



VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

**Agenda for Council
Council Chambers**

Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Monday February 27, 2023

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This meeting will be held in person and will be open to the public in the Council Chambers. It will also be recorded and livestreamed electronically on the "Village of Merrickville-Wolford" YouTube channel accessible by clicking [here](#).

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof**
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
4. **Minutes**
 - Approval of Minutes of the special Council meeting of February 13, 2023
 - Approval of Minutes of the regular Council meeting of February 13, 2023
 - Receipt of Minutes of the Merrickville Public Library meeting of January 11, 2023
5. **Correspondence**
 - Letter from Township of Montague re: Andrewsville Bridge
6. **Delegations**
 - Rory Blaisdell and Karen Cunningham: Friends of the Andrewsville Bridge
 - Joanne Franey and Samantha Davidson: Rideau Community Health Services – Food Cupboard Program
7. **CAO**
 - Report CAO-01-2023: Legislative Process for Filling a Council Vacancy
8. **By-laws**
 - By-law 13-2023: A By-law to authorize a franchise agreement between the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and Enbridge Gas Inc.
 - By-law 15-2023: A By-law to Amend By-law 30-17 – Procedural By-law
9. **Notices of Motion**
 - Mayor Cameron re: Don Halpenny Dedication of Eastons Corners Pavilion
10. **Deferred Items**
 - None
11. **Public Question Period to Council**
12. **Next meeting of Council:** Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.
13. **Confirming By-Law:** 14-2023 re: Confirm Proceedings of Council meeting of February 27, 2023
14. **Adjournment**

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

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| Cameron | Y | N |
| Gural | Y | N |
| Ireland | Y | N |
| Maitland | Y | N |

Resolution Number: R - - 23

Date: February 27, 2023

Moved by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Seconded by: Gural Ireland Maitland

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 27, 2023 as:

___ circulated.

___ amended.

Carried / Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

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| Cameron | Y | N |
| Gural | Y | N |
| Ireland | Y | N |
| Maitland | Y | N |

Resolution Number: R - - 23

Date: February 27, 2023

Moved by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Seconded by: Gural Ireland Maitland

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 February 13, 2023, as

_____ circulated.

_____ amended.

Carried / Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor

The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Monday, February 13, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

Chaired by: Mayor Michael Cameron
Members of Council: Councillor Stephen Ireland
Councillor Ronnie Maitland

Regrets: Councillor Margaret Gural

Staff in Attendance: Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk
Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Deputy Clerk
Nicklaus Gibson, Planner 1/Special Projects Coordinator

Guests: Forbes Symon, Senior Planner, Jp2g Consultants Inc.
Vickie and Mike Ogilvie, Agents for the applicant, Penny Fox, and owners at 689 Kilmarnock Road

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

Approval of Agenda

R-034-23 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland
Be it hereby resolved that:
The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the agenda of the special Council meeting of February 13, 2023, as circulated.

Carried.

Move to Public Meeting

R-035-23 Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Ireland
Be it hereby resolved that:
The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby move to a Public Meeting under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*, as amended.

Carried.

NOTE: There were no public comments received on the file within the Public Meeting.

Return to Special Meeting of Council

R-036-23 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland
Be it hereby resolved that:
WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford now closes the statutory public meeting held this 13th day of February, 2023, under Section 34 of the *Planning Act* to consider the zoning by-law amendment applications for lands described as:

689 Kilmarnock Road, described as Wolford Concession A, Pt Lot 26 RP 15R-7737; PART 2, Village of Merrickville-Wolford; and

675 Kilmarnock Road, described as Wolford Concession A, Pt Lot 26 RP 15R-7737; PT PART 1, Village of Merrickville-Wolford;

and now returns to the special meeting of Council.

Carried.

By-Laws

R-037-23 Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Ireland
Be it hereby resolved that:
By-Law 08-2023, being a by-law to rezone:

689 Kilmarnock Road, described as Wolford Concession A, Pt Lot 26 RP 15R-7737; PART 2, Village of Merrickville-Wolford; and

675 Kilmarnock Road, described as Wolford Concession A, Pt Lot 26 RP 15R-7737; PT PART 1, Village of Merrickville-Wolford

be read a first and second time, and that By-law 08-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Confirming By-Law

R-038-23 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 09-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the special Council meeting of February 13, 2023, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 09-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

R-039-23 Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

This special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 6:21 p.m. until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.

Michael Cameron, Mayor

Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

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|----------|---|---|
| Cameron | Y | N |
| Gural | Y | N |
| Ireland | Y | N |
| Maitland | Y | N |

Resolution Number: R - - 23

Date: February 27, 2023

Moved by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Seconded by: Gural Ireland Maitland

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 13, 2023, as

_____ circulated.

_____ amended.

Carried / Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor

The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Monday, February 13, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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| Chaired by: | Mayor Michael Cameron |
| Members of Council: | Councillor Margaret Gural Councillor Stephen Ireland Councillor Ronnie Maitland |
| Staff in Attendance: | Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Deputy Clerk Kirsten Rahm, Treasurer/ Manager, Finance Brad Cole, Manager, Operations/ Fire Chief |
| Guests: | Peter Simcisko, Managing Partner, Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. Doug Thompson, Manager, Water & Wastewater Operations, Aureus Solutions Inc. Jane Graham, Merrickville & District Historical Society Ann Martin, Merrickville & District Historical Society |

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Mayor Cameron thanked Bill Presley for his work on the rinks located in Merrickville and Eastons Corners.

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

Approval of Agenda

R-040-23 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland
Be it hereby resolved that:
The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby waive the Procedure By-law Notice of Motion provisions to allow the inclusion of three (3) resolutions to the agenda of the regular Council meeting of February 13, 2023 to:

- Request a UCLG Traffic Study;
- Approve recording Closed Session Meetings; and
- Authorize the Mayor to proclaim February 22, 2023 as World Thinking Day and to direct staff to illuminate Village facilities in blue light.

And be it hereby also 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 13, 2023, as amended.

Carried.

NOTE: The agenda was amended to include an In-Camera session directly following the Public Question Period to Council.

Minutes

R-041-23 Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Ireland
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 January 30, 2023, as circulated.

Carried.

Delegations

R-042-23 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland
Be it hereby resolved that:
The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation of Jane Graham and Ann Martin, Merrickville and District

Historical Society, regarding the Blockhouse Museum for information purposes.

Carried.

CAO

R-043-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Water and Wastewater Service Delivery Review presentation and report, submitted by Aureus Solutions Inc., for information purposes; and

That Council hereby directs staff to conduct a Request for Proposal (RFP) process as recommended in the report in 2023/2024 with consideration to the expiry date of the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) contract.

Carried.

R-044-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Development Charges and Impost Fee presentation, provided by Peter Simcisko from Watson and Associates, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-045-23

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS residents and business owners in Merrickville have long expressed concerns regarding speeding on County roads through the community, about the increase in traffic volume, and the resulting increased threat to the safety of pedestrians and the peaceful enjoyment of the commercial core;

AND WHEREAS residents and business owners are concerned about the adequacy of existing traffic control measures in place:

1. On Mill Street between Broadway Street and Main Street, in particular as vehicles travel south over the swing bridge across the Rideau Canal;
2. At the intersection of Mill Street and Main Street;
3. On St. Lawrence Street between Main Street and County Road 16; and
4. On Main Street East between Mill Street and the CN rail crossing;

AND WHEREAS the Council for the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford shares these concerns;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council requests that the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (UCLG) conduct the necessary traffic control and road cross section/ design studies, including a review of speed limits in these areas, to ensure the safety of our citizens.

Carried.

R-046-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the Ombudsman of Ontario is on record recommending in reports related to other municipalities that all municipalities make audio or video recordings of all meetings, both open and closed, to ensure a thorough record, and to assist in ensuring that officials do not stray from the legal requirements during closed meetings;

AND WHEREAS the Ombudsman of Ontario recommends to municipal officials in its [Open Meetings Guide for Municipalities](#) to record closed session meetings, including all decisions, by taking minutes and preferably also by recording audio or video;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does not currently record closed session meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby direct staff to record all closed session meetings.

Carried.

**Finance
R-047-23**

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford received the 2023 Budget Timetable at the special meeting of Council on December 20, 2022;

AND WHEREAS at the special meeting of Council on January 30, 2023, Council directed staff to provide a revised budget timetable with a proposed schedule of dates for the purpose of special working meetings to review the budget line-by-line in a transparent manner with year over year comparisons that will be open to the public;

NOW THEREFORE Council does hereby receive the revised 2023 Budget Timetable;

AND NOW THEREFORE Council does hereby approve the proposed 2023 Budget Timetable for the budget review and approval process.

Carried.

Council decided that the second special working meeting to discuss the budget scheduled for February 23, 2023 will be held in Eastons Corners.

Kirsten Rahm left the meeting at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Public Works

R-048-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the 2023 Brush Amnesty Schedule for information purposes.

Carried.

Proclamations

R-049-23

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS every year on February 22 since 1926, World Thinking Day celebrates the global Guiding movement of Girl Guides, international friendship, and is an opportunity to speak out on issues that affect girls and young women;

AND WHEREAS in celebration of World Thinking Day in Canada, bridges, buildings, homes and more will be lit up in Girl Guide blue on the evening of February 22;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford has the opportunity to participate in the #ShineYourGuidingLight event to show support for the Girl Guides initiative by displaying blue flood lights on World Thinking Day on the evening of February 22 at the Blockhouse and the Municipal Office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby authorize the Mayor to proclaim February 22, 2023 as “World Thinking Day” in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford;

AND THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to light up the Village Municipal Office and Blockhouse Museum in blue floodlights on February 22, 2023 to highlight the occasion.

Carried.

Mayor Cameron proclaimed February 22, 2023 as ‘World Thinking Day’ in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford.

Notices of Motion

R-050-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the Procedural By-law currently states that meeting agendas are to be issued 3 days before Council meetings;

AND WHEREAS Council meeting agendas are currently issued at the end of the business day on Fridays before Monday meetings, giving Council and the public only the weekend and one business day to review and prepare for meetings;

AND WHEREAS when a closed meeting is part of a regular Council meeting, the practice has been to provide the closed meeting agenda to Council members during the meeting. This does not allow sufficient time for due consideration of important decisions;

AND WHEREAS regular Council meetings are currently scheduled twice monthly and often have short meeting agendas made up of important but usually non-urgent items. Twice monthly meetings could be combined to one monthly meeting without jeopardizing the timing of Council approvals;

AND WHEREAS a move to monthly Council meetings would be more time efficient and respectful of everyone's time, allowing staff to focus more on operational matters between meetings rather than being in a continuous cycle of preparing for Council meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOVLED Council directs staff to edit section 3.2 b) of the Procedure By-law to clarify that meeting agendas, including any closed meeting items and background materials, are to be issued a full 5 days before Council meetings by replacing the word "three" with the word "five" and adding a new sentence: "Closed meeting agenda items and background materials are to be provided to Council members only on this same time schedule";

AND ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to edit section 3.6 a) of the Procedure By-law to change regular Council meeting frequency from twice monthly to one per month by deleting the words "and fourth (4th)";

AND ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to bring the updated version of the Procedure By-law for approval at the February 27th, 2023 Council meeting.

Carried.

Deferred Items

None.

Public Question Period to Council

None.

In-Camera

R-051-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland Seconded by Councillor Maitland

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 8:58 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.

Julia McCaugherty-Jansman and Brad Cole left the meeting prior to the In-Camera session at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Rise and Report

R-052-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

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 9:21 p.m.

Carried.

Confirming By-Law

R-053-23 Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 10-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular Council meeting of February 13, 2023, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 10-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

R-054-23 Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 9:23 p.m. until the next meeting of Council on Monday, February 27, 2023 or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.

Michael Cameron, Mayor

Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk

Resolution Number: R - - 23

Date: February 27, 2023

Moved by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Seconded by: Gural Ireland Maitland

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 meeting of January 11, 2023 for information purposes.

Carried / Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

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| Cameron | Y | N |
| Gural | Y | N |
| Ireland | Y | N |
| Maitland | Y | N |

MERRICKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Merrickville Public Library Board's meeting was held on January 11, 2023 at 7:30 pm via Zoom.

Present: M-W: Carole Roberts, Brian Reid,

Montague: Olivia Enns

and Mary Kate Laphen (Librarian)

Absent: John Harris, Timothy Molloy

1. Meeting start was delayed by 30 minutes. Meeting called to order at 8:01 pm.

2. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:** None.

3. **Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Olivia; seconded by Brian. **ADOPTED.**

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

- Dec 14/22 board meeting – Moved by Brian; seconded by Olivia. **APPROVED.**

5. **Correspondence:** None.

6. **Questions/ Presentations from Public:** None

7. **Friends of the Library Report:** The Friends have had a meeting and will have a new president for 2023.

The group will be taking Mary Kate and Linda to lunch later this month.

8. **Report from Council:** N/A

9. **Librarian's Report:** see below.

10. **Other Business:**

a) **Updates:**

- **Building Exterior Work:** Estimate for the work has been received and accepted. Work is pending.
- **RBC Donation:** This has been received.

b) **Financial:**

i. **Resolutions:**

- 23-JAN-01: To transfer funds received in 2022 specifically for projects and programs in 2023 to the reserve for use in 2023. Moved by: Brian, seconded by: Olivia. **APPROVED.**
- 23-JAN-02: To transfer a portion of donations from 2022 to the reserve for future use. . Moved by: Olivia, seconded by: Brian. **APPROVED.**
- Mary Kate will forward these resolutions to the municipal Treasurer.

ii. **Budget 2023:** Reviewed draft of the 2023 budget and request for municipal funding. Motion to approve budget as discussed and to request municipal funding of \$104,400 for Operations and \$3,000 for Capital (building grant) for 2023. Moved by: Brian, seconded by: Olivia.

11. **Next meeting:** Thurs, February 9, 2022 at 7:30 pm on Zoom (tentative).

12. Meeting adjourned..

Librarian _____

Chairperson _____

Librarian's Report:

Statistics

| December | Dec 2022 | Nov 2022 | December 2021 | Dec 2020 | Dec 2019 |
|---------------------|---|--|--|--|---|
| Patrons | 730 (<i>incl. mtgs</i>) +106 OverDrive users: | 1101 (<i>incl. mtgs</i>) +104 OverDrive users: | 632 + 103 OverDrive users (unique) | 604 + 93 OverDrive users (unique) | 817 w/mtgs 837 - 5.5% |
| (Kids/Youth) | 195 (47k / 148y) | 271 (73k / 198y) | 111 (42 k / 69 y) | 106 (42k / 64y) | 230 (61 / 169) |
| (Progs) | 68- at lib (10 prgs) 69 – out of lib (4 prgs) Class Visits: 236 (4 CVs @ lib 10 CVs to schools) | 112- at lib (16 prgs) 33 – out of lib (3 prgs) Class Visits: 60 (4 CVs @ lib) | 39 – in liby (9 progs) 20 – T&M crafts (3 crafts) 39 – Vax QR codes 0 - Zoom programs | In Library 57- (4 prgs + Xmas activity stations) Virtual Programs 33 (2 progs + 1 hybrid) 25 YouTube views | 64-in (5 prgs,) 234-out of Lib, (5-prgs, 8 CVs) |
| Mtg Rm users | 33 – in lib (6 mtg) 0 – Zoom (0 mtg) | 90 – in lib (13 mtg) 6 – Zoom (1 mtg) | 6 – in liby (2 mtg) 8 – Zoom (1 mtg) | 0 in liby (0 mtgs) 38 Zoom (4 mtgs) | 20 (6 mtgs) |

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| Circulation | TOTAL: 2255 Lib: 1188 (A-703, J/T – 485) OverDrive: 827 (circ) Kanopy 133 (plays) | TOTAL: 2829 Lib: 1841 (A-1061, J/T – 780) OverDrive: 849 (circ) Kanopy 139 (plays) | Total: 1865 Lib: 1268 (A-841, J/T-427) OverDrive: 553 (circ) Kanopy 44 (plays) | TOTAL: 2378 Lib: 1624 (A-1045, J-565, T-14) OverDrive: 672 (circ) Kanopy 82 (plays) | TOTAL 1723 - 19% Lib: 1345 -21% (A-911, J-421, T-13) OverDrive: 378 (circ) |
| Computer / Internet use (+wireless): | 107 (34 / 73 wifi) | 174 (66 / 107 wifi / 1 tablet) | 131 39 / 92 wifi) | 117 (41 / 76 wifi) | 191 +18% (153 / 33w / 5 Tab) |
| ILL borrowed/lent: | 44 in / 32 out | 58 in / 55 out | 50 in / 45 out | 43 in / 40 out | 33 / 36 |

December was slow, as usual, but up from last December. Class visits from and to the schools pushed up use. The Library was closed between Christmas and New Years.

Programs & Services:

Children's Programs:

StoryTime, French StoryTime, Saturday Play Days, Class visits, and Playgroup visits have started up again.

We ran **Play Days** (with toys and games) every day during the first week of January (while school was still out), which was modestly successful.

Eco-Champions and the **Seed Library**: will be starting up again this winter.

Adult Programs:

Hospice: The Beth Donovan Hospice has started running a Satellite Office at the Library one afternoon a month (first Tuesday).

The **Library Book Club** and **Off the Shelf** continue to run. The Health Centre's drop-in **Meditation group** will be starting up again this month.

Fitness for Your Aging Brain: new session will start later in January.

The Merrickville Ladies Club has approached us about reviving the adult art group and hosting a knitting group.

Internet/Computers: use levels remain consistent.

InterLibrary Loans: were down in December due to the holidays.

Meeting Room: There were fewer meetings in December, but this has started to pick up in January.

Collection: The Scholastic Warehouse Sale (for children's books) is back. Also continuing to weed the collection.

Volunteers: All is good on this front. The volunteers do shelving, processing new books, packaging ILLs, and working on the genealogy collection. We have a new volunteer to help with genealogy project.

Facilities: The circulation computer has died (won't start), so will be replacing that (repurposing another computer). The peppermint oil seems to be working – no mice in December or over the holidays.

Accessibility Plan: This is still pending.

Publicity/Outreach: The Phoenix won't come out again until March, but am continuing to keep up the webpage and social media. Am looking for ways to extend our reach on social media.

Partnerships/Outreach: As mentioned, have been approached by the Merrickville Ladies Club about hosting some more adult groups, as well as partnering with the Hospice. We are continuing to work with our usual partners/community groups: Trails Society, Health Centre, Sustainable Merrickville-Wolford, Eco-Champions, Chamber of Commerce, Fair Board, schools, daycare, Playgroup. The Story Trail has been updated and there are upcoming meetings for ECO-Champions and the Seed Library. Will be running children's activities during the Chamber's Snowflake Festival on Family Day.

Professional Development, Meetings, etc: nothing scheduled

Donations: Nothing new.

Grants, etc: Will start compiling data for the Annual Survey later this month.

Plans for month: program planning and related, working with partners, technology shopping, more weeding, follow-up re: budget, and new board, and the usual library business.

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

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| Cameron | Y | N |
| Gural | Y | N |
| Ireland | Y | N |
| Maitland | Y | N |

Resolution Number: R - - 23

Date: February 27, 2023

Moved by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Seconded by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive correspondence from Karen Jennings, Reeve of the Township of Montague, regarding the Andrewsville Bridge for information purposes.

Carried / Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor



United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
25 Central Ave. W
Suite 100
Brockville, ON
K6V 4N6

February 15, 2023

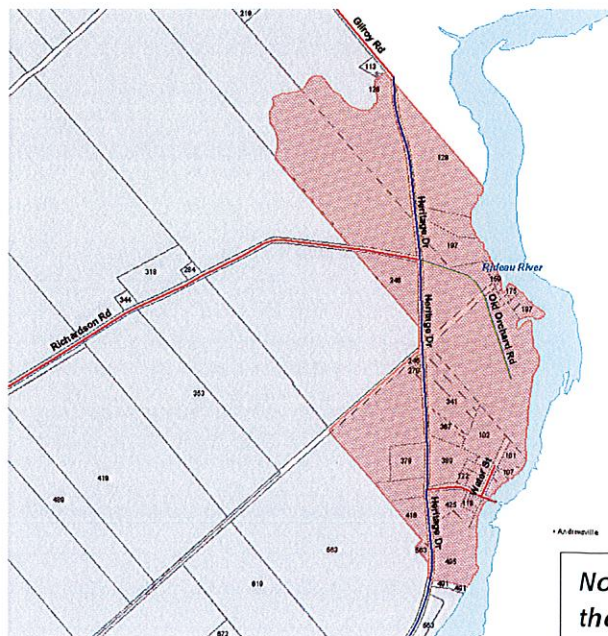
VIA: EMAIL

RE: ANDREWSVILLE BRIDGE

Dear County Councillors and Staff,

The Township of Montague would respectfully request that options considered for Andrewsville bridge be ones that have the bridge open and operational for traffic all year. Options considered would be to keep it as a (one) 1 lane traffic bridge with a minimum weight of five (5) tons. To explore the option of reconditioning the bridge which would extend the life by twenty-five (25) years or price out replacement which would give a life span of seventy-five (75) years.

This area is recognized in the official plan of Montague as a settlement area (see below) and this bridge is a key component to the growth in this area.



Note:
the pink is the settlement area



Recently the Township replaced a box culvert bridge on Richardson Road (three) 3 km away from the crossover of Andrewsville Bridge. This was built wide enough for future road upgrades and guardrails as we plan for the future growth in that area. Montague has had one of the highest growth per capital in the County over the last (ten) 10 years. The Township has seen an increase in assessment of twenty-two-point six percent (22.6%) from 2016 to 2023 and each year continues to see growth. As internet and cell service continues to improve it is anticipated that the surge for people to relocate to rural Ontario will continue. Montague is a prime location for people to relocate with its close proximity to Carleton Place, Smiths Falls, Merrickville, North Grenville and the City of Ottawa. Our partners in North Grenville have seen exponential growth and both Communities are projected to have strong growth for many years to come.

The Andrewsville Bridge is used as a detour option which helps with traffic flows during bridge closures. It reduces the amount of CO₂s when traffic is able to use a more direct route, which is approximately ten (10) minutes less driving time and reduced emissions to assist in a more environmental friendly option. It gives quicker access to emergency services like ambulances, police and fire service coming to the scene using their own vehicles, where in a medical emergency a difference of ten (10) minutes could be life or death.

There is currently a two (2) lane bridge in Merrickville and a one (1) lane bridge at Burritts Rapids as the only other crossings in the area. Having this single lane bridge makes two (2) full bridges which is the appropriate compliment for this area. When there is a bridge closure or accident, the flow of traffic is better managed and reduces congestion. This congestion is another environmental concern that needs to be considered.

It is the understanding of the Township of Montague that County Council has approved beyond the recommended option from Staff for the Blakeney Bridge in Mississippi Mills from one (1) lane to provide for two (lanes) to accommodate farm machinery traffic. The difference in the upgrade from a single to a double would have accommodated the request for the Andrewsville Bridge. The Township is supportive in the decision made by County Council as per the request from the Township of Mississippi Mills as they have the best knowledge of their area and what is required for the appropriate growth/users of the area. We respectfully request that County Council take into consideration the knowledge, growth, environmental impacts and well being of the Township of Montague residents as presented by the Township of Montague Council and staff similar to that of the Blakeney Bridge.



We request that both Counties look to the future growth of rural Ontario, the increasing age of our population and environmental impacts to ensure we continue to grow towards a sustainable, inclusive area that can provide effective and timely emergency services and reliable access to communities of growth.

Respectfully Submitted,

For Karen Jennings
Reeve
Township of Montague

Resolution Number: R - - 23

Date: February 27, 2023

Moved by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Seconded by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation of Rory Blaisdell and Karen Cunningham, Friends of the Andrewsville Bridge, regarding the future of the Andrewsville Bridge, for information purposes.

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

| | | |
|----------|---|---|
| Cameron | Y | N |
| Gural | Y | N |
| Ireland | Y | N |
| Maitland | Y | N |

Carried / Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor

Save the Andrews Bridge

Delegation Presentation

Montague Council – February 21 2023 - 6 pm

Lanark County Council – February 22 2023 - 5 pm

United Counties of Leeds and Grenville – February 23 2023 - 9 am

Merrickville Council – February 27th 2023 – 7 pm



Purpose:

Seek both support and commitment of county council, to fully re-evaluate the closure recommendation of the Andrewsville Bridge, as it relates to:

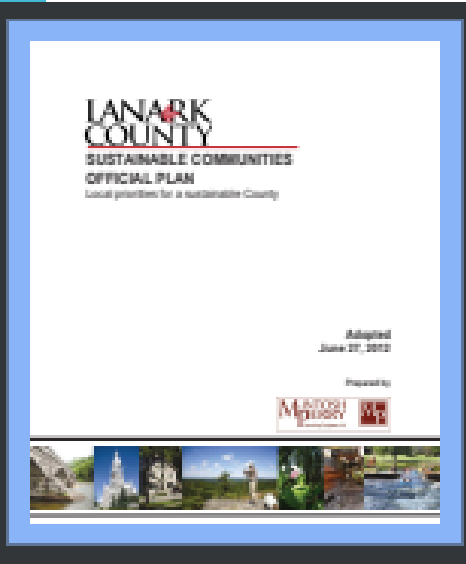
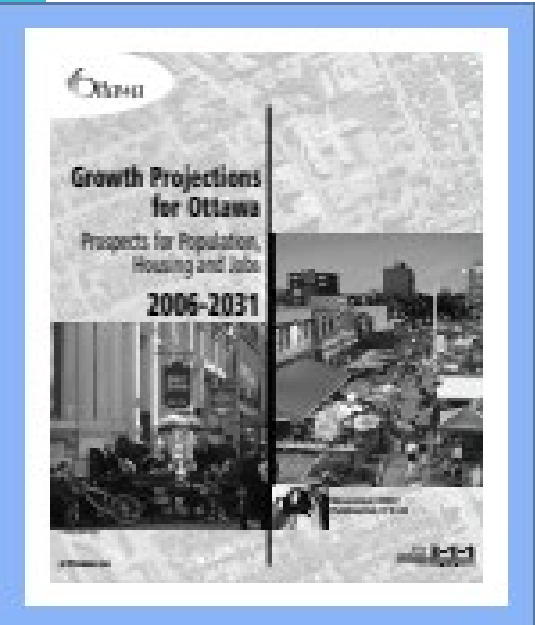
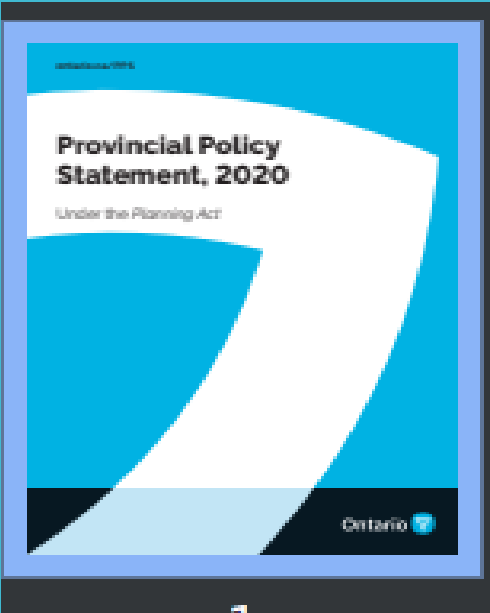
Andrewsville Bridge

1. Request for county council to direct staff to do a fulsome research / assessment on the importance of the Andrewsville Bridge, from all angles, and without prejudice – Growth projections of the identified settlement areas (Merrickville, Montague, Leeds and Grenville and 43 corridor), infrastructure requirements (residential growth, traffic increase, and emergency services)., Master Transportation Assessment, Sustainability ESG, and Quality of life based on current state and future projections out to 2031.
2. Request for county council to direct the engagement of arms length viability assessment of bridge replacement and/or rehabilitation based on proven and known development alternatives in the market place since 2012.

Municipal Funding

3. Request County Council to direct staff and to engage third party to oversee the reconciliation of funding commitments, and direction of taxpayer funds committed to the Andrewsville Bridge over the last 10 years.

Growth Considerations











An Integrated Community Sustainability Plan for Lanark County, Ontario

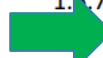





| Legend | Green  | Growth  | EMS  | Financial  |
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1.6 Infrastructure and Public Service Facilities

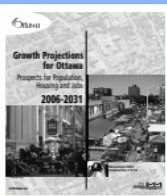
- 1.6.1  *Infrastructure and public service facilities* shall be provided in an efficient manner that prepares for the *impacts of a changing climate* while accommodating projected needs.
-  Planning for *infrastructure and public service facilities* shall be coordinated and integrated with land use planning and growth management so that they are:
 -  a) financially viable over their life cycle, which may be demonstrated through asset management planning; and
 -  b) available to meet current and projected needs.
- 1.6.2  Planning authorities should promote *green infrastructure* to complement *infrastructure*.
- 1.6.3  Before consideration is given to developing new *infrastructure and public service facilities*:
 - a) the use of existing *infrastructure and public service facilities* should be optimized; and
 - b) opportunities for adaptive re-use should be considered, wherever feasible.
- 1.6.4  *Infrastructure and public service facilities* should be strategically located to support the effective and efficient delivery of emergency management services, and to ensure the protection of public health and safety in accordance with the policies in Section 3.0: Protecting Public Health and Safety.
- 1.6.5  *Public service facilities* should be co-located in community hubs, where appropriate, to promote cost-effectiveness and facilitate service integration, access to transit and *active transportation*.

1.6.7 Transportation Systems

- 1.6.7.1  *Transportation systems* should be provided which are safe, energy efficient, facilitate the movement of people and goods, and are appropriate to address projected needs.
- 1.6.7.2  Efficient use should be made of existing and planned *infrastructure*, including through the use of *transportation demand management* strategies, where feasible.
- 1.6.7.3  As part of a *multimodal transportation system*, connectivity within and among *transportation systems* and modes should be maintained and, where possible, improved including connections which cross jurisdictional boundaries.
- 1.6.7.4  A land use pattern, density and mix of uses should be promoted that minimize the length and number of vehicle trips and support current and future use of transit and *active transportation*.

1.7 Long-Term Economic Prosperity

-  c) optimizing the long-term availability and use of land, resources, *infrastructure and public service facilities*;
-  e) encouraging a sense of place, by promoting well-designed built form and cultural planning, and by conserving features that help define character, including *built heritage resources* and *cultural heritage landscapes*;
-  g) providing for an efficient, cost-effective, reliable *multimodal transportation system* that is integrated with adjacent systems and those of other jurisdictions, and is appropriate to address projected needs to support the movement of goods and people;
-  j) promoting energy conservation and providing opportunities for increased energy supply;
-  k) minimizing negative impacts from a changing climate and considering the ecological benefits provided by nature; and



Current State

GREATER OTTAWA-GATINEAU AREA

| Municipality | Population, 2001 (Post-censal at July 1 st) ¹ | Population, 2006 (July 1 st estimate) | % growth 2001-06 | Employed labour force working in Ottawa-Gatineau (2001) | Employed labour force working in Ottawa-Gatineau (2001) (%) |
|-------------------|---|---|------------------|---|---|
| City of Ottawa | 806,560 | 870,760 | 8.0 | 347,870 | 85% |
| Ville de Gatineau | 231,344 | 249,374 | 7.8 | 103,360 | 86% |

ONTARIO MUNICIPALITIES ADJACENT TO OTTAWA (OMATO)

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|------|-------|-----|
| City of Clarence-Rockland | 19,612 | 22,325 | 13.8 | 6,170 | 58% |
| Township of Russell | 12,412 | 14,458 | 16.5 | 4,050 | 59% |
| The Nation Municipality | 10,599 | 11,578 | 9.2 | 2,155 | 37% |
| Village of Casselman | 2,910 | 3,368 | 15.7 | 640 | 41% |
| Township of Alfred and Plantagenet | 8,593 | 9,317 | 8.4 | 1,275 | 31% |
| Township of North Grenville | 13,581 | 14,962 | 10.2 | 2,980 | 43% |
| Village of Merrickville-Wolford | 2,630 | 2,999 | 6.6 | 265 | 19% |
| Township of North Dundas | 11,014 | 11,757 | 6.7 | 1,820 | 31% |
| Township of Montague | 3,671 | 4,081 | 11.2 | 325 | 20% |
| Township of Beckwith | 6,046 | 6,759 | 11.8 | 1,645 | 49% |
| Town of Carleton Place | 9,083 | 10,024 | 10.4 | 2,055 | 46% |
| Town of Mississippi Mills | 11,647 | 12,732 | 9.3 | 2,480 | 41% |
| Town of Arnprior | 7,192 | 8,010 | 11.4 | 855 | 26% |
| Township of McNab/Braeside | 6,843 | 7,442 | 8.8 | 730 | 21% |

Growth Projections

1.6 Projections for OMATO

The projections contained in the current Official Plans (OPs) of OMATO upper-tier or lower-tier municipalities produce a forecast similar to Scenario 2 presented here. Taking the existing projections and applying the same forecast growth rates forward to 2031 produces an overall OMATO total of 220,014. Our Scenario 2 projects 219,619 OMATO residents in 2031.

According to the most aggressive of the three scenarios, that population level would be reached in 2028. The most aggressive scenario calls for an OMATO population of 233,778 in 2031 and the most conservative projection would see OMATO grow to 204,619 people in that time frame.

The 2001 Census shows some municipalities now have over 25% of their employed residents commuting to Ottawa to work (2006 Census data will not be available until 2008).

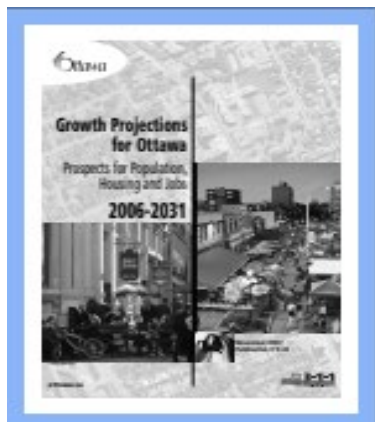
Figure 31 - Current population projections in OMATO Official Plans, Extrapolated to 2031

| Upper Tier (OMATO municipalities only) | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 | 2021 | 2026 | 2031 | % chg 06-31 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Prescott and Russell | 60,477 | 64,743 | 68,761 | 72,863 | 76,990 | 80,717 | 33.5% |
| Lanark | 35,058 | 39,664 | 44,271 | 48,877 | 53,483 | 58,089 | 65.7% |
| Leeds and Grenville | 23,710 | 27,926 | 32,142 | 36,358 | 40,573 | 44,789 | 88.9% |
| Renfrew | 15,477 | 17,079 | 18,522 | 19,957 | 21,392 | 22,827 | 47.5% |
| Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry | 11,393 | 11,772 | 12,151 | 12,530 | 13,212 | 13,591 | 19.3% |
| OMATO Total | 146,115 | 161,184 | 175,846 | 190,585 | 205,451 | 220,014 | 50.6% |

APPENDIX 14

OFFICIAL PLAN PROJECTIONS FOR OMATO MUNICIPALITIES

| County/Municipality | 2001* | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 | 2021 | 2026 | 2031 | % growth 2006-2031 |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| *Census | | | | | | | | |
| Renfrew County | | | | | | | | |
| Arnprior, Town | 7,192 | 7,977 | 9,104 | 10,072 | 11,032 | 11,992 | 12,952 | 62.4 |
| McNab/Braeside, Twp. | 6,843 | 7,500 | 7,975 | 8,450 | 8,925 | 9,400 | 9,875 | 31.7 |
| | 14,035 | 15,477 | 17,079 | 18,522 | 19,957 | 21,392 | 22,827 | 47.5 |
| Lanark County | | | | | | | | |
| Mississippi Mills, Town | 11,647 | 13,020 | 14,390 | 15,760 | 17,130 | 18,500 | 19,870 | 52.6 |
| Carleton Place, Town | 9,083 | 11,000 | 12,915 | 14,830 | 16,745 | 18,660 | 20,575 | 87.0 |
| Beckwith, Twp. | 6,046 | 6,887 | 7,728 | 8,570 | 9,411 | 10,252 | 11,093 | 61.1 |
| Montague, Twp. | 3,671 | 4,151 | 4,631 | 5,111 | 5,591 | 6,071 | 6,551 | 57.8 |
| | 30,447 | 35,058 | 39,664 | 44,271 | 48,877 | 53,483 | 58,089 | 65.7 |
| Leeds & Grenville United Counties | | | | | | | | |
| Merrickville-Wolford, Vlg. | 2,630 | 2,872 | 2,993 | 3,115 | 3,236 | 3,357 | 3,479 | 21.1 |
| North Grenville | 13,581 | 20,838 | 24,933 | 29,027 | 33,122 | 37,216 | 41,311 | 98.2 |
| | 16,211 | 23,710 | 27,926 | 32,142 | 36,358 | 40,573 | 44,789 | 88.9 |
| Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry United Counties | | | | | | | | |
| North Dundas, Twp. | 11,014 | 11,393 | 11,772 | 12,151 | 12,530 | 13,212 | 13,591 | 19.3 |
| Prescott and Russell United Counties | | | | | | | | |
| Russell, Twp. | 12,412 | 13,967 | 15,026 | 16,021 | 17,036 | 18,004 | 18,972 | 35.8 |
| Casselman, Village | 2,910 | 3,177 | 3,344 | 3,502 | 3,666 | 3,824 | 3,982 | 25.3 |
| The Nation Municipality | 10,599 | 11,578 | 12,186 | 12,766 | 13,363 | 13,944 | 14,525 | 25.5 |
| Alfred & Plantagenet, Twp. | 8,593 | 9,569 | 10,219 | 10,832 | 11,458 | 12,059 | 12,660 | 32.3 |
| Clarence-Rockland, City | 19,612 | 22,186 | 23,968 | 25,640 | 27,340 | 28,959 | 30,578 | 37.8 |
| | 54,126 | 60,477 | 64,743 | 68,761 | 72,863 | 76,790 | 80,717 | 33.5 |
| OMATO TOTAL | 125,833 | 146,115 | 161,184 | 175,846 | 190,585 | 205,451 | 220,014 | 50.6 |



Official Plan Review – Summarized Points



This Official Plan is intended to guide the future development of the Township to the **year 2028**.

The Township's rural landscape is marked by six settlement areas – Andrewsville, Kilmarnock, Nolan's Corners, Numogate, Rosedale and Walsh Station.

"The settlement areas of Rosedale and Andrewsville are viewed as the most desirable areas for new development. By virtue of its existing residential character, the presence of the community hall, proximity to the public school, and its central location to the Township, Rosedale is viewed as having the greatest potential to accommodate new growth. **Andrewsville, by virtue of its proximity to the City of Ottawa, the Village of Merrickville, and the historic Rideau Canal, is also viewed as having the potential to attract growth opportunities. In fact,make Andrewsville an ideal location for new development to occur, relative to other areas in the Township."**

3.7 Settlement Area

3.7.1 Intent of the Designation

The communities designated Settlement Area include the villages of Andrewsville, Kilmarnock, Nolan's Corners, Numogate, and Rosedale, as well as two areas on the periphery of the Town of Smiths Falls. These areas have historically served as local focal points where they provided a mix of local retail, service and social(cultural and residential opportunities for their surrounding communities. Today, they still play important roles as social and cultural centres for the Township. ...the Settlement Area designation are intended to include a modest allowance for new development to occur, the boundaries of Rosedale and Andrewsville are intended to allow for significant new development possibilities.



"The opening of Highway 416 has greatly facilitated the community's potential for residential and tourism growth. ...and enabling commuting to one of Canada's fastest growing and wealthiest metropolitan areas. "

In summary, Merrickville

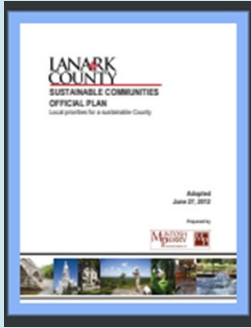
Wolford is now within easy commuting distance of Ottawa and neighboring regional centres thereby facilitating business and social interaction. In the tourism sector this is evidenced by extensive regional participation in the community's many cultural events, These factors all combine to increase the attractiveness of Merrickville- Wolford as a residential and retirement community.

Street calming measures / Merrickville bridge

Summary

Andrewsville is required infrastructure to support the growth of not only Montague but, neighbouring Municipalities.

Lanark County Strategic Objectives and Accountabilities



Across the County it is estimated that seventy percent or more of development takes place in designated settlement areas.

4.2 Infrastructure Planning The provision of transportation, water, waste water, solid waste, energy and communication infrastructures are crucial to ensuring that the County can continue to accommodate growth in a manner which is environmentally, socially and economically sustainable. Accordingly the County of Lanark may authorize the undertaking of regional level studies in order to plan future capital improvements. Such studies may include an update of the Transportation Master Plan as well as other key infrastructure components such as recreational trails or participation in regional level strategies such as groundwater management.

4.2.1 Local Infrastructure Planning This Plan recognizes that the responsibility for the planning, construction and maintenance of some infrastructures is the responsibility of local municipalities. The Plan further recognizes and supports on- going efforts to resolve local infrastructure problems. Continued efforts to find solutions to local infrastructure problems by local municipalities are considered to be appropriate and in conformity with the policies of the County Official Plan.

Tourism

4.2. Work together to attract visits from the 6.5 million people who are located within 5 hours of the majority of the region.

Infrastructure and Quality of Life

We see infrastructure as roads and bridges; cycling lanes, paved shoulders and walkways; support for safe walking; access to health care and nature; rural broadband; and electric transmission lines. These various items **are all related to each other** in that they play a crucial role in **improving quality of life for our residents**.

Infrastructure

5.2. Promote our quality infrastructure to prospective residents and new businesses.

5.4. Work collaboratively with other municipal, provincial, federal and private partners to focus strategically on infrastructure investments.

Our infrastructure focus needs to take into account significant future pressures arising from peak oil and the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Climate Change and Air Quality

We want to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from sources in Lanark County. This means looking working with partners to **reduce overall emissions.**

We want to improve local air quality.

Our community minimizes the emissions of greenhouse gases and other air pollutants

9.1. Anticipate and plan for changes in climate, the natural environment and the resulting impacts on our economic and social systems, and municipal infrastructure.

9.2. Work together to make the reduction of greenhouse gases and air pollutants an objective when making choices and decisions in our County.

Energy

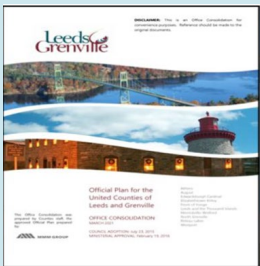
11.1. Encourage efforts to decrease the energy required to transport people, goods and services.

11.2. Encourage efforts to reduce energy use in the community wherever possible.



As your Taxpayers we are look to Lanark County to take an active and participatory role in the Andrewsville Bridge opportunity as an equal partner with UCLG.

County Level Official Plan and Accountabilities



2.2 Growth Forecasts and Allocations

The Counties' population and employment growth forecasts guide planning decisions over the planning horizon. **The Counties and local municipalities should plan to accommodate a total population of 75,960 persons and 16,760 jobs to 2031.**

1. The distribution of recent growth in permanent population and housing within the Counties has been strongly influenced by proximity to the City of Ottawa, which has contributed to high levels of growth in North Grenville relative to other local municipalities.
2. All local municipalities have been **experiencing net out-commuting, largely** to job opportunities in the separated **City of Brockville and in the City of Kingston, City of Ottawa and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. Out-commuting from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville residents is anticipated to continue over the Plan horizon.**
3. The extent of commuter-sheds relative to employment opportunities is an important consideration in the forecasts and represents a key determinant of the distribution of future population and housing growth within the Counties.

Based on the identified growth forecasts, this Plan allocates population and employment growth to each of the local municipalities based on the growth management framework and community settlement structure policies of this Plan.

- g) Local municipalities are encouraged to **promote the long term economic prosperity of settlement areas** that support the local context through the following:
- ii. **Plan to optimize the use of land, resources, infrastructure, electricity generation facilities and transmission and distribution systems, and public service facilities to accommodate forecasted growth and meet long term requirements.**
 - iii. **Identify appropriate locations and promote opportunities for redevelopment, intensification and revitalization in areas that have sufficient existing or planned infrastructure.**
 - iv. Provide for an efficient, cost-effective, reliable, multimodal transportation system, where existing or planned, that is integrated with adjacent systems and those of other jurisdictions and is appropriate to address expected growth.

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7.5 Coordination and Cross-Jurisdictional Matters

The Counties will support cross-jurisdictional coordination and will work with the Province, local municipalities, Aboriginal communities, adjacent municipalities, and other agencies/organizations, as well as the general public.

a) The Counties will ensure that a coordinated, integrated and comprehensive approach is used when dealing with planning matters that transcend the boundaries of the local municipalities as well as the Counties, Aboriginal communities, and other jurisdictions including:

managing and/or promoting growth and development;

v. managing infrastructure, electricity generation facilities and transmission and distribution systems, multimodal transportation systems, public service facilities and waste management systems;

6.6 Energy Conservation, Air Quality and Climate Change Adaptation

1. The Counties and local municipalities will contribute to and promote a culture of conservation among all public, private, and community groups and local citizens and aim to reduce energy use in all sectors.

2. The Counties and local municipalities will contribute to and **show leadership** by considering **energy conservation** and **efficiency** within its **municipal decision making and operations**.

6.7 Coordination of Infrastructure and Municipal Class

Environmental Assessments

1. The Counties will work with local municipalities and the Province to support the efficient provision of infrastructure required to accommodate growth in a fiscally and environmentally responsible manner

As your Taxpayers we are look to UCLG to take an active and participatory role in the Andrewsville Bridge opportunity as an equal partner with Lanark County.

Recommendations Alternatives

Lanark Current State

New bridge 4 Million for a new bridge includes 700,000 to replace the retaining wall

Total - 4million for a new bridge.

Removing bridge \$400,000

Note *Below is the “preliminary estimates” and have not been updated since original request

| | | | | | |
|--|---|-----------|-------|----------------|-------------------------|
| COUNTY OF LANARK AND THE COUNTIES OF LEEDS AND GRENVILLE | | | | | JEWELL ENGINEERING INC. |
| MUNICIPAL CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT | | | | | 27-Oct-22 |
| PRELIMINARY CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATES | | | | | |
| CONSTRUCTION OPTIONS AS PER PUBLIC INFORMATION FILE | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| OPTION 1 | REHABILITATE EXISTING BRIDGE, APPROACH ROADWAY AND RET. WALLS | | | | |
| ITEM | DESCRIPTION | ESTIMATED | UNITS | UNIT PRICE | AMOUNT |
| No. | | QUANTITY | | | |
| 1 | General Costs - Mobilization, Traffic Control, Environmental Protection | 1 | L.S. | \$100,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| 2 | Remove and Replace Existing Retaining Wall | 300 | m2 | \$2,000.00 | \$600,000.00 |
| 3 | Dewatering for Retaining Wall Replacement | 1 | L.S. | \$100,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| 4 | Remove and Replace Approach Roadway Granular, Guide Rail and Asphalt | 1 | L.S. | \$100,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| 5 | Structural Steel Truss Member Repairs, Upgrades, Cleaning, Painting and Housing | 1 | L.S. | \$1,000,000.00 | \$1,000,000.00 |
| 6 | Contingency Allowance | 1 | L.S. | \$100,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | | | | SUB-TOTAL | \$2,000,000.00 |
| | | | | | |
| OPTION 2 | REMOVAL OF EXISTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW BRIDGE | | | | |
| ITEM | DESCRIPTION | ESTIMATED | UNITS | UNIT PRICE | AMOUNT |
| No. | | QUANTITY | | | |
| 1 | General Costs - Mobilization, Traffic Control, Environmental Protection | 1 | L.S. | \$200,000.00 | \$200,000.00 |
| 2 | Remove Existing Bridge Superstructures and Foundations | 1 | L.S. | \$300,000.00 | \$300,000.00 |
| 3 | Remove and Replace Existing Retaining Wall | 300 | m2 | \$2,000.00 | \$600,000.00 |
| 4 | Dewatering for Retaining Wall Replacement | 1 | L.S. | \$100,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| 5 | Remove and Replace Approach Roadway Granular, Guide Rail and Asphalt | 1 | L.S. | \$100,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| 6 | New Bridge Structure(s) | 250 | m2 | \$10,000.00 | \$2,500,000.00 |
| 7 | Contingency Allowance | 1 | L.S. | \$200,000.00 | \$200,000.00 |
| | | | | SUB-TOTAL | \$4,000,000.00 |

Potential Alternative

Algonquin Bridge System. Canadian company. New bridge 80'. \$1.289 million plus installation \$800,000. Bypassing dry stone wall, and environmentally unobtrusive.

Total Cost \$2,000,000.00

SAVINGS:

\$700k FOR DE-WATERING

INCREASED LIFE SPAN 75 YRS VS. 25 YRS

1.289 Million for Alternative vs. 2.5 Million for the physical bridge

Total savings 2,000,000.00 half of the cost of the Lanark recommendation.

Decommissioning the Bridge is too Expensive

Environmental Impacts & Costs

Public Consultation Data used:

- AADT 200 vehicles/day, open 8/12months, 70,000/yr
- Detours from lack of crossing: 12.4, 9.3km (~10km)

Cost to Community (Bridge Users)

- Detours' cost +1L of fuel
 - *Fuel Prices \$1.5-\$2.5
 - 1yr of detours costs 70,000L of fuel, \$105k-150
 - *at current AADT, only 3 seasons
- 25yr lifespan? \$2.625M-\$3.75M

Carbon Cost to Environment

- 2.5kg Co2 / L of fuel (G&D)
- 175,000kg Co2/yr
- 4375 Tonnes of Co2 over 25yrs
- 2022 CDN Co2 price: \$50/ton: \$219k for 25yr
 - *CDN pricing proj. \$15/yr, \$170/T in 2030
 - 2030 Co2 cost of detour: \$744k

25Yr Cost of decommissioning: \$2.6m +fuel, ~\$219k +Co2

*25yr time span but lowest 2022 values: **Fuel Prices, Traffic volume**

Value Gains from Solution Proposed: Algonquin Bridge

- SAVE much of the enviro. costs of construction
 - No dewatering, no habitat disruption, no retaining walls issue: \$600k+\$100k saved
- Allow for +4months of use (year-round)
 - Using base AADT -> 300 vehicles/day, 110,000/yr
 - Increases the savings of decommissioning costs
 - \$4.1M-\$6.9M Fuel, \$350k-\$1.17M Co2
- Increased weight capacity 9T= increased lifespan/lower maintenance as 5T limit used
- Potential to add width for pedestrian dedicated access
- 75yr quoted lifespan

Utility Value of Bridge (tax dollars per unit of utility)

- UCLG replacement \$4m (2.5m bridge 700k enviro)
 - 25yr utility of \$2.3 per vehicle crossing (at cur. AADT)
- Proposed Alt: \$2m (1.2m bridge + 800k rem. construct)
 - 25yr utility of \$0.73 per crossing (at 12mon, cur. AADT)

Reasonable Future
Expectations?

Compare: \$1.5-
2.5/detour

Information on Bridge Alternatives

Carleton Place, Gananoque, South Dundas are local location which have implemented these products from Algonquin recently, with South Dundas as being most recent (Taylor Bridge, the documents online).

<https://southdundas.bidsandtenders.ca/Module/Tenders/en/Tender/Detail/2cc192ca-f6a1-4f5e-a4a7-b301d2a1439c#>

Regarding Algonquin, some brief relevant info:

Bailey Bridge design for the modular structure:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bailey_bridge

Company's other projects: <https://algonquinbridge.com/projects/>

Videos of the install process can be found on their website, demonstrating how they could install this on our site without needing extensive equipment or disturbance on Parks Canada Side

The company offers financing directly, this might make it even more attractive an option. Their brochure is a useful quick-read please see in the attached email

The Wading inspection report from July 2021 from Lanark website, the firm was Keystone Bridge Management Corp, which is the same company which implemented the Taylor bridge in SD (using Algonquin bridge products/solutions). Recommend County to go back and ask them to confirm that alternative prior to hiring Jewel Engineering from Bellville to provide construction estimates for each proposed plan of action.

<https://www.lanarkcounty.ca/en/roads-trails-and-transit/resources/Documents/Andrewsville-Wading-Rpt-2021-w-pics-FINAL.pdf>

3. Request for Clarification



Unexplained Gaps

NOVEMBER 3, 2015 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT NO, CW-085-2015, ANDREWSVILLE BRIDGE

ANDY BROWN,
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

RECOMMENDATIONS

For information purposes only.

BACKGROUND

The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville and the County of Lanark are responsible for several boundary bridges along the Rideau River, including Andrewsville Bridge. This bridge is a single lane, steel structure with wood planking on the driving surface. It was constructed in 1915. There is also a Parks Canada bridge to the south of the Andrewsville Bridge. The bridges are connected by a causeway and road. Both bridges have maximum limits of 5 tonnes.

In early 2012, a transport truck crossed the bridges causing damage to both bridges. The Counties and Parks Canada closed both bridges for a period of approximately 9 months. Counties Council agreed to invest \$50,000 over 4 years for capital repairs, providing the County of Lanark committed the same. Both Counties agreed and in early 2013 the bridge repairs were completed and a barrier erected to prohibit large vehicles from crossing the bridge. The bridge continues to be posted as 5 tonnes maximum weight.

In 2012, Counties Council debated whether to repair the bridge as well as whether to re-open the bridge to vehicular traffic. The replacement cost of the bridge and adjoining causeway, in 2012 dollars, was \$2.5 million. There are two bridges within 8 to 10 kilometres on either side of the Andrewsville Bridge. The vehicular traffic across the bridge was minimal and thus, Council grappled with spending significant dollars on the bridge.

DISCUSSION/ALTERNATIVES

The letter from the Township of Montague was also sent to the County of Lanark. Lanark's Public Works Committee did receive the letter, but no discussion was held and no action was taken. It was received for information purposes only.

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ANDREWSVILLE BRIDGE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The letter refers to regular maintenance and repair. Based on the Counties resolution passed in 2012 (attached), the commitment is in place until the end of 2016. Similarly, the costs of ongoing maintenance of the bridge are operational expenses that are shared between the two Counties. The County of Lanark is responsible for the maintenance and invoices the Counties for 50% of its annual costs.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

ATTACHMENTS

Letter from Township of Monague
Counties Council Resolution No. CC-107-2012

LES SHEPHERD
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

DATE

ANDY BROWN
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

October 29, 2015
DATE

How were decisions made if:

1. No indication of Director of Public Works acknowledging/responding.
2. There was no discussion held
3. Costing was based on 2012 estimates not 2015 estimates at the time of drafting of the letter.
4. No available evidence of spend on bridge on an annual basis

Actual spending on Bridge

Andrewsville Bridge Summary

Current End Date of Funding: April 27, 2028

| Description | Financial Allocation Total | Amount Spent Total | Amount Remaining Total | Notes |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|--|
| 2005 Annual Expenditures | | \$ 8,014.00 | | Engineering Costs |
| 2006 Annual Expenditures | | | | No Expenditures |
| 2007 Annual Expenditures | | \$ 12,889.04 | | Engineering Costs |
| 2008 Annual Expenditures | | \$ 112,186.54 | | Bridge Inspection & Capital Contract Repairs + Engineering |
| 2009 Annual Expenditures | | | | No Expenditures |
| 2010 Annual Expenditures | | | | No Expenditures |
| 2011 Annual Expenditures | | | | No Expenditures |
| 2012 Annual Expenditures | | \$ 14,841.73 | | Bridge Inspection & Engineering for Repairs |
| Motion PW-2012-104 | \$ (100,000.00) | \$ - | \$ (100,000.00) | UCLG also allocating \$50,000 |
| 2013 Annual Expenditures | | \$ 65,109.40 | \$ (34,890.60) | Capital Contract Repairs + Engineering |
| 2014 Annual Expenditures | | \$ - | \$ (34,890.60) | No Expenditures |
| 2015 Annual Expenditures | | \$ - | \$ (34,890.60) | No Expenditures |
| Motion PW-2016-52 | \$ (120,000.00) | \$ - | \$ (154,890.60) | UCLG also allocating \$60,000 |
| 2016 Annual Expenditures | | \$ 44,031.32 | \$ (110,859.28) | Capital Contract Repairs |
| 2017 Annual Expenditures | | \$ - | \$ (110,859.28) | No Expenditures |
| 2018 Annual Expenditures | | \$ 9,862.16 | \$ (100,997.12) | Wading Inspection & Repair Drawings |
| 2019 Annual Expenditures | | \$ 86,238.36 | \$ (14,758.76) | Capital Contract Repairs |
| 2021 Annual Expenditures | | \$ 3,541.76 | \$ (11,217.00) | Wading Inspection |
| | | | | EA Assesment (2012/13), Engineering Budget Used and not |
| 2022 Annual Expenditures | | \$ 39,945.00 | \$ (11,217.00) | Andrewsville Committed Funds |
| | \$ (220,000.00) | \$ 396,659.31 | | |
| Max combined funds remaining | | | \$ (11,217.00) | |

Notes:

Motion PW-2012-104 - (Funds available over 4 years)

PW2014-000173 - \$1,119.61 recovered from Economical Mutual for damages MVA 7/Sep/14; in addition to above

Motion PW-2016-52 - (Funds available over 12 years) (April 2016 - April 2028)

Note: Gaps in Years
Where is the 60K annual, but should be reflective of 120K as shared costs between the counties as noted in numerous motions.

Where are the funds?

This work, as noted should have further prolonged serviceability

Andrewsville Bridge 2019 Expenditure Breakdown

| Contractor | Item | Description | Unit | Qty | Unit Price | Extension |
|----------------------------------|------|--|------|-------|------------------|--------------|
| DW Building Restoration Services | 1 | Site Preparation | LS | 1.00 | \$ 18,489.58 | \$ 18,489.58 |
| | 2 | Access to the Work Area, Work Platform and Scaffolding | LS | 1.00 | \$ 3,184.52 | \$ 3,184.52 |
| | 3 | Timber Curb Replacement | M | 96.50 | \$ 171.99 | \$ 16,597.04 |
| | 4 | Partial Deck Removal | LS | 1.00 | \$ 2,560.40 | \$ 2,560.40 |
| | 5 | Removal of Stringers | LS | 1.00 | \$ 2,612.32 | \$ 2,612.32 |
| | 6 | Stringers | LS | 1.00 | \$ 10,402.16 | \$ 10,402.16 |
| | 7 | Timber Deck | M2 | 45.00 | \$ 185.77 | \$ 8,359.65 |
| | 8 | Running Boards | LS | 1.00 | \$ 3,248.88 | \$ 3,248.88 |
| | P1 | Pressure Treat Timber Curbs | LS | 1.00 | 811.87 | \$ 811.87 |
| | CO#1 | Credit for supply of commercially available PT 8x8 for Curbs | | | | -\$ 3,000.00 |
| | CO#2 | Addition of Girder End Stiffeners, Replace 2x8 Top Plates, and Cleaning Girder Ends | | | | \$ 4,673.80 |
| | CO#3 | Replacement of rotten 2x10 running boards on deck top | | | | \$ 7,790.52 |
| Cameron Mechanical | | Repair overhead height restriction barriers | | | | \$ 3,410.00 |
| | | Repair overhead height restriction barriers and build/ install gates at each end of bridge | | | | \$ 5,121.00 |
| Keystone Bridge Management | | Design of Girder end Stiffeners for CO#2 | | | | \$ 465.00 |
| | | | | | Subtotal | \$ 84,746.74 |
| | | | | | After Tax Rebate | \$ 86,238.28 |

Unexplained Change

OCTOBER 25, 2018

COUNCIL REPORT

REPORT NO. CC-031-2018

REQUEST TO CLOSE ANDREWSSVILLE BRIDGE ANNUAL TEMPORARY BRIDGE CLOSURE

ARUP MUKHERJEE, DIRECTOR
PUBLIC WORKS

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Council authorizes the annual temporary closure of Andrewsville Bridge to vehicular traffic from December 1 to March 31 beginning in 2018 until staff report back to Council; and

THAT the necessary by-law be prepared.

BACKGROUND

The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville and the County of Lanark are responsible for several boundary bridges along the Rideau River, including Andrewsville Bridge. This bridge is a single lane, steel structure with wood planking on the driving surface. It was constructed in 1915, has a maximum limit of 5 tonnes with an average daily traffic of 180 vehicles. The bridge is maintained and managed by Lanark County and costs are evenly shared between Lanark County and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

Lanark County Council passed the following resolution at its Council meeting of September 26, 2018 (following the Public Works Committee meeting):

- "1. The Director of Public Works is hereby authorized to put an annual, temporary closure on the Andrewsville Bridge from December 1 until March 31, each year.
2. This By-law will come into force on the date of its passing."

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ANDREWSSVILLE BRIDGE ANNUAL TEMPORARY BRIDGE CLOSURE
COUNCIL

Please see attached detailed report from the Lanark County Public Works Director.

DISCUSSION/ALTERNATIVES

Keystone Bridge Management Corp.'s "Andrewsville Bridge 2018 Wading Inspection" Report is attached as Appendix "A".

The immediate repairs are noted on Page 4 of the Report under Recommendations - Immediate Needs. Subject to prices received, it is anticipated that the costs of the above noted work will range from \$75,000 to \$100,000, of which the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville is responsible for 50% of the cost.

The estimated cost of a complete bridge replacement is \$3.3 Million Dollars.

Two options are provided:

Option 1 (Recommended):

Complete the necessary immediate repairs and pass a By-Law to effect an annual, temporary road closure to vehicular traffic from December 1 through March 31.

Option 2 (Not Recommended):

Do nothing and close the bridge immediately.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

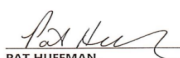
| | 2018 Budget | Contract Cost | Other Costs | Total Costs |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Bridge Maintenance | \$74,500 | \$37,500 | | |
| Contingency (Contract) | | | \$7,000.00 | |
| Inspection and Testing | | | \$5,000.00 | |
| Non Rebated HST | | | \$784 | |
| Total Costs | \$74,500.00 | \$37,500.00 | \$12,784.00 | \$50,284.00 |


1. Were the repairs noted only 18 months prior to this competed, in order to provide the 10-15 year life expectancy, if so.. What changed here?
2. Note the recommendations
3. Information is needed on the result of the work that was noted in the above noted letter. Was this work completed?
4. What changed in the 18 months were the life expectancy of the bridge was 10-15 years when the stringers were fixed to this letter.
5. A fulsome account required


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ANDREWSSVILLE BRIDGE ANNUAL TEMPORARY BRIDGE CLOSURE
COUNCIL

ATTACHMENTS

Keystone Bridge Management Corp.'s "Andrewsville Bridge 2018 Wading Inspection" Report
The Corporation of the County of Lanark Report # PW-24-2018


PAT HUFFMAN,
TREASURER


ARUP MUKHERJEE,
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS


ANDY BROWN,
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

October 18, 2018
DATE

24 Oct 2018
DATE

October 18, 2018
DATE

CAO approved both

Mis-representation of the Virtual Consultation

Public consultation for Andrewsville Bridge open until Dec. 2

The public consultation process to determine the preferred option for the future of the Andrewsville Bridge is underway and open until Dec. 2 in the form of a virtual Public Consultation Centre (PCC). This is part of the Class Environmental Assessment (EA) process that began in April.

The bridge, located at the hamlet of Andrewsville in Montague Township, is more than 100 years old and nearing the end of its useful life. It spans the Rideau River, providing access to the Parks Canada swing bridge that crosses the Rideau Canal at Nicholson's Locks. Lanark County and the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville (UCLG) share jurisdiction for the bridge, which has had a 5-tonne load limit since 1952 and is used by fewer than 200 vehicles per day. Since 2018 it has closed to traffic each year from Dec. 1 to March 1 to eliminate further corrosion from de-icing materials. The latest inspection report recommended closing the bridge within five years and completing the EA study to investigate further options.

"The options review is a priority for the counties due to the bridge's age and condition, posted weight restriction and seasonal operation, and its potential cultural heritage value," said Sean Derouin, Lanark County public works manager. "As part of the EA process, all future options for the bridge will be reviewed to determine the preferred solution."

The Class EA requires public and stakeholder consultation, evaluation of alternatives, an assessment of potential impacts of the proposed alternatives and identification of measures to mitigate any adverse impacts. Upon completion of the study, an Environmental Study Report documenting the process will be available for public review and comments for a period of 30 calendar days.

Information for the virtual PCC will be available online on Lanark County's website at www.lanarkcounty.ca/andrewsvillebridge for a four-week period. Any person may visit the online PCC and address comments to the following email no later than Dec. 2, 2022: andrewsvillebridge@lanarkcounty.ca

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**We wrote a letter asking it to be extended, and never heard back..
Only were notified by this newspaper article.**

In addition the information cited by Sean Derouin does not align with the reports, or commitments of the county, and clearly biases the public consultation process.

Public consultation on future of Andrewsville Bridge extended to Feb. 24

Kemptville Advance
Wednesday, December 21, 2022



The public consultation period that forms part of the process to determine the preferred option for the future of the Andrewsville Bridge has been extended to Feb. 24, 2023.

The consultation is in the form of a virtual Public Consultation Centre (PCC) and is part of the class environmental assessment (EA) process that began in April. The EA completion is expected the week of Jan. 23, and the project file will be available for the public to review for a mandatory 30-day period until Feb. 24, when public comments will also close.

The bridge is located at the hamlet of Andrewsville in Montague Township and spans the Rideau River, providing access to the Parks Canada swing bridge that crosses the Rideau Canal at Nicholson's Locks. It is more than 100 years old and nearing the end of its useful life.

Lanark County and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (UCLG) share jurisdiction for the bridge, which has had a five-tonne load limit since 1952 and is used by fewer than 200 vehicles per day. Since 2018, it has closed to traffic each year from Dec. 1 to March 31 to eliminate further corrosion from de-icing materials. The latest inspection report recommended closing the bridge within five years and completing the EA study to investigate further options.

"After review of comments provided by the public in advance of the initial Dec. 2 deadline, the counties decided to make more documents available that support construction estimates and the various options, and to give the public more time to provide input," explained Sean Derouin, Lanark County public works manager.

The bridge's age, condition, posted weight restriction, seasonal operation and potential cultural heritage value are all considerations in the review. Consultation is a requirement in the class EA process, as well as an evaluation of alternatives, potential impacts and identification of ways to mitigate adverse impacts.

The public can view the virtual PCC at www.lanarkcounty.ca/andrewsvillebridge and address comments to andrewsvillebridge@lanarkcounty.ca by Feb. 24. Anyone who does not have computer access can contact the county at 613-267-1353 for hard copies.

Addendum

2.2 Growth Forecasts and Allocations

The Counties’ population and employment growth forecasts guide planning decisions over the planning horizon. **The Counties and local municipalities should plan to accommodate a total population of 75,960 persons and 16,760 jobs to 2031.**

1. The distribution of recent growth in permanent population and housing within the Counties has been strongly influenced by proximity to the City of Ottawa, which has contributed to high levels of growth in North Grenville relative to other local municipalities.

2. **All local municipalities have been experiencing net out-commuting, largely to job opportunities in the separated City of Brockville and in the City of Kingston, City of Ottawa and the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry. Out-commuting from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville residents is anticipated to continue over the Plan horizon.**

3. The extent of commuter-sheds relative to employment opportunities is an important consideration in the forecasts and represents a key determinant of the distribution of future population and housing growth within the Counties.

Based on the identified growth forecasts, this Plan allocates population and employment growth to each of the local municipalities based on the growth management framework and community settlement structure policies of this Plan.

g) Local municipalities are **encouraged to promote the long term economic prosperity of settlement areas** that support the local context through the following:

ii. **Plan to optimize the use of land, resources, infrastructure**, electricity generation facilities and transmission and distribution systems, and public service facilities to accommodate forecasted growth and meet long term requirements.

iii. **Identify appropriate locations and promote opportunities for redevelopment, intensification and revitalization in areas that have sufficient existing or planned infrastructure.**

iv. **Provide for an efficient, cost-effective, reliable, multimodal transportation system, where existing or planned, that is integrated with adjacent systems and those of other jurisdictions and is appropriate to address expected growth.**

v. Reduce dependence on the automobile through the development of mixed use, transit supportive and active transportation environments, where planned or available.



7.5 Coordination and Cross-Jurisdictional Matters

The Counties will support cross-jurisdictional coordination and will work with the Province, local municipalities, Aboriginal communities, adjacent municipalities, and other agencies/organizations, as well as the general public.

a) The Counties will ensure that a coordinated, integrated and comprehensive approach is used when dealing with planning matters that transcend the boundaries of the local municipalities as well as the Counties, Aboriginal communities, and other jurisdictions including:

managing and/or promoting growth and development;

v. managing infrastructure, electricity generation facilities and transmission and distribution systems, multimodal transportation systems, public service facilities and waste management systems;

We look to UCLG to take an active and participatory role in the Andrewsville Bridge opportunity as an equal partner with Lanark County.

6.6 Energy Conservation, Air Quality and Climate Change Adaptation

- 1. The Counties and local municipalities will contribute to and promote a culture of conservation among all public, private, and community groups and local citizens and aim to reduce energy use in all sectors.
- 2. The Counties and local municipalities will contribute to and show leadership by considering energy conservation and efficiency within its municipal decision making and operations.
- 3. Opportunities for upgrades to municipal infrastructure will consider the impacts of climate change including more frequent and severe rain events and floods to prevent a failure of existing systems.
- 4. The Counties and local municipalities will promote the use of low impact development technologies when considering development and redevelopment proposals.

6.7 Coordination of Infrastructure and Municipal Class Environmental Assessments

- 1. The Counties will work with local municipalities and the Province to support the efficient provision of infrastructure required to accommodate growth in a fiscally and environmentally responsible manner
- The Counties may consider undertaking the 2. preparation of a Counties-wide Transportation Master Plan to facilitate the provision of transportation systems to accommodate growth in a fiscally and environmentally responsible manner.



Montague

Planning Period

This Official Plan is intended to guide the future development of the Township to the **year 2028**.

The Township's rural landscape is marked by six settlement areas – **Andrewsville**, Kilmarnock, Nolan's Corners, Numogate, Rosedale and Walsh Station.

"The settlement areas of Rosedale and Andrewsville are viewed as the most desirable areas for new development. By virtue of its existing residential character, the presence of the community hall, proximity to the public school, and its central location to the Township, Rosedale is viewed as having the greatest potential to accommodate new growth. Andrewsville, by virtue of its proximity to the City of Ottawa, the Village of Merrickville, and the historic Rideau Canal, is also viewed as having the potential to attract growth opportunities. In fact,make Andrewsville an ideal location for new development to occur, relative to other areas in the Township."

3.7 Settlement Area

3.7.1 Intent of the Designation

The communities designated Settlement Area include the villages of Andrewsville, Kilmarnock, Nolan's Corners, Numogate, and Rosedale, as well as two areas on the periphery of the Town of Smiths Falls. These areas have historically served as local focal points where they provided a mix of local retail, service and social(cultural and residential opportunities for their surrounding communities. Today, they still play important roles as social and cultural centres for the Township. ...the Settlement Area designation are intended to include a modest allowance for new development to occur, the boundaries of Rosedale and Andrewsville are intended to allow for significant new development possibilities.



Merrickville

Growing the Economy

The community recognizes the need for residential and commercial growth in order to ensure its financial viability.

Growth could also be achieved through sectoral diversification by attracting new entrepreneurs including professional services, home based businesses, other new economy small business owners who can choose where they want to live, and establishing business incubators.



“The opening of Highway 416 has greatly facilitated the community’s potential for residential and tourism growth. In addition to making the community more accessible to numerous large metropolitan areas for tourism purposes, the highway has been particularly instrumental in leveraging a closer economic relationship with Ottawa, and enabling commuting to one of Canada’s fastest growing and wealthiest metropolitan areas. “

In summary, Merrickville

Wolford is now within easy commuting distance of Ottawa and neighboring regional centres thereby facilitating business and social interaction. **In the tourism sector this is evidenced by extensive regional participation in the community’s many cultural events, one of the largest being the Agricultural Fair. These factors all combine to increase the attractiveness of Merrickville- Wolford as a residential and retirement community.**

Building A Progressive, Growing Economy

Encouraging economic growth by offering a development environment that is welcoming to potential business owners and residents but consistent with the community’s overall goals.

Strong Agricultural Base - Enhance supports to maintain a strong agricultural base.

- Plan for transportation of agricultural product & supplies on rural roads and through village

Transportation Strategy – Improve how people get around.

- Long-term plan for the safety of rural roads including eliminating narrow/no shoulders / cost effectiveness of tar & chip
- Improved parking plan to deal with summer and weekend load
- Street calming measures / Merrickville bridge and in Jasper crosswalk in village / truck bypass

Resolution Number: R - - 23

Date: February 27, 2023

Moved by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Seconded by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation of Joanne Franey and Samantha Davidson, Rideau Community Health Services, regarding the Food Cupboard Program, for information purposes.

Carried / Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

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| Cameron | Y | N |
| Gural | Y | N |
| Ireland | Y | N |
| Maitland | Y | N |



Rideau Community
Health Services

Your Community Health Centre

RCHS Food Cupboard Program at the Merrickville Site

February 27th 2023



Our Vision

Working together building healthy communities.



Our Mission

We engage individuals, agencies, and partners to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities.



Our Values

Equity, Empathy, Respect, Collaboration, and Community

RCHS Food Cupboard Then

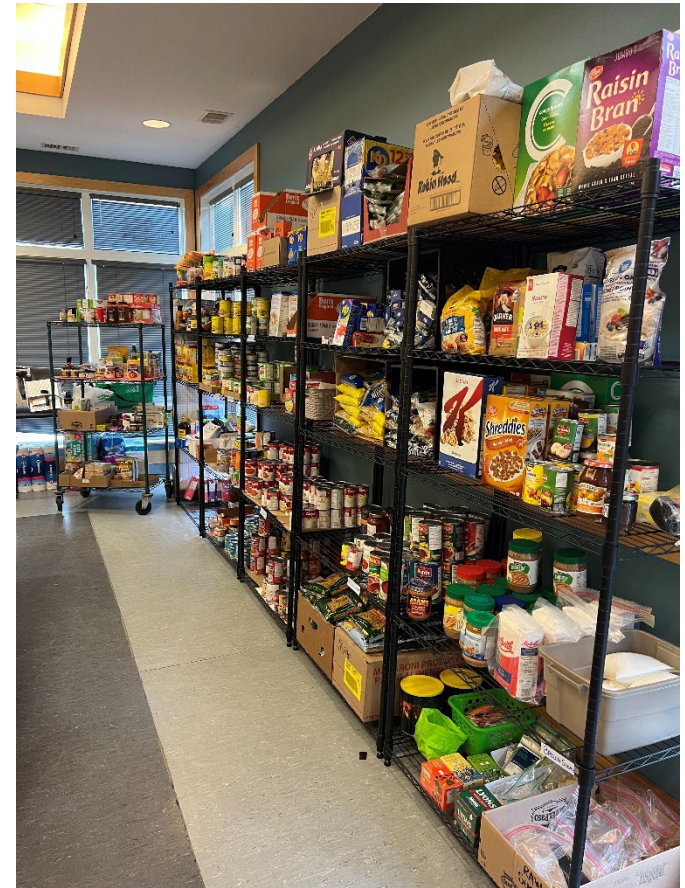


DISCOVERING THE NEED



EMERGENCY FOOD CUPBOARD

MEETING THE NEEDS TODAY





The following community organizations are regular supports of RCHS Food Cupboard Program:

- Merrickville Food Market
- Violets on the Main Bakery
- Healthy Ever After
- Mrs. McGarrilge's Fine Food Shop
- Grenville Federation of Agriculture
- Local Farmers
- Community Members

Picture of Support



**SHELVES BEFORE
THE HOLIDAY
TRAIN**



**DONATIONS
FROM THE
HOLIDAY TRAIN**



**ONE OF OUR GREAT
VOLUNTEERS
STOCKING SHELVES**

Who We Serve



**26 Single
People**

12 Families



8 Couples



**56 adults and 30 children receiving support
monthly from RCHS**

What a trip to the Food Cupboard looks like



- Milk
- Eggs
- Beef or chicken from local farmers
- Bread from Violets on the Main
- Cereal – hot or cold
- Peanut Butter or Jam
- Canned fruit
- Pasta
- Pasta Sauce
- Diced Tomatoes
- Rice
- 2 canned veggies
- 2 canned beans – kidney, lentil, black, chick
- 1 can of brown bean
- Can of tuna or other canned meat if available
- 2 cans of small soup
- Large can of soup or stew
- Sugar
- Crackers
- School snacks w juice boxes
- Specialty food items if needed
- Extra choice shelves
- Free shelf



Affordable Healthy, Fresh Food For Everyone!





