

The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Thursday, March 30, 2023, 6:00 p.m.

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

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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** This meeting was a special working meeting of Council and was held in person in Council Chambers and the public was welcome to observe. It was also 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-109-23** 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 special Council meeting of March 30, 2023, as amended.

Carried as amended.

**Note:** The agenda was amended to include an In-Camera Session directly following the Finance section, and to move the review of the 2023 Budget to follow the Tandem Plow Truck Tender business item.

**Finance**

**R-110-23** Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

**WHEREAS** Council has directed staff to identify potential funding sources which will be attributed to gravel road improvements in Merrickville-Wolford;

**AND WHEREAS** Council did not direct staff to remove the \$10,000 line item for the Gravel Road Needs Study from the draft Capital Budget provided to Council on March 22, 2023;

**AND WHEREAS** the ability to conduct the Study is time-dependent;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Gravel Road Needs Study proposal dated March 24, 2023 from Michael Fadock, Senior Project Manager/Civil Engineer, Jp2g Consultants Inc., for information purposes;

**AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby direct the CAO/Clerk to sign and accept the terms of the proposal and the Conditions of Assignment, and to proceed with the Study as outlined in the proposal.

Carried.

**R-111-23** Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Gural

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

**WHEREAS** Council has directed staff to bring back a proposal to do a Development Charges or Impost By-Law Study;

**AND WHEREAS** Council did not direct staff to remove the \$30,000 line item for the Development Charges and Impost By-Law Study from the draft Capital Budget provided to Council on March 22, 2023;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the proposal dated March 22, 2023 from Peter Simcisko, Managing Partner of Watson & Associates., for information purposes;

**AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby direct the CAO/Clerk to accept the proposal, and to proceed with conducting the Study as outlined in the proposal.

Carried.

**R-112-23**

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

**WHEREAS** staff issued Request for Tender 2023-01 for the supply of one (1) tandem plow truck budgeted for \$280,000 in 2022;

**AND WHEREAS** two (2) bids were received, the least expensive being submitted by Cornwall Freightliner at \$359,407.00 plus the Village's share of HST;

**AND WHEREAS** this bid is over budget by \$85,733;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the tender bids for information purposes;

**AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby direct staff to proceed with the purchase of the vehicle from Cornwall Freightliner and to transfer the funds from the appropriate reserve.

Defeated.

Council reviewed the 2023 Draft Budget.

**In-Camera**

**R-113-23**

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford moves to an "In-Camera" at 9:07 p.m. in order to address matters pertaining to:

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and
2. A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.

Carried.

**Rise and Report**

**R-114-23**

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 rise and report from the "In-Camera" session of the special Council meeting, with staff being given direction at 10:05 p.m.

Carried.

**R-115-23**

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 Manager, Operations to proceed with hiring the contractor for the road project as a sole source as discussed In-Camera on March 30, 2023.

Carried.

**R-116-23**

Moved by Councilor Gural, 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 make the organizational changes as discussed In-Camera on March 30, 2023.

Carried.

**Confirming By-Law**

**R-117-23**

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

By-law 21-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the special Council meeting of March 30, 2023, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 21-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

**Adjournment**


**R-118-23**

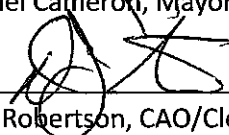
Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

This special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 10:10 p.m. until the next meeting of Council on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.

  
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Michael Cameron, Mayor

  
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Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk