

The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Monday, April 24, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Chaired by: Mayor Michael Cameron
Members of Council: Deputy Mayor Anne Barr
Councillor Margaret Gural
Councillor Stephen Ireland
Councillor Ronnie Maitland

Staff in Attendance: Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk
Kirsten Rahm, Manager, Finance/ Treasurer
Brad Cole, Manager, Operations/ Fire Chief

Guests: Calvin Medynski, Seaway Surge
Tim Hamilton, Seaway Surge

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 accessible by clicking [here](#).

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

Approval of Agenda

R-144-23 Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Ireland
Be it hereby resolved that:
The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the agenda of the regular Council meeting of April 24, 2023, as circulated.

Carried.

Minutes

R-145-23 Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Maitland
Be it hereby resolved that:
The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the Minutes of the special Council meeting of November 26, 2022, as circulated.

Carried.

R-146-23 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Gural
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 April 11, 2023, as amended.

(Note: The minutes of the regular meeting of April 11 were amended to approve the in-kind requests from the Chamber of Commerce for a total of \$1000 value and Theatre Night in Merrickville for a total of \$1500 value for the Community Grant allocations.)

Carried as amended.

R-147-23 Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Maitland
Be it hereby resolved that:
The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the Minutes of the special Council meeting of April 13, 2023, as circulated.

Carried.

R-148-23 Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural
Be it hereby resolved that:
The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the Minutes of the special Council meeting of April 18, 2023, as circulated.

Carried.

Delegations

R-149-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr
Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation of Calvin Medynski, Seaway Surge Baseball Club Inc., regarding the disposition of the Merrickville baseball diamond and possible partnership with the Seaway Surge to facilitate improvements, for information purposes.

Carried.

Note: Council gave verbal direction to staff to have everything ready at the ball diamonds for the beginning of the season and directed staff to have a conversation with Seaway Surge to look into a partnership. Council inquired if Seaway Surge would consider contributing 40% to the replacement of the ball diamond lights.

CAO

R-150-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Ireland
Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Services Agreement between Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) and the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby approve the Services Agreement and does direct the CAO/Clerk and the Mayor to sign and execute the agreement.

Carried.

R-151-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Maitland
Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference for the Committee of Adjustment, attached as Schedule A to By-law 26-2019, states that the composition of the Committee may be not fewer than three (3) persons from the Municipality, and has one (1) Council Liaison appointed annually by Council and the Mayor being a member as ex-officio;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following members to the Committee of Adjustment for the 2022-2026 term:

1. Rory Blaisdell
2. David Manders
3. Jack Springer

Carried.

R-152-23

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Ireland
Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference for the Property Standards Committee, attached as Schedule A to By-law 24-2019, states that the composition of the Committee may be not fewer than three (3) persons from the Municipality, and has one (1) Council Liaison appointed annually by Council and the Mayor being a member as ex-officio;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following members to the Property Standards Committee for the 2022-2026 term:

1. Rory Blaisdell
2. Dan Breithaupt
3. Tanya Prinsep

Carried.

R-153-23

Moved by Councillor , Seconded by Councillor
Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the Merrickville Public Library Board is composed of six (6) members appointed by the Municipal Council, five (5) being from Merrickville-Wolford including one Council member, and one (1) from Montague Township;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following members to the Merrickville Public Library Board for the 2022-2026 term:

1. Kait Brady
2. Jane Coghlan
3. Christopher Eyton
4. Charles Merredew

Note: There was no mover and seconder for this motion, so as such, the resolution was not carried.

R-154-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS section 27 (4) of the *Police Services Act* states that "the board of a municipality whose population according to the last enumeration taken under section 15 of the Assessment Act does not exceed 25,000 shall consist of,

- a) The head of the municipal council or, if the head chooses not to be a member of the board, another member of the council appointed by resolution of the council;
- b) One person appointed by resolution of the council, who is neither a member of the council nor an employee of the municipality; and
- c) One person appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following members to the Police Services Board for the 2022-2026 term:

1. Kevin Davidson

Carried.

