

**The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford  
Special Meeting, Monday February 5, 2024, 3:00 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  
Manager of Operations/Fire Chief Brad Cole  
Treasurer Kirsten Rahm  
C.B.O. Dan Halladay

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 minutes presented do not represent a verbatim report, to view the meeting and discussion please refer to link above.

The Purpose of the Meeting is to undertake a review of the 2024 draft operational budget for the Village of Merrickville-Wolford.

The Amended Agenda for February 5, 2024, Special Meeting of Council was introduced.

Moved By: Councillor Ireland SM-01-05-02-24.

Seconded By: Councillor Maitland

THAT the Amended Agenda for February 5, 2024, Special Meeting of Council approved.  
CARRIED

Mayor Cameron called for Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof, none was stated.

Mayor introduced the Departmental Review of proposed draft operating budget.

Moved By: Councillor Maitland SM-02-05-02-24.

Seconded By: Councillor Gural

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the material provided with regard to;

Draft Operating Budget

Schedule "A"

Overview Draft Operational Review

Areas which reflect increase over 2023

Reserve Summary

Summary sheet five-year historical reflection  
CPI increases vs. tax increases.

AND FURTHER THAT Staff be directed to proceed with the directions introduced and prepare a revised document for the February 7, 2024, budget session.

CARRIED

Moved By: Councillor Maitland SM-03-05-02-24.  
Seconded By: Councillor Ireland

THAT The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receives for information the report to providing Council with an update on the status of the 2010 International plow truck from the Operations Department.

AND FURTHER THAT: Council direct staff to purchase the 2011 International Workstar 7600 plow truck from the Counties of Leeds and Grenville for the offer sum of \$25,000.

CARRIED

Staff Tasks:

- Insurance breakdown/proposed increase-determine whether or not a larger deductible might lower the rate.
- Provide a revised document which identifies the operational budget less the contribution to reserves.  
Two options, one with the annual contributions for normal practices i.e. election/computer. One document identifying in total the amount of dollars being placed into reserve.
- Going forward attribute actual costs associated with individual departments, recreation/waste management. This will assist with determining whether or not user fees/revenue should be increased.
- Investigate the recreation agreement currently in place with Smiths Falls.
- Work on a fleet replacement policy.
- Include for review, the costs associated with an additional employee at the landfill for the purpose of increasing the hours of operation by an eight-hour period.

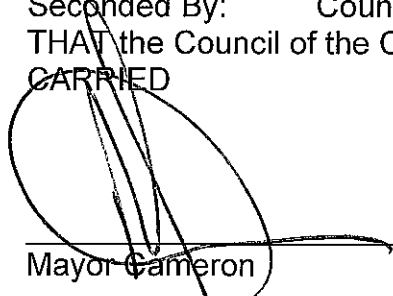
Adjournment was introduced at 4:20 pm.

Moved By: Councillor Maitland SM-04-05-02-24.

Seconded By: Councillor Ireland

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

CARRIED

  
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Mayor Cameron

  
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Interim CAO/Clerk Plumley

Special Meeting (Budget, Capital) February 7, 2024, 3:00 pm.

Special Meeting (Budget Strategy & Strategic Planning) February 12, 2024, 2:00 pm.

Regular Council Meeting will be held on February 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.