

The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Monday November 28, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff in Attendance: Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk
Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Deputy Clerk
Brad Cole, Manager, Operations/ Fire Chief
Stacie Lloyd, Manager, Community Development
Nicklaus Gibson, Planner 1/ Special Projects Coordinator

Guests: Forbes Symon, Senior Planner, Jp2g Consultants Inc.

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](#).

Mayor Cameron welcomed the new Council and expressed hope for a positive term of Council. He announced that a tree has been planted by the new pavilion in Eastons Corners. He indicated that new Council members had the opportunity to attend a fundraiser event for Ukrainian refugees, which raised a total of \$51,000. Mayor Cameron congratulated grade six students from Merrickville Preparatory School on their award for excellence in cross country running and character. He reminded Council and the public of the upcoming Christmas in Merrickville event on December 3rd. He emphasized the turnout for the CP Holiday Train and highlighted the donation of \$4000 for the food bank.

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

Approval of Agenda

R-293-22 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 agenda of the regular Council meeting of November 28, 2022, as circulated.

Carried.

Minutes

R-294-22 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Oldfield
Be it hereby resolved that:
The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby adopt the Minutes of the regular meeting of October 11, 2022, as circulated.

Carried.

R-295-22 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 Inaugural Council meeting of November 15, 2022, as circulated.

Carried.

R-296-22 Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Oldfield
Be it hereby resolved that:
The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Minutes of the Merrickville Library Board meeting of September 14, 2022 for information purposes.

Carried.

Correspondence

R-297-22

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

Whereas on December 9, 2019 Council passed resolution R-392-19 and R-393-19 and By-law 70-2019 to approve the Community Grants Policy which is intended to create an equitable, fair and consistent process for Council to consider requests for grants and gifts in kind received from community groups and which does not include a provision for presentations to Council by applicants; and

Whereas on April 11, 2022 Council approved the 2022 Operating Budget and on October 11, 2022 Council approved the consolidated Fees By-law; and

Whereas Village staff do not have authority to approve requests to waive fees outlined in the Fees By-law or to absorb costs beyond those approved in the 2022 Operating Budget; and

Whereas Run Merrickville's request to close roads has already been approved by the respective staff at the United Counties of Leeds & Grenville and Village of Merrickville; and

Whereas the organizers of Run Merrickville submitted a formal application under the Community Grants Policy on November 7, 2022 and

Whereas the organizers of Run Merrickville have also submitted correspondence dated November 7, 2022 seeking to address Council as a delegation to discuss the event and their request to waive fees and absorb costs; and

Whereas granting Run Merrickville's request for delegation may create an inequitable, or perceived inequitable, bias by Council in considering Community Grant Applications;

Now Therefore be it Resolved That the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive correspondence dated November 7, 2022 from Run Merrickville Co-Race Directors, Lori Reynolds and Cindy Chandler;

And Now Therefore be it Resolved That Council hereby directs the CAO/Clerk to decline the request for delegation from Run Merrickville organizers to preserve the equity and consistency in the Community Grants Application evaluation process, and further hereby directs the Treasurer to include the Run Merrickville's Community Grant application in the report back to Council with all other applications as dictated by the Policy.

Carried.

R-298-22

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Oldfield

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive correspondence from Sommer Casgrain-Robertson, Rideau Valley Conservation Authority, regarding the impacts of the *More Home Built Faster* (Bill 23) for municipalities and conservation authorities, for information purposes.

Carried.

Planning

R-299-22

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 receive Planning Report from Forbes Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. dated September 1, 2022, with respect to Part Lot Control (Moderna Homes) Lot 72, Plan 6, Village of Merrickville-Wolford, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-300-22

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-Law 48-2022, being a by-law to exempt Lot 72, Plan 6, from Part Lot Control, specifically lands described as:

A) Part of Lot 72 on Registered Plan of Subdivision 6, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 15R-12260, PIN: Part of 68108-0710; or

B) Part of Lot 72 on Registered Plan of Subdivision 6, designated as Part 2 on Reference Plan 15R-12260, PIN: Part of 68108-0710;

be read a first and second time, and that By-law 48-2022 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

R-301-22

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Oldfield

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive Planning Report from Forbes Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. dated November 23, 2022 with respect to the Intent to Submit Severance Request at 206 Brock Street East dated September 7, 2022 and related Wastewater Treatment Capacity Allocation Policy, for information purposes;

Now Therefore be it Resolved that Council does hereby recommend Preliminary Reserve Capacity Allocation per the Village Wastewater Treatment Capacity Allocation Policy as related to the intended consent application for the creation of one new lot for residential development at 206 Brock Street East;

And Therefore be it Resolved that the preliminary reserve capacity allocation be identified as a condition of consent on future comments to UCLG upon circulation of the consent application;

And Therefore be it Resolved that sanitary treatment capacity allocation be finalized through the consent application process, a consent agreement and completion of the "Final Capacity Allocation" stage of the Wastewater Treatment Capacity Allocation policy and approved by by-law.

