom, respecting staff remuneration and adjust the schedule of salary and wages grid as recommended, effective January 1, 2018.

Carried.

Public Question Period to Council:

A resident inquired regarding the Public Works' Fleet Maintenance Program.

A resident inquired regarding current staffing issues.

A resident inquired regarding the potential of leasing a grader.

A resident inquired regarding whether the Finance Committee had an opportunity to meet regarding the 2018 budget.

In Camera

R-120-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby move to "In Camera" at 9:10 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees, and a proposed or pending possible disposal of municipal or local board land.

Carried

R-121-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon

Be it hereby resolved that: the "In Camera" session rise and report with staff being given direction, and the regular Council session resume at 9:30 p.m.

Carried

Confirming By-Law

R-122-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 17-2018, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of March 26, 2018, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 17-2018 be read a third and final time and passed.


Carried.

Adjournment

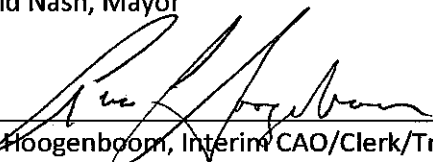
R-123-18 Moved by Councillor MacInnis, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

Be it hereby resolved that: This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 9:31 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



David Nash, Mayor



Arie Hoogenboom, Interim CAO/Clerk/Treasurer