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of food banks
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Ontario.*



Rideau Community
Health Services

Your Community Health Centre



For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

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| Cameron | Y | N |
| Gural | Y | N |
| Ireland | Y | N |
| Maitland | Y | N |

Resolution Number: R - - 23

Date: February 27, 2023

Moved by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Seconded by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive Report CAO-01-2023, being a report regarding the legislative process for filling a Council vacancy, for information purposes.

Carried/Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor



Village of Merrickville - Wolford

Report CAO-01-2023
Information Report to Council
Date of Meeting: February 27, 2023

RE: Legislative Process for Filling a Council Vacancy

OBJECTIVE: To provide Council with an overview of the process for filling a Council vacancy.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT: Council does hereby receive report CAO-01-2023, being a report to describe the legislative process for filling a vacant seat on Council.

BACKGROUND:

The *Municipal Act, 2001*, c.25, Section 259(1)(d), indicates that the office of a member of council of a municipality becomes vacant if the member resigns from his or her office in accordance with Section 260. Section 260 indicates that a member of council of a municipality may resign from office by notice in writing filed with the clerk of the municipality.

On January 25, 2023, Councillor Mark Oldfield submitted notice in writing with the clerk of his resignation from his Merrickville Ward Councillor seat. In Council's next meeting on January 30, 2023, Council declared the Council seat vacant via Resolution R-029-23 in compliance with Section 262(1) which requires Council to declare the office to be vacant at its next meeting following submission of the resignation.

ANALYSIS:

When a vacancy on Council does occur, Council is faced with the decision of how to fill the vacant seat for the remainder of the term. The *Municipal Act, 2001*, 263(1) provides the following two options:

263(1) Filling Vacancies – If a vacancy occurs in the office of a member of council, the municipality shall, subject to this section:

- a) fill the vacancy by appointing a person who has consented to accept the office if appointed; or*
- b) require a by-election to be held to fill the vacancy in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act.*

The *Municipal Act, 2001*, 263(5) regarding the Rules applying to filling vacancies indicates:

263 (5) *The following rules apply to filling vacancies:*

1. *Within 60 days after the day a declaration of vacancy is made with respect to the vacancy under section 262, the municipality shall,*
 - i. *appoint a person to fill the vacancy under subsection (1) or (4), or*
 - ii. *pass a by-law requiring a by-election be held to fill the vacancy under subsection (1).*

If Council chooses to pass a by-law to call a by-election, Section 65 of the *Municipal Elections Act* applies and Section 65(4) requires the Clerk to fix the nomination day to be not less than 30 and not more than 60 days after the by-law calling for a by-election is passed. A by-election requires Council to pass a by-law ordering the election and voting day is then 45 days after nomination day.

A person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy must be:

- a Canadian citizen;
- at least 18 years of age;
- a resident of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, or be the owner or tenant of land, or the spouse of the owner or tenant of land;
- not prohibited from voting in a municipal election by any legislation; and
- not prohibited from holding the office under the Municipal Act or any other legislation.

In accordance with Municipal Act Section 264, the new Councillor will serve from the time their oath of office is taken to the end of the current term of Council.

BUDGET/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Budget implications will vary depending on which method is chosen to fill the Council vacancy. The 2018 municipal election expenses were \$12,220 and, due to additional costs associated with the pandemic, the 2022 municipal election expenses were \$20,873.87.

LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLANS:

On January 23, 2017, the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford passed By-Law 10-17, being a by-law to adopt the Merrickville-Wolford Strategic Plan 2017-2025.

The priorities of the strategic plan that can be linked to this report are as follows:

Ensuring efficient, effective services and civic engagement

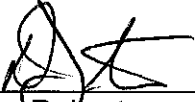
CONCLUSION:

This report is for information purposes.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Robertson', is written over a horizontal line.

Doug Robertson
CAO/Clerk

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

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| Cameron | Y | N |
| Gural | Y | N |
| Ireland | Y | N |
| Maitland | Y | N |

Resolution Number: R - - 23

Date: February 27, 2023

Moved by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Seconded by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS on January 25, 2023, Mark Oldfield submitted notice in writing with the clerk of his resignation from his Merrickville Ward Councillor seat;

AND WHEREAS at Council's next meeting on January 30, 2023, Council declared the Council seat vacant via Resolution R-029-23;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby decide to fill the vacancy by:

_____appointing a person who has consented to accept the office if appointed; or

_____require a by-election be held to fill the vacancy in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996. 2001, c.25, s. 263(1).

Carried/Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

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| Cameron | Y | N |
| Gural | Y | N |
| Ireland | Y | N |
| Maitland | Y | N |

Resolution Number: R - - 23

Date: February 27, 2023

Moved by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Seconded by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 13-2023, being a by-law to authorize a franchise agreement between the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and Enbridge Gas Inc. be read a first and second time, and that By-law 13-2023 be read a third and final time and passed;

AND THAT Council hereby direct the mayor and the CAO/Clerk to execute the agreement between the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and Enbridge Gas Inc.

Carried/Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

BY-LAW NUMBER 13-2023

**A BY-LAW TO AUTHORIZE A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD
and
ENBRIDGE GAS INC.**

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford deems it expedient to enter into the attached franchise agreement (the "Franchise Agreement") with Enbridge Gas Inc.;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Energy Board by its Order issued pursuant to the *Municipal Franchises Act* has approved the terms and conditions upon which and the period for which the franchise provided in the Franchise Agreement is proposed to be granted, and has declared and directed that the assent of the municipal electors in respect of this By-Law is not necessary:

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford enacts as follows:

1. **THAT** the Franchise Agreement between the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and Enbridge Gas Inc. attached hereto and forming part of this by-law, is hereby authorized and the franchise provided for therein is hereby granted.
2. **THAT** the Mayor and CAO / Clerk be and they are hereby authorized and instructed on behalf of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford to enter into and execute under its corporate seal and deliver the Franchise Agreement, which is hereby incorporated into and forming part of this By-Law.
3. **THAT** the following by-law be hereby repealed:
 - By-law #18-02 for the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, passed in Council on the 28th day of October, 2002.
4. **THAT** this by-law shall come into force and take effect as of the final passing thereof.

Read a first and second time on the 27th day of February, 2023.

Read a third and final time and passed on the 27th day of February, 2023.

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Michael Cameron, Mayor

Doug Robertson, CAO / Clerk

2000 Model Franchise Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT effective this day of , 2023

BETWEEN:

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

hereinafter called the "Corporation"

- and -

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

hereinafter called the "Gas Company"

WHEREAS the Gas Company desires to distribute, store and transmit gas in the Municipality upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS by by-law passed by the Council of the Corporation (the "By-law"), the duly authorized officers have been authorized and directed to execute this Agreement on behalf of the Corporation;

THEREFORE, the Corporation and the Gas Company agree as follows:

Part I - Definitions

1. In this Agreement

- (a) "decommissioned" and "decommissions" when used in connection with parts of the gas system, mean any parts of the gas system taken out of active use and purged in accordance with the applicable CSA standards and in no way affects the use of the term 'abandoned' pipeline for the purposes of the *Assessment Act*;
- (b) "Engineer/Road Superintendent" means the most senior individual employed by the Corporation with responsibilities for highways within the Municipality or the person designated by such senior employee or such other person as may from time to time be designated by the Council of the Corporation;

- (c) "gas" means natural gas, manufactured gas, synthetic natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas or propane-air gas, or a mixture of any of them, but does not include a liquefied petroleum gas that is distributed by means other than a pipeline;
- (d) "gas system" means such mains, plants, pipes, conduits, services, valves, regulators, curb boxes, stations, drips or such other equipment as the Gas Company may require or deem desirable for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in or through the Municipality;
- (e) "highway" means all common and public highways and shall include any bridge, viaduct or structure forming part of a highway, and any public square, road allowance or walkway and shall include not only the travelled portion of such highway, but also ditches, driveways, sidewalks, and sodded areas forming part of the road allowance now or at any time during the term hereof under the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (f) "Model Franchise Agreement" means the form of agreement which the Ontario Energy Board uses as a standard when considering applications under the *Municipal Franchises Act*. The Model Franchise Agreement may be changed from time to time by the Ontario Energy Board;
- (g) "Municipality" means the territorial limits of the Corporation on the date when this Agreement takes effect, and any territory which may thereafter be brought within the jurisdiction of the Corporation;
- (h) "Plan" means the plan described in Paragraph 5 of this Agreement required to be filed by the Gas Company with the Engineer/Road Superintendent prior to commencement of work on the gas system; and
- (i) whenever the singular, masculine or feminine is used in this Agreement, it shall be considered as if the plural, feminine or masculine has been used where the context of the Agreement so requires.

Part II - Rights Granted

2. To provide gas service

The consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to distribute, store and transmit gas in and through the Municipality to the Corporation and to the inhabitants of the Municipality.

3. To Use Highways

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement the consent of the Corporation is hereby given and granted to the Gas Company to enter upon all highways now or at any time hereafter under the jurisdiction of the Corporation and to lay, construct, maintain, replace, remove, operate and repair a gas system for the distribution, storage and transmission of gas in and through the Municipality.

4. Duration of Agreement and Renewal Procedures

(a) If the Corporation has not previously received gas distribution services, the rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law.

or

(b) If the Corporation has previously received gas distribution services, the rights hereby given and granted shall be for a term of 20 years from the date of final passing of the By-law provided that, if during the 20 year term of this Agreement, the Model Franchise Agreement is changed, then on the 7th anniversary and on the 14th anniversary of the date of the passing of the By-law, this Agreement shall be deemed to be amended to incorporate any changes in the Model Franchise Agreement in effect on such anniversary dates. Such deemed amendments shall not apply to alter the 20 year term.

(c) At any time within two years prior to the expiration of this Agreement, either party may give notice to the other that it desires to enter into negotiations for a renewed franchise upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon. Until such renewal has been settled, the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue, notwithstanding the expiration of this Agreement. This shall not preclude either party from applying to the Ontario Energy Board for a renewal of the Agreement pursuant to section 10 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*.

Part III – Conditions

5. Approval of Construction

- (a) The Gas Company shall not undertake any excavation, opening or work which will disturb or interfere with the surface of the travelled portion of any highway unless a permit therefor has first been obtained from the Engineer/Road Superintendent and all work done by the Gas Company shall be to his satisfaction.
- (b) Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, or any extensions or changes to it (except service laterals which do not interfere with municipal works in the highway), the Gas Company shall file with the Engineer/Road Superintendent a Plan, satisfactory to the Engineer/Road Superintendent, drawn to scale and of sufficient detail considering the complexity of the specific locations involved, showing the highways in which it proposes to lay its gas system and the particular parts thereof it proposes to occupy.
- (c) The Plan filed by the Gas Company shall include geodetic information for a particular location:
 - (i) where circumstances are complex, in order to facilitate known projects, including projects which are reasonably anticipated by the Engineer/Road Superintendent, or
 - (ii) when requested, where the Corporation has geodetic information for its own services and all others at the same location.
- (d) The Engineer/Road Superintendent may require sections of the gas system to be laid at greater depth than required by the latest CSA standard for gas pipeline systems to facilitate known projects or to correct known highway deficiencies.
- (e) Prior to the commencement of work on the gas system, the Engineer/Road Superintendent must approve the location of the work as shown on the Plan filed by the Gas Company, the timing of the work and any terms and conditions relating to the installation of the work.
- (f) In addition to the requirements of this Agreement, if the Gas Company proposes to affix any part of the gas system to a bridge, viaduct or other structure, if the Engineer/Road Superintendent approves this proposal, he may require the Gas Company to comply with special conditions or to enter into a separate agreement as a condition of the approval of this part of the construction of the gas system.

- (g) Where the gas system may affect a municipal drain, the Gas Company shall also file a copy of the Plan with the Corporation's Drainage Superintendent for purposes of the *Drainage Act*, or such other person designated by the Corporation as responsible for the drain.
- (h) The Gas Company shall not deviate from the approved location for any part of the gas system unless the prior approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent to do so is received.
- (i) The Engineer/Road Superintendent's approval, where required throughout this Paragraph, shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- (j) The approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent is not a representation or warranty as to the state of repair of the highway or the suitability of the highway for the gas system.

6. As Built Drawings

The Gas Company shall, within six months of completing the installation of any part of the gas system, provide two copies of "as built" drawings to the Engineer/Road Superintendent. These drawings must be sufficient to accurately establish the location, depth (measurement between the top of the gas system and the ground surface at the time of installation) and distance of the gas system. The "as built" drawings shall be of the same quality as the Plan and, if the approved pre-construction plan included elevations that were geodetically referenced, the "as built" drawings shall similarly include elevations that are geodetically referenced. Upon the request of the Engineer/Road Superintendent, the Gas Company shall provide one copy of the drawings in an electronic format and one copy as a hard copy drawing.

7. Emergencies

In the event of an emergency involving the gas system, the Gas Company shall proceed with the work required to deal with the emergency, and in any instance where prior approval of the Engineer/Road Superintendent is normally required for the work, the Gas Company shall use its best efforts to immediately notify the Engineer/Road Superintendent of the location and nature of the emergency and the work being done and, if it deems appropriate, notify the police force, fire or other emergency services having jurisdiction. The Gas Company shall provide the Engineer/Road Superintendent with at least one 24 hour emergency contact for the Gas Company and shall ensure the contacts are current.

8. Restoration

The Gas Company shall well and sufficiently restore, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Engineer/Road Superintendent, all highways, municipal works or improvements which it may excavate or interfere with in the course of laying, constructing, repairing or removing its gas system, and shall make good any settling or subsidence thereafter caused by such excavation or interference. If the Gas Company fails at any time to do any work required by this Paragraph within a reasonable period of time, the Corporation may do or cause such work to be done and the Gas Company shall, on demand, pay the Corporation's reasonably incurred costs, as certified by the Engineer/Road Superintendent.

9. Indemnification

The Gas Company shall, at all times, indemnify and save harmless the Corporation from and against all claims, including costs related thereto, for all damages or injuries including death to any person or persons and for damage to any property, arising out of the Gas Company operating, constructing, and maintaining its gas system in the Municipality, or utilizing its gas system for the carriage of gas owned by others. Provided that the Gas Company shall not be required to indemnify or save harmless the Corporation from and against claims, including costs related thereto, which it may incur by reason of damages or injuries including death to any person or persons and for damage to any property, resulting from the negligence or wrongful act of the Corporation, its servants, agents or employees.

10. Insurance

- (a) The Gas Company shall maintain Comprehensive General Liability Insurance in sufficient amount and description as shall protect the Gas Company and the Corporation from claims for which the Gas Company is obliged to indemnify the Corporation under Paragraph 9. The insurance policy shall identify the Corporation as an additional named insured, but only with respect to the operation of the named insured (the Gas Company). The insurance policy shall not lapse or be cancelled without sixty (60) days' prior written notice to the Corporation by the Gas Company.
- (b) The issuance of an insurance policy as provided in this Paragraph shall not be construed as relieving the Gas Company of liability not covered by such insurance or in excess of the policy limits of such insurance.
- (c) Upon request by the Corporation, the Gas Company shall confirm that premiums for such insurance have been paid and that such insurance is in full force and effect.

11. Alternative Easement

The Corporation agrees, in the event of the proposed sale or closing of any highway or any part of a highway where there is a gas line in existence, to give the Gas Company reasonable notice of such proposed sale or closing and, if it is feasible, to provide the Gas Company with easements over that part of the highway proposed to be sold or closed sufficient to allow the Gas Company to preserve any part of the gas system in its then existing location. In the event that such easements cannot be provided, the Corporation and the Gas Company shall share the cost of relocating or altering the gas system to facilitate continuity of gas service, as provided for in Paragraph 12 of this Agreement.

12. Pipeline Relocation

- (a) If in the course of constructing, reconstructing, changing, altering or improving any highway or any municipal works, the Corporation deems that it is necessary to take up, remove or change the location of any part of the gas system, the Gas Company shall, upon notice to do so, remove and/or relocate within a reasonable period of time such part of the gas system to a location approved by the Engineer/Road Superintendent.
- (b) Where any part of the gas system relocated in accordance with this Paragraph is located on a bridge, viaduct or structure, the Gas Company shall alter or relocate that part of the gas system at its sole expense.
- (c) Where any part of the gas system relocated in accordance with this Paragraph is located other than on a bridge, viaduct or structure, the costs of relocation shall be shared between the Corporation and the Gas Company on the basis of the total relocation costs, excluding the value of any upgrading of the gas system, and deducting any contribution paid to the Gas Company by others in respect to such relocation; and for these purposes, the total relocation costs shall be the aggregate of the following:
 - (i) the amount paid to Gas Company employees up to and including field supervisors for the hours worked on the project plus the current cost of fringe benefits for these employees,
 - (ii) the amount paid for rental equipment while in use on the project and an amount, charged at the unit rate, for Gas Company equipment while in use on the project,
 - (iii) the amount paid by the Gas Company to contractors for work related to the project,

- (iv) the cost to the Gas Company for materials used in connection with the project, and
 - (v) a reasonable amount for project engineering and project administrative costs which shall be 22.5% of the aggregate of the amounts determined in items (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above.
- (d) The total relocation costs as calculated above shall be paid 35% by the Corporation and 65% by the Gas Company, except where the part of the gas system required to be moved is located in an unassumed road or in an unopened road allowance and the Corporation has not approved its location, in which case the Gas Company shall pay 100% of the relocation costs.

Part IV - Procedural And Other Matters

13. Municipal By-laws of General Application

The Agreement is subject to the provisions of all regulating statutes and all municipal by-laws of general application, except by-laws which have the effect of amending this Agreement.

14. Giving Notice

Notices may be delivered to, sent by facsimile or mailed by prepaid registered post to the Gas Company at its head office or to the authorized officers of the Corporation at its municipal offices, as the case may be.

15. Disposition of Gas System

- (a) If the Gas Company decommissions part of its gas system affixed to a bridge, viaduct or structure, the Gas Company shall, at its sole expense, remove the part of its gas system affixed to the bridge, viaduct or structure.
- (b) If the Gas Company decommissions any other part of its gas system, it shall have the right, but is not required, to remove that part of its gas system. It may exercise its right to remove the decommissioned parts of its gas system by giving notice of its intention to do so by filing a Plan as required by Paragraph 5 of this Agreement for approval by the Engineer/Road Superintendent. If the Gas Company does not remove the part of the gas system it has decommissioned and the Corporation requires the removal of all or any part of the decommissioned gas system for the purpose of altering or improving a highway or in order to facilitate the construction of utility or other works in any highway, the Corporation may remove and dispose of so much of the decommissioned gas system

as the Corporation may require for such purposes and neither party shall have recourse against the other for any loss, cost, expense or damage occasioned thereby. If the Gas Company has not removed the part of the gas system it has decommissioned and the Corporation requires the removal of all or any part of the decommissioned gas system for the purpose of altering or improving a highway or in order to facilitate the construction of utility or other works in a highway, the Gas Company may elect to relocate the decommissioned gas system and in that event Paragraph 12 applies to the cost of relocation.

16. Use of Decommissioned Gas System

- (a) The Gas Company shall provide promptly to the Corporation, to the extent such information is known:
 - (i) the names and addresses of all third parties who use decommissioned parts of the gas system for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas; and
 - (ii) the location of all proposed and existing decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas.
- (b) The Gas Company may allow a third party to use a decommissioned part of the gas system for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas and may charge a fee for that third party use, provided
 - (i) the third party has entered into a municipal access agreement with the Corporation; and
 - (ii) the Gas Company does not charge a fee for the third party's right of access to the highways.
- (c) Decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission or distribution of gas are not subject to the provisions of this Agreement. For decommissioned parts of the gas system used for purposes other than the transmission and distribution of gas, issues such as relocation costs will be governed by the relevant municipal access agreement.

17. Franchise Handbook

The Parties acknowledge that operating decisions sometimes require a greater level of detail than that which is appropriately included in this Agreement. The Parties agree to look for guidance on such matters to the Franchise Handbook prepared by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the gas utility companies, as may be amended from time to time.

18. Other Conditions

None.

19. Agreement Binding Parties

This Agreement shall extend to, benefit and bind the parties thereto, their successors and assigns, respectively.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have executed this Agreement effective from the date written above.

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Per: _____
Michael Cameron, Mayor

Per: _____
Doug Robertson, CAO / Clerk

ENBRIDGE GAS INC.

Per: _____
Mark Kitchen, Director, Regulatory Affairs

Per: _____
Jean-Benoit Trahan, Director, Eastern Region Operations

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

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| Cameron | Y | N |
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| Ireland | Y | N |
| Maitland | Y | N |

Resolution Number: R - - 23

Date: February 27, 2023

Moved by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Seconded by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 15-2023, being a by-law to amend By-law 30-17 of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, commonly referred to as the "Procedural By-law", be read a first and second time, and that By-law 15-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried/Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor

CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE - WOLFORD

BY-LAW NO. 15-2023

BEING a By-law to amend By-law 30-17 of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, commonly referred to as the "Procedural By-law"

WHEREAS section 5(3), the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended, provides that a Council may exercise its powers by By-law;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Village of Merrickville - Wolford did pass By-law 30-17, a procedural by-law for the conduct of Council business;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does deem it in the best interest of the municipality to amend Section 3.2 b) of By-Law 30-17, regarding Notice of Meetings;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does deem it in the best interest of the municipality to amend Section 3.6 a) of By-Law 30-17, regarding Regular Meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford enacts as follows:

1. Section 3.2 b) of By-law 30-17 is hereby amended as follows:

3.2 Notice of Meetings

b) Notice of a meeting shall be provided in the form of an Agenda. The Agenda shall be posted on the bulletin board at the Municipal office and on the municipal website by no later than five full days in advance of a regularly scheduled meeting. Closed meeting agenda items and background materials are to be provided to Council members only on this same time schedule.

2. Section 3.6 a) of By-law 30-17 is hereby amended as follows:

3.6 Regular Meetings

a) Regular meetings of Council shall be held on the second (2nd) Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., except as altered by way of Council resolution.

3. This by-law shall be appended to By-law 30-17 which shall be consolidated for ease of reference.

THIS BY-LAW shall be deemed to come into force upon passing.

READ a first and second time this 27th day of February, 2023.

READ a third and final time and passed this 27th day of February, 2023.

Michael Cameron
MAYOR

Doug Robertson
CAO/CLERK

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

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| Ireland | Y | N |
| Maitland | Y | N |

Resolution Number: R - - 23

Date: February 27, 2023

Moved by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Seconded by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Notice of Motion: Don Halpenny Dedication of Eastons Corners Pavilion

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS Don Halpenny has served his community in various roles and has been a long-time resident of Merrickville-Wolford;

AND WHEREAS Don Halpenny has been a big part of the Wolford community, growing up and attending school, farming in and around Eastons Corners, working for the municipality, and serving on Council;

AND WHEREAS from a young age and well into his eighties, Don Halpenny's focus was to serve his community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recognizes Don Halpenny's dedication to his community and will erect a plaque on the New Pavilion in Eastons Corners in his honour, in thanks to his long and dedicated services.

Carried / Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor

Resolution Number: R - - 23

Date: February 27, 2023

Moved by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Seconded by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 14-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of February 27, 2023, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 14-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

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| Ireland | Y | N |
| Maitland | Y | N |

Carried / Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

BY-LAW 14-2023

BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD AT ITS MEETING HELD ON February 27, 2023

WHEREAS section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001 states that municipal power, including a municipality’s capacity, rights, powers and privileges, shall be exercised by by-law, unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed prudent that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford (hereinafter referred to as “Council”) at its meeting held on February 27, 2023 be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford hereby enacts as follows:

1. The proceedings and actions of Council at its meeting held on February 27, 2023 and each recommendation, report, and motion considered by Council at the said meeting, and other actions passed and taken by Council at the said meeting are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.
2. The Mayor or his or her designate and the proper officials of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required and, except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby directed to execute all documents necessary in that regard, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal of the Municipality to all such documents.

This by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the final passing thereof.

Read a first, second and third time and passed on the 27th day of February 2023.

Michael Cameron, Mayor

Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk

Resolution Number: R - - 23

Date: February 27, 2023

Moved by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Seconded by: Gural Ireland Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at p.m. until the next meeting of Council on Monday, March 13, 2023 or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested

By:

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| Maitland | Y | N |

Carried / Defeated

Michael Cameron, Mayor