

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

September 14, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 7:00 pm on Monday, September 14, 2015.

Chaired by: Mayor David Nash

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

Staff in Attendance: Jill Armstrong, CAO/Clerk
Shawn Mason, Treasurer

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

Public in Attendance: +/- 10

Press in Attendance: None.

Additions to the Agenda:

There being no nominees for the Bill Thake Award, Mayor Nash removed the need for an In-Camera session.

Mayor Nash added: under Delegations, the Memo from the Planner regarding Solar Farms; and, Memo and Resolution re: Merrickville Artist Guild Sign By-Law exemption request, after the first Open Question Period.

Clerk's Note: Councillor Suthren left the meeting at 7:10 pm due to a personal commitment.

Resolutions:

R-175-15 Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by A. Barr

Be it hereby resolved that: The agenda of the regular council meeting of September 14, 2015 be adopted as amended.

Carried.

R-176-15

Moved by D. Snowdon, Seconded by K. Weedmark

Be it hereby resolved that: The minutes of the regular council meeting of August 10, 2015, be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

Delegation:

1. Tyson Champagne, Abundant Solar Energy, re: Solar farms.

Clerk's Note: V. Suthren excused himself from the meeting.

2. Andrea Howard, Tim Molloy, and Stew Hamill re: LED lights.

Open Question Period:

Stew Hamill, 369 Wolford Centre Rd.

He asked if there were any considerations to protect trees and forest in the solar farm proposals. Mayor Nash indicated that Council would discuss this matter at a future meeting.

Tim Molloy, 105 Water St.

He asked if the Village was going to remove/replace the damaged banners coming into the downtown core. Mayor Nash indicated that Council would discuss this matter at a future meeting. Mayor Nash noted that J. Armstrong would be meeting with our Legal Counsel to discuss, among other things, Water Street.

Pauline McCombe, 342 Brock Street E.

She inquired if there was going to be another unexpected increase in utility billing. Mayor Nash indicated that: the previous Council had approved a yearly 10% increase in order for the utility users to pay for the capital project; in addition, this year's budget was very late; and he has asked that the budget process be moved ahead to November, so that when the budget is adopted early in the new year, there won't be a need to charge utility users retroactively.

R-177-15

Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by A. Barr

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby grant an exemption to the Merrickville Artists' Guild from Sections 5.18, 5.19b, and 5.3.4 of By-Law 24-10 to allow the posting of a variety of signs under the following conditions:

- No signs shall be permitted within a site triangle.
- The location of the 30 banners is supplied to staff, whereupon agreement reached with the By-law Officer and the C.B.O that the location is safe and suitable for the signs to be erected.
- A sign permit fee of \$25.00 is required for each of the 30 Banners, or exemption on written proof that the Merrickville Artist Guild is non-profit or has a charitable status.

- Proof of liability insurance is supplied to staff prior to a sign permit being issued.
- The amount of Coroplast signs placed for this event shall not exceed 130.
- Notwithstanding the issuance of a sign permit, the Merrickville Artist Guild is required to obtain the permission of each property owner prior to placing any sign.

Carried.

R-178-15

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 dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee on the sign by-law, adopted by Council on March 23, 2015, resolution number R-53-15.

Carried.

R-179-15

Moved by K. Weedmark, Seconded by D. Snowdon

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby establish an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose of reviewing the municipal sign by-law. The Committee shall be chaired by Deputy Mayor Barr with commercial representatives. A list of participants is to be presented to Council at a future meeting for ratification.

Carried.

Open Question Period:

Andrea Howard (address unknown).

She asked: what steps were taken by Council to scrutinize Realterm Energy proposal (counterpoints, other options); when was the contract signed; what is the timeline for implementation; and how and when will Council inform the public of its decision. Mayor Nash indicated that Council would discuss this matter at a future meeting.

R-180-15

Moved by K. Weedmark, Seconded by S. Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 9:37pm until the regular meeting of council on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 7:00 pm, or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



David Nash, Mayor



Jill Armstrong, CAO/Clerk