

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

April 25, 2016

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 25, 2016.

Chaired by: Mayor David Nash

Members of Council: Deputy Mayor Anne Barr
Councillor Stephen A. Ireland
Councillor Kim Weedmark
Councillor Victor Suthren
Councillor Chuck MacInnis
Councillor David Snowdon

Staff in Attendance: Arie Hoogenboom Clerk
Shawn Mason, Treasurer

Members of the public were in attendance.

Press in Attendance: None.

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

Additions to the Agenda: None

Resolutions:

R-083-16 Moved by K. Weedmark, Seconded by D. Snowdon
Be it hereby resolved that: The agenda of the regular council meeting of April 25, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

Approval of the minutes:

R-084-16 Moved by A. Barr, Seconded by C. MacInnis
Be it hereby resolved that: The minutes of the regular council meeting of March 30, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

Delegations: Robert LeBlanc, OCWA, 2015 Wastewater treatment plant 2015 annual report.

R. LeBlanc from OCWA provided an overview of the 2015 annual report for the wastewater treatment plant which covered the period from commissioning to the end of 2015. He focused on the non-compliance issues 2, 3, 4 and 5. The Clerk/CAO reported on issues 1, 6 and 7. All non-compliance issues have been dealt with and the Village awaits word from its solicitors respecting outstanding documents from the plant's construction. Questions were asked and responded to. It was noted that OCWA and staff were investigating revenue opportunities for accepting hauled septage.

R-085-16 Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by K. Weedmark
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation from OCWA respecting the 2015-2016 inspection report for the Merrickville Water Pollution Control Plant.

Carried.

Open Question Period:

Tim Molloy, 105 Water Street.

He inquired as to the trees/brush that had been cut but not cleaned up on Parks Canada property between the river and the canal. Staff is to make inquiries as tourism season is approaching.

Boards and Committees:

Environment Committee: Councillor MacInnis commended the many residents and committee members who were participating in Pitch-In activities. Deputy Mayor Barr noted that the issue on a Healthy Environment remains on the Action List.

RVCA: Deputy Mayor Barr advised that the last RVCA meeting saw numerous appointments and the RVCA is working with property owners on an OMB appeal.

Property, Finance and Administration:

A proposal on Internal Restructuring was noted.

The Treasurer provided a response to an earlier cheque list inquiry.

Recreation Cost Sharing: A report from the Interim CAO/Clerk provided Council with the background on the request from Smiths Falls for recreation cost sharing. It included background correspondence from Smiths Falls, a listing of past users from Merrickville-Wolford and a proposed agreement for recreation services. It was the recommendation of the CAO/Clerk that the Village contribute the \$19,297.64 for 2014 to 2016 services but that no new contract be signed until Council see the new assessment based formula proposed for later this year. Various members of Council expressed their opinions and an amended motion was presented and passed.

R-086-16 Moved by S. Ireland, Seconded by C. MacInnis
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby agree to make a contribution of \$19,297.62 towards its past usage up to the end of 2016 of Smiths Falls recreation facilities.

Carried.

Council received a report from the Interim CAO/Clerk outlining the request from the Lions Club to establish a Community Garden at the corner of Church Street and Lewis Street East. Council expressed support and a By-Law is to be prepared.

R-087-16 Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by C. MacInnis
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby authorize the execution of a Garden Site License Agreement by By-Law with the Merrickville Lions Club.
Carried.

2016 budget: The recommendation of the Property/Finance Committee respecting the various 2016 budgets were acknowledged with discussion deferred to 1st and 2nd readings of the By-Law.

R-088-16 Moved by D. Snowdon, Seconded by A. Barr
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby accept the recommendations of the Property/Finance Committee respecting the Operating, Capital, and Water and Wastewater budgets for 2016.
Carried.

Quarterly reports: Six quarterly reports were received and positively commented on. Deputy Mayor Barr questioned the Interim CAO/Clerk on Armstrong Road draining issues moving forward. It was noted that the action taken should have been brought back to Council prior to making a commitment. The Interim CAO/Clerk is to obtain actual numbers and greater detail from the By-Law Enforcement Officer and the Fire Chief. Also the Building Inspector is to add training hours to future reports.

Action items: It was noted that while the new phone system did not make the final budget, someone needs to do the research on this file. The Parking Committee has met as has the Signage Committee who will seek out the By-Law Enforcement Officer as the staff liaison. The CAO/Clerk is to determine responses to the invitations sent out to 4 groups for the Strategic Planning Committee. The 2014 Celebrations Committee has met and a modified plan is shaping up.

Curbside pick-up – Wolford: Council discussed the option of providing curbside pick-up in 2017 for Wolford Ward. The issue of providing scales at the Landfill was noted and our ability to better meet provincial requirements was questioned. It was noted that 2 consultants in the past had clearly noted that scales were a priority in order to properly charge and monitor waste volumes.

R-089-16 Moved by K. Weedmark, Seconded by S. Ireland
WHEREAS a significant portion of Wolford Ward residents have indicated no desire to see full rural curbside pick-up for waste and recycling at this time;
THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Council not implement rural Wolford Ward curbside waste and recycling pick-up at this time.
Carried.

It was noted that the current bag tag fees in both wards were not moving us closer to full cost recover.

R-090-16 Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by V. Suthren
WHEREAS the Village of Merrickville-Wolford seeks to move the cost of waste and recycling pick-up and disposal to a full cost user-pay system;
AND WHEREAS the current bag tag fees do not fully cover the cost of current curbside pick-up nor landfill expenses,
THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the cost of bag tags will effective June 1st, 2016 increase to \$2.50/tag for Merrickville Ward and \$1.00/tag for Wolford Ward.
Carried.

General:

A request from the TNIM group to have the Village apply for Trillium funding was received. It was noted that Trillium is currently suspended and that this could be reviewed once we know what the Province is doing. In the meantime, the CBO is to check out the structural capacity for the 2nd floor renovations and Council is to consider if other groups such as the minor soccer group may need Trillium funding. All would have to be based on any future Trillium criteria. Item is to be added to Action List.

Notice of UCLG O.P. to be sent to PAC Committee. The Interim CAO/Clerk to obtain from Rideau Lakes details of their objections to the OMB.

R-091-16 Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by S. Ireland
WHEREAS human trafficking is a heinous crime that has been referred to as modern day slavery;
AND WHEREAS traffickers recruit, transport, harbor and control the girl next door for sexual exploitation or forced labour;
AND WHEREAS it is one of the fastest growing crimes that starts and stays in Canada, targeting victims – 90% of which are Canadian-born and predominantly female, averaging the age of 14;
AND WHEREAS Ontario is a major hub of human trafficking in Canada, and victims are lured, manipulated and coerced, often over the internet from every part of Ontario;
AND WHEREAS human trafficking is in our neighbourhoods and our communities,
THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby support Bill 158,

Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016, and support MPP Laurie Scott's motion for a multi-jurisdictional and coordinated task force of law enforcement agencies, Crown prosecutors, judges, victims' services, and frontline agencies, and
THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to local MPP and MP, and to MPP Scott.

Carried.

By-Laws:

Various questions on the draft budget were fielded by the Mayor, Interim CAO/Clerk and Treasurer. It was noted that the budget would, as presented, reduce local taxes. Third reading to move forward on May 9th.

R-092-16 Moved by A. Barr, Seconded by V. Suthren
Be it hereby resolved that: By-Law 11-16, being a By-Law to adopt the 2016 Operating, Capital, and Water and Wastewater budgets, be read a first and second time.

Carried.

Open Question Period: None.

In-Camera.

R-093-16 Moved by D. Snowdon, Seconded by S. Ireland
Be it hereby resolved that: This Council moves to "In Camera" at 9:30 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to: personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board; and, receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried.

R-094-16 Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by K. Weedmark
Be it hereby resolved that: the "In Camera" session rise and report, with staff being given direction, and the regular council session resume at 10:15 p.m.

Carried.

The Interim CAO/Clerk was given direction to follow-up on 3 closed issues including the By-Law that followed.

R-095-16 Moved by D. Snowdon, Seconded by C. MacInnis
Be it hereby resolved that: By-Law 10-16, being a By-Law to authorize the execution of a municipal employment contract with Sheila Kehoe and to appoint Sheila Kehoe as Manager of Finance / Treasurer, be read a first and second time and that By-Law 10-16 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

The Interim CAO/Clerk noted that media releases respecting 1) 2016 budget, 2) Curbside pick-up and bag tags, and 3) New Treasurer would be issued Tuesday morning.

Council expressed pleasure at the timely of recruitment and selection of a new Treasurer for the Municipality.

R-082-16 Moved by A. Barr, Seconded by C. MacInnis
Be it hereby resolved that: This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 10:20pm until the regular meeting of council on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 7:00 pm, or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



David Nash, Mayor



Arie Hoogenboom, Clerk