

**The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford**  
**Monday January 8, 2024, 7:00 p.m.**  
**Municipal Council Chambers**  
**317 Brock St. W. Merrickville, Ontario K0G 1N0**

**Members Present**

Mayor Michael Cameron  
Deputy Mayor Anne Barr  
Councillor Margaret Gural  
Councillor Stephen Ireland  
Councillor Ronnie Maitland

**Staff Present**

(Interim) C.A.O./Clerk Darlene Plumley  
Treasurer Kirsten Rahm

Important notice: This meeting was held in person and was open to the public in the Council Chambers. It was recorded and livestreamed electronically on the "Village of Merrickville-Wolford" YouTube channel;  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_OEkw3yIMarGSHGeNecrQg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_OEkw3yIMarGSHGeNecrQg)

The Agenda for the January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council was introduced.

Moved By: Councillor Gural R-01-08-01-24

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Barr

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting held on January 8, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED

No Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof was stated.

The Draft Motions for Consideration Document was introduced.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Barr R-02-08-01-24

Seconded By: Councillor Maitland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the Draft Motions for Consideration Document as presented.

CARRIED

The Minutes of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford held on December 11, 2023, and the Priority Setting Session held on December 18, 2023, were introduced.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Barr R-03-08-01-24

Seconded By: Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford approve the minutes of the;

Regular Council Meeting Minutes held on December 11, 2023, and the Priority Setting Session held on December 18, 2023.

CARRIED

#### Planning

Mayor Cameron introduced Consent Application B146-23

Moved By: Councillor Ireland R-04-08-01-24

Seconded By: Councillor Maitland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford support consent application B146-23 with the following conditions:

That the applicant provides the Village with a digital and paper copy of the registered Reference Plan. The Reference Plan shall specify the distance from the existing single detached dwelling on the retained parcel to the new lot line and shall demonstrate compliance with the R1 Zone side yard setback.

That the applicant provides proof of payment of all outstanding taxes and fees owing to the Village, if any.

That the applicant provides payment of cash-in-lieu of parkland.

That the existing garage on the severed parcel be removed prior to finalization of the consent.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Barr requested that Interim CAO/Clerk Plumley confirm if this application meets the requirements of the Water Allocation Policy.

#### By-laws:

Mayor Cameron introduced By-law 01-2024 Being a By-law to authorize the Municipality to borrow.

Moved By: Councillor Ireland

Seconded By: Councillor Maitland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford give First, Second, Third and Final Reading to By-law 01-2024 Being a By-law to authorize the Municipality to borrow up to \$2,000,000 during the January 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024, period and up to \$1,000,000 during the October 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, period in order to finance the Village's Current Operating Expenditures on an interim basis;

AND FURTHER THAT authorization be given to the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to sign, seal and place in the By-law Book for the Municipality By-law Number 01-2024.

CARRIED

Mayor Cameron introduced By-law 02-2024 Being a By-law to impose an interim tax levy for the year 2024.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Barr

Seconded By: Councillor Gural

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford give First, Second, Third and Final Reading to By-law 02-2024 Being a By-law to impose an interim tax levy for the year 2024 on properties within all tax classes in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford

AND FURTHER THAT authorization be given to the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to sign, seal and place in the By-law Book for the Municipality By-law Number 02-2024.  
CARRIED

Mayor Cameron introduced the Amendment to Procedure By-law 30-17 to allow for a Committee of the Whole Structure.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Barr

Seconded By: Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford give First, Second, Third and Final Reading to Amend Procedure By-law 30-17 to allow for a Committee of the Whole Structure;

AND FURTHER THAT authorization of the amendment will include in Schedule "C" will reflect the following;

Chair of the Meeting will alternate among Councillors, however that role should default to the Deputy Mayor if it is the wish of Council;

AND FURTHER THAT By-law 30-17 be given to the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to sign, seal and place in the By-law Book for the Municipality.

CARRIED

Mayor Cameron introduced the Draft By-law to Regulate Events.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Barr R-05-08-01-24

Seconded By: Councillor Gural

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive the Draft By-law to Regulate Events and direct Staff to review and amend based on comments from Council;

AND FURTHER THAT the revised by-law be brought forward to the March 11, 2024, Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Delegations:

Mayor Cameron invited Jane Graham and Laura Brown Breetvelt, representing the Merrickville and District Historical Society to address Council.

Moved By: Councillor Ireland R-06-08-01-24

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Barr

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive the delegation provided by the Merrickville and District Historical Society concerning the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Canada's Ritual of the Calling of an Engineer, recited to this day by all graduating engineers as referenced in the book written by Theresa Charland, 2007, "Building an Empire: Big Pants Harry F. McLean and his Sons of Martha.