Carried.

R-302-22

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 Planning Report from Forbes Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. dated November 25, 2022 with respect to Consent Applications B-161-22 and B-162-22 (Wiltsie-Brown), and Municipal Questionnaire Form, for information purposes;

Now Therefore be it Resolved that Council does hereby recommend support of Consent Applications B-161-22 and B-162-22 to the UCLG Consent Granting Authority with the following conditions:

1. That the applicant provide the Village with a digital and paper copy of the registered Reference Plan.
2. That the applicant provide proof of payment of all outstanding taxes and fees owing to the Village, if any.
3. That the applicant provide payment of cash-in-lieu of parkland.
4. That the applicant confirm road allowance along Ireland Rd for Village's potential future road widening.
5. That the applicant enter into a Development Agreement, to be registered on title at the sole expense of the property owner(s), detailing the maintenance of existing vegetation along Ireland Road for the severed lots; and

Whereby Council does hereby direct the Mayor and CAO to execute a standard Development Agreement with the property owner(s), as reviewed by Village staff and lawyer.

Carried.

Forbes Symon, Stacie Lloyd, and Nicklaus Gibson left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

CAO

R-303-22

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 Report CAO-08-2022, being a report to provide an overview of the current structure and status of committees and boards; and

That Council does hereby direct staff to put a call out for volunteers to apply for positions on the legislated committees, including: the Committee of Adjustment, the Police Services Board, the Merrickville Public Library Board, and the Property Standards Committee; and

That Council hereby direct staff to bring a report back for Council consideration on December 12, 2022 with recommendations for a revised non-legislated committee structure for the 2022-2026 term of Council.

Carried.

R-304-22

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 49-2022, being a by-law to appoint an alternate member to the Council of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville during the absence of the mayor, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 49-2022 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

R-305-22

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

Whereas in Section 2.3 (b) of the Procedure By-Law 30-17 it states the following: "The Clerk shall prepare a resolution for the first regular meeting of Council following a regular election to appoint a Deputy Mayor from the Members of Council, not including the Mayor, who reside/own property in the ward that the Mayor does not reside in, to act in the absence of the Mayor for the duration of the term";

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint Mark Oldfield as the Deputy Mayor for the 2022-2026 term of Council.

(Note: Councillor Gural moved a motion to defer the resolution to appoint the Deputy Mayor for the 2022-2026 term of Council. However, there was no seconder, and the motion was not passed.)

Carried.

R-306-22

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 2023 Council Meeting Schedule as follows:

Monday, January 9 th	Monday, June 12 th
Monday, January 23 rd	Monday, June 26 th
Monday, February 13 th	Monday, July 24 th
Monday, February 27 th	Monday, August 28 th
Monday, March 13 th	Monday, September 11 th
Monday March 27 th	Monday, September 25 th
Tuesday, April 11 th	Tuesday, October 10 th
Monday, April 24 th	Monday, October 23 rd
Monday, May 8 th	Tuesday November 14 th
Tuesday, May 23 rd	Monday, November 27 th
	Monday, December 11 th

Carried.

R-307-22

Moved by Councillor Oldfield, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

Whereas the occasional removal and reinstallation of banners on utility poles

throughout the municipality is driven by seasonal changes, community holidays, and special events that occur with relative frequency; and

Whereas Council approves the annual operating budget to provide staff with the funding for this purpose; and

Whereas installing and removing the banners poses a significant expense often approaching \$2000 to \$2500 per occurrence for the rental of a bucket truck not including the cost to purchase the banners and decorations themselves; and

Whereas the overall cost for installing and removing banners and decorations from the poles can be minimized by staff through flexibility with workload management and scheduling; and

Whereas routine changes are considered to be an operational role that does not need to rise to Council and can more efficiently and cost-effectively be administered by staff;

Now Therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby acknowledge and authorize the CAO/Clerk or his/her/their designate with the discretion to implement routine changes in the banners and decorations on utility poles without seeking Council's approval for each change.

Carried.

Notices of Motion

None.

Public Question Period

No questions were received.

Confirming By-Law

R-308-22

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 50-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of November 28, 2022, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 50-2022 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

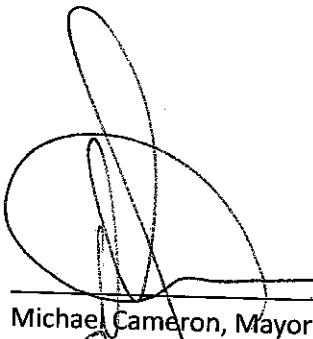
R-309-22

Moved by Councillor Oldfield, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

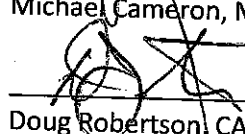
Be it hereby resolved that:

This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 8:45 p.m. until the next meeting of Council on Monday, December 12, 2022 or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



Michael Cameron, Mayor



Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk