

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

Monday, January 29, 2018

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 29, 2018.

Chaired by: Mayor David Nash

Members of Council:

Councillor Chuck MacInnis
Councillor Stephen Ireland
Councillor Kim Weedmark
Councillor David Snowdon
Deputy Mayor Anne Barr
Councillor Vic Suthren

Staff in Attendance:

Sheena Earl, Interim Deputy Clerk
Nigel White, Interim CAO/Treasurer

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof: None

Approval of Agenda

R-034-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby adopt the agenda of the regular Council meeting of January 29, 2018, as amended.

Carried

In Camera

R-035-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor Ireland
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby move to "In Camera" at 5:34 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

R-036-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark

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 at 6:34 p.m. with staff being given direction, and will recess until the regular Council session resumes at 7:00 p.m.

Carried

Note:

Regular Council session resumed at 7:08 p.m.
Staff now in attendance are Fire Chief, Mark Urquhart, and Chief Building Official, Randy Wilkinson.

Minutes

R-037-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark

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 January 8, 2018, as circulated.

Carried

Delegations

R-038-18 Moved by Councillor MacInnis, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation of the Merrickville and District Chamber of Commerce.

Carried.

R-017-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the transfer of any of the unused balance of what was allocated in 2017 to the Communities in Bloom Committee, to be transferred to Merrickville-Wolford in Bloom.

Defeated.

Planning

R-039-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the Application for Consent B-6-18 of Sheldon Robert and Lisa Hale regarding 1171 Pioneer Road.

Carried.

Fire Department

R-040-18 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Suthren

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FD-01-2018 regarding fire apparatus replacement and fleet status, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-041-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FD-02-2018, the 2017 fourth quarter and year-end report of the Merrickville Fire Department, for information purposes.

Carried.

Note: Brad Cole was introduced as the new Deputy Fire Chief.

Library

R-042-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Minutes of the Merrickville Public Library Board dated December 5, 2017, for information purposes.

Carried.

Notices of Motion

R-043-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby amend the 2018 Council Meeting Schedule as follows; The regular Council meeting scheduled for Monday, October 22, 2018 is hereby rescheduled to take place on Tuesday, October 23, 2018, due to the municipal elections.

Carried.

R-044-18 Moved by Councillor MacInnis, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

WHEREAS Ontarians identify infrastructure and transit as the biggest problems facing their municipal government and Ontarians already pay the highest property taxes in the country;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have limited authority to make changes that are needed to reduce the cost of delivering municipal services and financing infrastructure projects;

AND WHEREAS a ten-year projection (2016-2025) of municipal expenditures against inflationary property tax and user fee increases shows there to be an unfunded average annual need of \$4.9 billion to fix local infrastructure and provide for municipal operating needs;

AND WHEREAS this gap calculation presumes all existing and multi-year planned federal and provincial transfers to municipal governments will be fulfilled;

AND WHEREAS each municipal government in Ontario faces unique issues, fiscal health is a challenge shared by all municipal governments, regardless of size;

AND WHEREAS diversifying municipal revenues strengthens municipal long-term infrastructure planning and financing and would reduce the vulnerability of municipal governments to any federal or provincial changes and their own respective fiscal health;

AND WHEREAS a 1% increase to the provincial portion of the HST, adjusted for low income rebates, would result in about \$2.5 billion in new revenue would be distributed equitably to help every municipal government in Ontario fund their infrastructure and services with greater predictability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its efforts to secure this new source of revenue to help fund critical municipal services like roads, bridges, transit, clean water and other services.

Deferred.

By-Laws

R-045-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 09-2018, being a by-law to appoint a Workplace Investigator, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 09-2018 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

R-046-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 08-2018, being a by-law to appoint an Interim Treasurer/CAO, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 08-2018 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Confirming By-Law

R-047-18 Moved by Councillor Snowdon, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 07-2018, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of January 29, 2018, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 07-2018 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

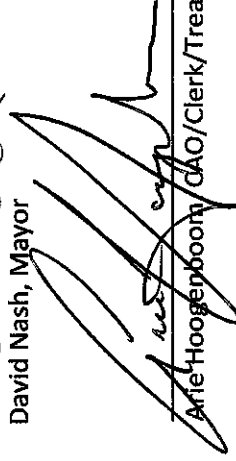
R-048-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon

Be it hereby resolved that: This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 8:52 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



David Nash, Mayor



Arie Hoogenbooth, CAO/Clerk/Treasurer