CARRIED

Mayor Cameron invited Ian Harvey concerning the redevelopment of Municipal By-law related to noise related issues to address Council.

Moved By: Councillor Gural R-07-08-01-24

Seconded By: Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive the delegation provided by Ian Harvey concerning the redevelopment of Municipal By-law related to noise related issues with regard to animal control;  
AND FURTHER THAT Staff review the by-law concerns associated with the property to determine options moving forward.

CARRIED

Staff Reports:

The Staff Report prepared by Interim CAO/Clerk Plumley concerning the Departmental Activity Update was introduced.

Moved By: Councillor Gural R-08-08-01-24

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Barr

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the Departmental Activity Update prepared for the January 8, 2024, Council Meeting with the understanding that the Heritage Designation Submission concerning the McGuigan Cemetery would be included on the February 12, 2024, Activity Report.

CARRIED

The Updated Gravel Road Needs Study with the inclusion of Traffic Counts was introduced.

Moved By: Councillor Maitland R-09-08-01-24

Seconded By: Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the Updated Gravel Road Needs Study with the inclusion of Traffic Counts;  
AND FURTHER THAT the document be used as a reference to plan future road improvements and apply for available provincial dollars to ensure the maximum benefit is being achieved from roads budget funding.

AND FURTHER THAT Staff investigate whether a more detailed description of the traffic counts regarding vehicle/weight/axle width is available for review.

CARRIED

Committee Updates/Minutes:

Mayor Cameron brought forward the Agenda Blockhouse Museum Municipal Services Board January 11, 2024, for information purposes.

Deputy Mayor Barr provided a verbal update stating that an application had been made for two grant applications have been made for four summer students. The option of securing a co-op student from Carleton University is being researched, this position would act as supervisor of the students rather than have that responsibility placed on volunteers. There is ongoing communication between the Historical Society to ensure the transition runs smoothly.

Information Items were introduced.

Moved By: Councillor Maitland R-10-08-01-24

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Barr

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the following items;  
Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Draft 2024 Notice of Budget/Municipal Consultation February 22, 2024, Reviewal Fee Schedule  
Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs/Rural Economic Development Program (RED) Funding  
Leeds and Grenville Update/Agricultural Area Review-Local Consultation Meetings  
Merrickville-Wolford Correspondence to IESO re. Battery Storage projects  
Ministry of the Solicitor General/April 1, 2024, *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*  
CARRIED

Staff was directed to keep Council informed as to updates received concerning;  
Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Amendments to Bill 23  
Clearview Township/Cemetery Transfer/Abandonment Administration and Management Support

Notice of Motion: none

Public Question Period to Council:

Mayor Cameron opened the floor to entertain the Public Question Period pertaining to items on the agenda.

Rory Balisdell wished to comment on the agenda item pertaining to the Noise By-law stating the importance of insuring that the needs of the farming community are given consideration prior to any amendments to the by-law.

Proclamations/Statements from Members:

Mayor Cameron brought forward the Girl Guides of Canada - World Thinking Day Proclamation

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Barr R-11-08-01-24

Seconded By: Councillor Gural

WHEREAS World Thinking Day has united Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world for a day of international friendship over the past 90 years, first celebrated in 1926, and

WHEREAS youth members in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and beyond benefit from the opportunity to speak out on issues that affect girls and young women, celebrate the founding of Girl Guides, and be connected to the 8.8 million members in 153 countries who are part of the Guiding movement, and

WHEREAS this year, members will focus on the positive difference Girl Guides can make in the world as they explore the conditions that girls and young women need to thrive in an environmentally conscious world through the theme of, 'Our World, Our Thriving Future,'

THEREFORE, the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby proclaim February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 "World Thinking Day" in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford.

CARRIED

The Flag Policy is to be reviewed to determine if the Girl Guides a request, can it be accommodated?

The Confirmation of Proceedings By-law for January 8, 2024, was introduced.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Barr

Seconded By: Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford give First, Second, Third and Final Reading to By-law 2024-03 Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council for the Meeting of January 8, 2024;

AND FURTHER THAT authorization be given to the Mayor and CAO/Clerk to sign, seal and place in the By-law Book for the Municipality By-law Number 2024-03.

CARRIED

Adjournment was introduced at 8:09 pm.

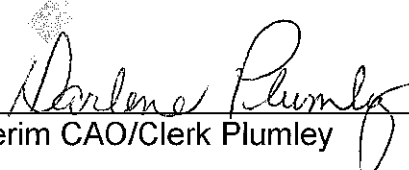
Moved By: Councillor

R-12-08-01-24

Seconded By:

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford adjourn.

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Mayor Cameron  
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Interim CAO/Clerk Plumley