

**The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford
Special Meeting Tuesday January 16, 2024, 4:00 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

Staff Present

(Interim) C.A.O./Clerk Darlene Plumley
Treasurer Kirsten Rahm
Tax Collector Suzanne Jackman
Public Works Manager/Fire Chief Brad Cole (left meeting 6:30/Emergency Call out)

Important notice: This meeting was held in person and recorded and livestreamed electronically on the "Village of Merrickville-Wolford" YouTube channel;
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_OEkw3yIMarGSHGeNecrQg

The Agenda for the January 16th, 2024, Special Meeting of Council was introduced.
Moved By: Councillor Ireland SM-01-16-01-24
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Barr
THAT the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting held on January 16, 2024, be approved.
CARRIED

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

The Purpose of the Meeting was to promote education and to begin the development of a Municipal Strategic Plan.

Mayor Cameron turned the meeting over to **Nigel Bellchamber** of N. G. Bellchamber & Association.

A review of the challenges associated with budget development was provided. The mandatory, discretionary, difficult to change components were discussed.

An exercise concerning the complexities of communication was undertaken.

The session included a review and analysis representing a broad Environmental Scan took place. Council and Staff were asked to provide input on what they saw as the strategic impacts of Social, Economic, Technological and Political challenges for the future of the Village for the next five to ten years.

A Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis

Mr. Bellchamber will be providing a summary document for review by Council outlining the next steps.

Adjournment was introduced at 8:10 pm.

Next meetings of Council:

Committee of the Whole, Thursday January 25, 2024, 2:00 pm.

Regular Council, Monday, February 12, 2024, 7:00 p.m.