

The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Monday, February 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff in Attendance: Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk
Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Deputy Clerk

Guests: Rory Blaisdell, Friends of the Andrewsville Bridge
Karen Cunningham, Friends of the Andrewsville Bridge
Samantha Davidson, Rideau Community Health Services
Joanne Franey, Rideau Community Health Services

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-058-23 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 approve the agenda of the regular Council meeting of February 27, 2023, as amended.

Carried as amended.

NOTE: The agenda was amended to include a budget request item directly following the Notice of Motion item.

Minutes

R-059-23 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 February 13, 2023, as circulated.

Carried.

R-060-23 Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Ireland
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 February 13, 2023, as circulated.

Carried.

R-061-23 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 receive the Minutes of the Merrickville Public Library Board meeting of January 11, 2023 for information purposes.

Carried.

Correspondence

R-062-23 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 receive correspondence from Karen Jennings, Reeve of the Township of Montague, regarding the Andrewsville Bridge for information purposes.

Carried.

Delegations

R-063-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, 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 Rory Blaisdell and Karen Cunningham, Friends of the Andrewsville Bridge, regarding the future of the Andrewsville Bridge, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-064-23

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 receive the delegation of Joanne Franey and Samantha Davidson, Rideau Community Health Services, regarding the Food Cupboard Program, for information purposes.

Carried.

CAO

R-065-23

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive Report CAO-01-2023, being a report regarding the legislative process for filling a Council vacancy, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-066-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS on January 25, 2023, Mark Oldfield submitted notice in writing with the clerk of his resignation from his Merrickville Ward Councillor seat;

AND WHEREAS at Council's next meeting on January 30, 2023, Council declared the Council seat vacant via Resolution R-029-23;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby decide to fill the vacancy by appointing a person who has consented to accept the office if appointed.

Moved by Councillor Ireland, seconded by Councillor Gural that the resolution be amended to state the following: "Now Therefore Be It Also Resolved That Council directs staff to reach out to candidates for the Merrickville Ward and Mayor in the 2022 Municipal Election for written expressions of interest to be appointed to office if accepted."

Carried as amended.

By-laws

R-067-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 13-2023, being a by-law to authorize a franchise agreement between the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and Enbridge Gas Inc. be read a first and second time, and that By-law 13-2023 be read a third and final time and passed;

AND THAT Council hereby direct the mayor and the CAO/Clerk to execute the agreement between the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and Enbridge Gas Inc.

Carried.

R-068-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 15-2023, being a by-law to amend By-law 30-17 of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, commonly referred to as the "Procedural By-law", be read a first and second time, and that By-law 15-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Moved by Councillor Gural, seconded by Councillor Ireland that By-law 15-2023 be amended to be effective as of the second Monday in May, 2023.

Carried as amended.

Notices of Motion

R-069-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS Don Halpenny has served his community in various roles and has been a long-time resident of Merrickville-Wolford;

AND WHEREAS Don Halpenny has been a big part of the Wolford community, growing up and attending school, farming in and around Eastons Corners, working for the municipality, and serving on Council;

AND WHEREAS from a young age and well into his eighties, Don Halpenny's focus was to serve his community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council recognizes Don Halpenny's dedication to his community and will erect a plaque on the New Pavilion in Eastons Corners in his honour, in thanks to his long and dedicated services.

Carried.

Deferred Items

None.

Public Question Period to Council

Donna Daw, 406 Brock Street East, expressed curiosity regarding the appointment process and criteria that will be followed for filling the Council seat vacancy.

Carolyn Kaemmer, 335 Brock Street East, inquired about the voting process if there were a tie vote.

Confirming By-Law

R-070-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 14-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular Council meeting of February 27, 2023, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 14-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

R-071-23

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

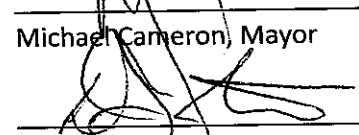
Be it hereby resolved that:

This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 9:03 p.m. until the next meeting of Council on Monday, March 13, 2023 or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



Michael Cameron, Mayor



Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk