

Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Monday February 12, 2024

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This meeting will be held in person and will be open to the public in the Council Chambers.

It will also be recorded and livestreamed electronically on the "Village of Merrickville-Wolford" YouTube channel accessible by clicking [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_OEkw3yIMarGSHGeNecrQg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_OEkw3yIMarGSHGeNecrQg)

*\* Information documents distributed by email*

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of the Agenda (1-3)
- 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof
- 4. Draft Motions for Consideration (4-8)
- 5. Minutes
  - a) Regular Council Meeting held on January 8, 2024 (9-14)
  - b) Special Council Meeting, January 15, 2024 (15-16)
  - c) Special Council Meeting, January 16, 2024 (17-18)
  - d) Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 25, 2024 (19-22)
  - e) Special Council Meeting (Budget) February 5, 2024 (23-24)
- 6. Planning
  - a) Amendment to Schedule E By-law 44-2022 Planning Department Fees b) Planning Report Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision 07-T-20234 Carley's Corners (25-41)
  - b) Municipal Conditions of Draft Approval Application for Draft Plan of Subdivision 07-T-20234 (Carley's Corners Subdivision) Part of Lot 13, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Wolford, Village of Merrickville-Wolford. (42-44)
  - c) Process and documents required concerning the submission of Consent Applications. (45-61)
  - d) Sewage Capacity Allocation Moderna Lewis Street Development (Conway Lands). (62)
  - e) Sewage Capacity Allocation 212 Main Street W. Development (63)

f) Merrickville Sewer Camera Investigation – East of St. Lawrence Street

7. By-laws

- a) By-law 2024-04  
Appointment Julia McCauherty-Jansman as Clerk (64)
- b) By-law 2024-05  
Water and Wastewater Rates 2024 (65-71)

8. Delegations

- a) Khristal Dillabough -1182 Kilmarnock Road/speed reduction (72-73)
- b) Hunter McGill - Friends of the Rideau (74-75)

9. Staff Reports

- a) Interim CAO/Clerk
  - i) Departmental Activity Update (76-78)
  - ii) Human Resources Consultant (77-80)
- b) Public Works Manager/Fire Chief Cole  
Brush Amnesty (81-83)
- c) Surplus equipment (84-88)

10. Committee Updates/Minutes

- a) Merrickville-Wolford Library Board Minutes  
November 3, 2023 & January 24, 2024 (89-92)
- b) Merrickville-Wolford Museum Municipal Services Board (93-96)  
Merrickville and District Historical Society Meeting/December 14, 2023
- c) Blockhouse Museum Municipal Services Board/January 11, 2024 (97-99)

11. Action Items

- a) Heritage Designation McGuigan Cemetery (100-128)
- b) Rideau Corridor Landscape Strategy - Pathway Forward municipal  
representative (129-130)
- c) Ride for Disabled Veterans/request for Support (131-133)
- d) Prince Edward County/ request for support for the Province to expand the life  
span of fire apparatus, specifically pertaining to the replacement of fire trucks due  
to insurance requirements (134-135)
- e) AMO Pre-Budget Submission/Background Document (136-137)

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Jp2g No. 19-5031D

February 7th, 2024  
Village of Merrickville-Wolford  
317 Brock Street West  
Merrickville, ON, K0G 1N0

Attention: Darlene Plumley  
Interim CAO/Clerk  
Village of Merrickville-Wolford  
613-269-4791 ext. 229

Re: Merrickville Sewer Camera Investigation – East of St. Lawrence Street

One of the recommendations of the infiltration and inflow study was to complete the camera investigation of the sewer system by reviewing the last portion on Main Street east of St. Lawrence St. This is the lowest portion of the system and is less than 100m from the Rideau River so it is expected to be well within the water table for long periods of the year. It is a difficult section to camera as it is typically full and will need to be isolated, temporarily bypassed, drained, and cleaned before having a video taken. Clean Water Works has provided an hourly rate to complete this work but due to the unknowns and risk of additional work/costs they will not provide a lump sum fee. We recommend carrying a budget of \$75,000.00 + HST for this work, which is planned to be completed over three 12-hour shifts between 7PM and 7AM during the low flow season (outside of the Spring melt). "No Parking" signs would be set up by the Village, and a designated hydrant would be made available to CWW for cleaning.

We further recommend carrying an allowance of \$25,000.00 for spot repairs that may be identified during the CCTV investigation that may be completed while the bypass is in place. This is purely an allowance and coordinating the work may not be feasible.

We also recommend an inspection of the sewage lift station, similarly located at the low point of the collection system and within 100m of the Rideau River. This inspection can be timed with the annual inspection performed by OCWA after the spring melt.

Sincerely,

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- f) Enbridge Gas/Ontario Energy Board decision (138-139)  
g) Ian Fraser/Correspondence re. traffic calming/access to water/wastewater north side of the Village

12. Information Items:

- a) Ontario Clean Water Agency Water Quality – Test Results for Town of Merrickville-Wolford (140)  
b) United Counties of Leeds and Grenville/Room to Donate/Mapleview Landing  
c) United Counties of Leeds and Grenville/ROMA 2024 Highlights (141-144)  
d) United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Agricultural Area Review (145-166)  
e) 2024 Community Safety and Policing Letter for s.10 Municipalities (167)  
\*Economic Development eNews  
\*Ontario Supporting Plan to Refurbish Pickering Nuclear Generating Station  
\*Ontario Connecting Children and Youth in Belleville, Kingston and the Thousand Islands Region to Care Close to Home  
\*Governments Investing up to \$8 Million in Ontario's Dairy Processing Sector  
\*Ontario Breaks Ground on New Long-Term Care Home in Kingston  
\*Ontario Cracking Down on Crime  
\*Ontario Helping Rural Communities Grow With More Jobs, Homes and Infrastructure  
\*Ontario Supporting Community Housing Modernization  
\*Ontario Unveils a Back-to-Basics Kindergarten Curriculum  
\*Rideau Canal - Water Level Management Update

13. Notices of Motion:

14. Public Question Period re. Agenda Items

15. Proclamations/Statements from Members

16. Closed Session:

17. Open Session:

18. Confirming By-Law: By-law 06-2024 ()

19. Adjournment

Next meetings of Council:

Regular Council, Monday, March 11, 2024, 7:00 p.m.

Dear Mr. Mayor and members of council,

I am writing to you with a couple of concerns from the north side that I would like to bring to your attention: the first is traffic calming and the second is the issue with the absence of mains sewerage on the north side of the river.

**1: Traffic Calming**

**Problem:**

One of the strategies in the Merrickville-Wolford Strategic Plan 2017-2025, is *“Street Calming Measures/ Merrickville bridge and Jasper crosswalk in village/ truck bypass.”* The plan was introduced over 7 years ago and there has been very little advancement made. I can give examples from my perspective on Mill Street, but I am sure you hear concerns about traffic from residents across the village and surrounding areas. Though we are not likely to stop all those who speed, we can at least use existing tried and tested devices to slow down the majority. I suggest the council needs to make this a priority to avoid serious accidents in the future.

On Mill Street we now have very broad demographic, which includes young children as well as more senior citizens. The trucks and cars coming onto Mill street from Broadway are turning the corner at speeds far in excess of the posted 50 km/hr, increasing their speed from there and continuing over the bridge at these excessive speeds - even though the posted speed over the bridge is 20 km/hr. Obviously, if a child were to run into the road, there would be very little chance that such vehicles would be able to stop in time. Moreover, the children we see daily heading to school on the south side do not have a crosswalk to help them navigate from one side of the road to the other where the sidewalk crosses to the other side of Mill Street. Vehicles speed around the corner and are too quickly upon those waiting to cross or, worse, already in the road. Our more senior neighbours, who still like to walk to the village, do not move as quickly, and crossing Mill Street on the north side is like playing “Russian Roulette.” Among the priorities of the strategic plan is the promotion *“aging in place”* but this is not happening in regard to providing a safe interaction with traffic. Even for the most able bodied, the speed of the traffic is a real concern. The owner of “Power Pole Performance” tells me she has nearly been hit a couple of times while exiting her establishment because vehicles are travelling far too fast. Though traffic coming from Smith Falls has a flashing yellow light, many people do not heed it and do not slow down sufficiently while taking the corner into the village. Such is the expectation of some motorists that their speed should not be impeded, that stopping to turn into our own Mill Street driveway with our car has been met on occasion with people aggressively driving right up to our bumper and honking their horn impatiently. The general feeling seems to be that Mill Street is an unrestricted highway, not a residential street through a village. Though I understand that the jurisdiction for some of the roads in Merrickville falls under the county of Leeds and Grenville, it is still Merrickville and Wolford’s Strategic Plan and therefore the council’s responsibility to do what is necessary to achieve the goals of traffic calming.

**Possible Solutions:**

As a perceptual psychologist who has worked extensively in the area of Psychology and the Law, I would strongly suggest the following measures:

- 1. A four-way stop at the north end of Mill Street at the intersection with Broadway. This would stop motorists from taking the corner onto Mill Street at high speeds and put them on notice that they are entering a different situation.

2. A painted crosswalk on Mill Street in front of 106, where the sidewalk on the west ends/ begins to the east side where the sidewalk continues into the village. Signage for the impending crosswalk should be before Water Street where vehicles take the bend in the road heading south and, in the opposite direction, just after the bridge heading north. As it stands, many motorists coming around the corner just before Water Street heading south, see the straight road ahead and put their foot down.

These two measures alone would indicate to drivers that Mill Street is not a highway to be taken at speed, but rather a residential street within a village.

3. Furthermore, there should be flashing electronic speed signs on Mill Street, and throughout the village, indicating drivers' speeds and notifying them when they are complying with the posted speed limit. It has been indicated that these signs will encourage up to 80% of drivers to reduce their speed.<sup>1</sup> As a perceptual psychologist, I can attest to the value of positive reinforcement. A sign which has, in addition to the flashing speed, a smiling face for those who comply is a useful tool in a universal language. These signs are now relatively inexpensive and can operate using solar cells.

## **2: Sewerage**

### **Problem:**

No mains sewerage on the north side.

The second issue is also listed in the strategic plan: "*water, sewage and gas expansion to the North side*". These are all listed under the banner of "*Economic vitality - Create a supportive, business-friendly environment that retains, grows and diversifies our economy.*" I understand that natural gas to the north side is in the works and, hopefully, that will be useful to homes and businesses alike, but I do not know if council is aware of how pressing the need is to connect the north side to mains sewerage. As it stands, although there is apparently a pipe in place that crosses the river, there is no mains sewerage on the north side. This is significantly limiting to the homes and businesses on this side of the river. Here, existing homes and businesses must either rely, as many do, on a septic system or a holding tank. Such a situation must also give pause to those who might otherwise wish to undertake new development on the north side. Even under ideal conditions, the lifespan of a septic field is only 20-30 years and many properties on the north side are simply not large enough to replace them - as fresh ground must be used - or are too close to the river to make it feasible. Not only is this a limiting factor to building and expansion on the north side, but it is also an untenable situation for existing residents and businesses. This can only become a more pressing concern as existing septic systems age. Council will need to have a plan in place to deal with the issue before it comes to a head. I recently talked with a couple who have a house on the water in a rural area elsewhere in Ontario. They and their neighbours are all on septic systems, but most of these are at the end of their serviceable lives. There, as here, however, many owners do not have the space to replace their septic fields. They said that faced with an insoluble problem, and with no viable solution, people are simply ignoring it. The problem is so acute that the authorities in the area

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<sup>1</sup> "Speeders slow down up to 80% of the time when alerted by a radar speed sign. Typical speed reductions range from 10% to 20%. Overall compliance with posted speed limits increases by a remarkable 30% to 60%. Radar signs are particularly effective at getting "super speeders" — those driving 20 mph or more over the limit — to slow down." <https://www.radarsign.com/>

have set up anonymous "squeal" lines, which allow people to inform on their neighbours. However, without offering them a solution, this is, to say the least, unhelpful. We should not wish for such a situation to arise in Merrickville.

**Possible Solution:**

The north side needs to be connected to mains sewerage as a matter of urgency, not only for those who are already live and work here, but also to encourage further development on this side of the river. Priority should be given to connecting the north side to mains sewerage.

I hope this email is helpful and look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Fraser

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Merrickville.