

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

June 11, 2012

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held on Monday, June 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Chaired by: Mayor, J. Douglas Struthers

Members of Council: Councillor Don Halpenny
Councillor David Snowdon
Councillor Timothy Molloy
Councillor Anne Barr
Councillor Victor Suthren
Deputy Mayor David Nash

Staff in Attendance: Jill Eagle, CAO/Clerk, and Angie Sels, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

Press in Attendance: 0.

Public in Attendance: +/- 20

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Clerk's note: Council agreed to move the item "Andrewsville Bridge" from the "General" section of the agenda to Property, Finance and Administration in order to accommodate the large number of people in the gallery.

Delegations: None.

Open Question Period:

Tom Beach – 115 Andrewsville Road, Merrickville-Wolford
Bill Dobson – no address given, Reeve of Montague
Jocelyn Rait – 101 Water Street, Andrewsville, Montague
Ann Hysert – 655 County Road 23, Merrickville-Wolford
Carol Cote – 379 Scotch Line Road, North Grenville
Gordon Webber – 136 William Street, Merrickville
Paula Hurtubise – 321 Main Street East, Merrickville
Patrice Beach – 115 Andrewsville Road, Merrickville-Wolford
Ron Arends – 321 County Road 23, Merrickville-Wolford
John Miner – 670 County Road 23, Merrickville-Wolford
Gillian Gray – 441 Main Street East, Merrickville
Elaine Cote – 771 Heritage Drive, Montague
Mike Boomhower – 102 Water Street Andrewsville, Montague
Gary Brown – 717 St. Lawrence Street, Merrickville
Byron Morris – 119 Water Street, Andrewsville, Montague

Clerk's note: The Clerk reviewed the questions and determined that there was no need to record each question as they were all related to the Andrewsville Bridge which is a matter that is outside the jurisdiction of the Merrickville-Wolford council decision making process. Specific questions can be heard on the recording of the meeting available at the municipal office.

All those noted above had questions about the recent discussions at the County of Lanark and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville regarding the bridge at Andrewsville. The Mayor, the municipal representative on the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville County Council, and a representative on the Public Works Committee elected to answer the questions to the best of his ability.

The Mayor advised all present that the Andrewsville Bridge is the jurisdiction of the two counties and as such Merrickville-Wolford has no decision-making authority. By way of background, he explained the two counties have been discussing the future of the bridge based on an engineering assessment of the structure.

The Mayor advised all present that the two Counties had differing opinions on the future of the bridge and provided a synopsis of the vote at both County Public Works Committee meetings emphasising he was not present at the Lanark County Public Works Committee meeting. He reported Lanark County Public Works Committee had voted to accept a recommendation to spend \$50,000.00 in repairs to the bridge while the United Counties Public Works Committee had voted to accept a recommendation to close the bridge to vehicle traffic. Both these recommendations will go forward to the respective County Council meetings in the future.

The Mayor advised all present that the next County Council meeting is on June 21st at 9:00 a.m. at 25 Central Avenue in Brockville and he advised those wishing to make a presentation should contact the Clerk of the County directly. He stated he was not

aware of the date for the next Lanark County meeting for those in the audience from Montague Township.

The question period lasted 40 minutes.

Council recessed briefly while the gallery cleared.

Clerk's note: The clerk was directed to send a copy of the minutes of this meeting to the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville. The minutes are to be accompanied by a cover letter stating local residents had appeared at the meeting and expressed concerns regarding the matter.

Open Question Period (con't)

- 1) Patricia Watson, 423 Brock Street East.

The question was asked whether By-Law 08-09 was enforced. (temporary storage by-law). She also questioned the reference to the Zoning By-Law within the By-Law as she was unable to find the reference. She was advised the by-law was a complaint driven process by Councillor Molloy. She disagreed with the statement. She was advised she would be provided with the most current documentation and was also advised the By-Law Enforcement Officer had recently been hired and was working on by-law matters.

Resolutions:

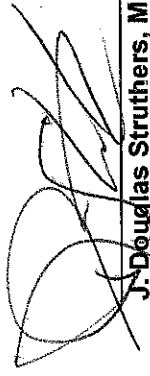
R-092-12 Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by D. Halpenny
Be it hereby resolved that: the agenda of the regular council meeting of June 11, 2012 be adopted as circulated. Carried.

R-093-12 Moved by D. Nash, Seconded by A. Barr
Be it hereby resolved that: The minutes of the regular council meeting of May 28, 2012 be adopted as circulated. Carried.

R-094-12 Moved by D. Nash, Seconded by V. Suthren
Be it hereby resolved that: By-Law 19-12, being a By-Law to amend By-Law 07-04, user fees and charges, be read a first and second time and that By-Law 19-12 be read a third and final time and passed. Carried.

R-095-12 Moved by D. Snowdon, Seconded by A. Barr
Be it hereby resolved that: By-Law 20-12, being a By-Law to enter into an encroachment agreement with William David Lough and Norma Margaret Cassidy, be read a first and second time and that By-Law 20-12 be read a third and final time and passed. Carried.

R-096-12 Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by A. Barr
Be it hereby resolved that: This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 8:40 pm until the regular meeting of council on Monday, June 25, 2012 at 7:00 pm, or until the call of the Mayor subject to need. Carried.



J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



Jill Eagle, CAO/Clerk