R-155-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference for the Heritage & Planning Advisory Committee, attached states that the composition of the Committee will be nine (9) members, and has one (1) Council Liaison appointed by Council and the Mayor being a member as ex-officio;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following members to the Heritage & Planning Advisory Committee for the 2022-2026 term:

1. Dan Breithaupt
2. Nathalie Desrosiers
3. Christopher Eyton
4. Jane Graham
5. Tanya Prinsep
6. Donna Ross
7. Omar Simonyi
8. Kim Weedmark
9. Rory Blaisdell

Carried.

R-156-23

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the Terms of Reference for the Community Wellness & Environmental Advisory Committee, attached states that the composition of the Committee will be nine (9) members, and has one (1) Council Liaison appointed by Council and the Mayor being a member as ex-officio;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following members to the Community Wellness & Environmental Advisory Committee for the 2022-2026 term:

1. Peter Cornelisse

2. Donna Daw
3. Janice Ife
4. Paul Marriott
5. Deanna Perry

Carried.

Note: Council directed staff to put an additional call out for volunteers for the Community Wellness & Environmental Advisory Committee.

R-157-23 Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following Council member to the Committee of Adjustment for the 2022-2026 term:

1. Ronnie Maitland

Carried.

R-158-23 Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following Council member to the Property Standards Committee for the 2022-2026 term:

1. Anne Barr

Carried.

R-159-23 Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following Council member to the Merrickville Public Library Board for the 2022-2026 term:

1. Margaret Gural

Carried.

R-160-23 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following Council member to the Heritage & Planning Advisory Committee for the 2022-2026 term:

1. Anne Barr

Carried.

R-161-23 Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following Council member to the Community Wellness & Environmental Advisory Committee for the 2022-2026 term:

1. Ronnie Maitland

Carried.

R-162-23 Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority (RVCA) requires one (1) member of Council to be appointed to the RVCA Board of Directors;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint Anne Barr as the Municipal Representative to the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors.

Carried.

**Finance
R-163-23**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Ireland
WHEREAS Council directed staff on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, to bring back a draft 2023 budget reflecting a 1.9% tax increase compared to 2022; and

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the final draft 2023 Operating and Capital Budget for information attached as Schedule "A"; and

That Council approves the budget in principle as the final draft 2023 Operating and Capital budget; and

That Council directs the Treasurer to proceed with a public consultation with the Treasurer's presentation on Thursday, April 27 at 6:00 p.m. to be communicated on the Village's website and Facebook page; and

That Council directs the Treasurer to bring the final draft of the 2023 Operating and Capital budget to the May 8th regular meeting for approval.

Carried.

Notices of Motion

R-164-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS Council adopted a schedule of meetings for 2023 as per Resolution R-306-22 which included only one meeting per month during the summer; specifically June 26th, July 24th, and August 28th;

AND WHEREAS Council modified the schedule of meetings for 2023 as per Resolution R-050-23 to eliminate meetings on the fourth Monday of each month which, as a result, includes specifically June 26th, July 24th, and August 28th, 2023;

AND WHEREAS the intent of R-050-23 was that Council shall meet once a month;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council modifies the current 2023 meeting schedule to include the following dates which are the second Monday of the months of June, July, and August:

- June 12th, 2023
- July 10th, 2023
- August 14th, 2023

(Note: Council waived the rules of the Procedure By-law to add the motion to amend to the agenda. Councillor Ireland moved a motion to cancel the proposed August 14th meeting which was defeated. The motion stands as read.)

Carried.

Deferred Items

None.

Public Question Period to Council

None.

**In-Camera
R-165-23**

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby move to an "In-Camera" session at 8:35 p.m. under Section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to address matters pertaining to:

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

2. Labour relations or employee negotiations.
3. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Carried.

Rise and Report

R-166-23

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

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 of the regular Council meeting, with staff being given direction at 9:24 p.m.

Carried.

R-167-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby direct the CAO/Clerk to decline the offer to purchase municipal lands as described in Report CAO-IC-01-2023 and discussed by Council in the Closed session held on Mon April 24, 2023.

Carried.

Confirming By-Law

R-168-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 25-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular Council meeting of April 24, 2023, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 25-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

R-169-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 9:25 p.m. until the next meeting of Council on Monday, May 8, 2023 or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



Michael Cameron, Mayor



Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk