



**VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD**

**Agenda for Council  
Council Chambers**

Special Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.

Monday November 1, 2021

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE: This meeting will be held electronically. To ensure transparency, an audio recording of this meeting will be livestreamed on YouTube on the “Village of Merrickville-Wolford” YouTube channel at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_OEkw3yIMarGSHGeNecrQg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_OEkw3yIMarGSHGeNecrQg) and posted on the website following adjournment.\*\*\***

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof**
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
4. **CAO/Clerk**                      Appoint Council member to fill vacant seat
5. **Next meeting of Council:** Monday, November 8, 2021 at 2:00 PM
6. **Confirming By-Law:** 57-2021 re: Confirm Proceedings of Council meeting of November 1, 2021
7. **Adjournment.**

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## VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Resolution Number: R - - 21

Date: November 1, 2021

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy

### 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 November 1, 2021 as:

\_\_\_ circulated.

\_\_\_ amended.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

For Clerk's use only, if required:

Recorded Vote Requested By:

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

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**Whereas** Council declared a Council seat vacant on September 13, 2021, per S.259 (h) of *The Municipal Act*; and

**Whereas** on October 15, 2021, per Council's direction, staff contacted all Council members from the most recent two terms of Council on a "best efforts" basis to seek their consent to being appointed to fill the vacant seat; and

**Whereas** Vic Suthren and Steve Ireland were the only two former Councillors to respond granting consent to being appointed;

**Now Be It Hereby Resolved** that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ to fill the vacant seat.

Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

## **Doug Robertson**

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**From:** Deputy Clerk  
**Sent:** Friday, October 15, 2021 4:43 PM  
**To:** Deputy Clerk  
**Subject:** Request for Consent to Be Appointed to Fill Vacant Council Seat - Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Good afternoon, on behalf of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford Council, thank you for your dedicated service to the community as a former Council Member.

On August 16, 2021, the Council was saddened to hear about the unfortunate passing of Councillor Don Halpenny. As required by section 259(h) of the Municipal Act, Council declared Councillor Halpenny's seat vacant on September 13, 2021. On Mon Sept 27, 2021, Council directed staff to contact experienced former Village of Merrickville-Wolford Council members from the most recent two terms (i.e., 2010-2014 and 2014-2018) on Council's behalf to determine if they consent to being appointed to fill the vacant seat for the remainder of the 2018-2022 term if Council were to appoint you from amongst other respondents. You are receiving this email in accordance with Council's instructions.

In accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, c.25, when the seat of a member of Council becomes vacant during the term of Council, Council has the option of filling the vacancy by appointing a person who has consented to accept the office subject to that person being qualified in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 2001. To qualify, a person appointed or elected to fill a vacancy must be:

- a Canadian citizen;
- at least 18 years of age;
- a resident of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, or be the owner or tenant of land, or the spouse of the owner of tenant of land;
- not prohibited from voting in a municipal election by any legislation; and
- not prohibited from holding the office under the Municipal Act or any other legislation.

Please note that an eligible candidate for election or appointment to a municipal council does not have to live in a particular ward in order to be its Councillor. Section 29(4) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 provides that if a municipality is divided into wards, a person is eligible to be nominated for an office in an election in any ward of the municipality.

To indicate your consent to be appointed to fill the vacant Council seat for the remainder of the current Council term of office should Council choose to appoint you, **please reply to this email no later than 4:30pm on Wednesday October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 stating clearly either that:**

- A. **"Yes, I consent to being appointed to the vacant Council seat for the remainder of the current term should Council choose to appoint me"; or,**  
B. **"No, I do not consent to being appointed to the vacant Council seat".**

Please be advised that, if you respond and express your interest in being appointed, you thereby will be deemed to have granted permission for public disclosure of your name and consent to being appointed to fill the vacant seat. You also thereby will be deemed to have confirmed that you are qualified to accept the appointment in compliance with the Municipal Elections Act, 2001. Please note that failure to respond by email as indicated may be interpreted to indicate that you do not consent and/or are not qualified to be appointed to the vacant Council seat.

It is tentatively anticipated that the responses to this email will be provided to Council for their consideration at a Special Council Meeting on Monday November 1, 2021.

On behalf of Council, thank you again for your service to the community and we look forward to your response.



MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD  
*Jewel of the Rideau*

Responses to October 15, 2021 request for consent to be appointed  
to vacant Council seat

Former Council Members	Email "Read Receipt" received	Consent to being Appointed
Barr, Anne	Yes	No Reply
Ireland, Steve	Yes	Yes
MacInnis, Chuck	Yes	No
Nash, David	Yes	No
Snowdon, Dave	Yes	No
Suthren, Vic	Yes	Yes
Weedmark, Kim	Yes	No Reply



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD**

**BY-LAW 57-2021**

BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD AT ITS MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2021

WHEREAS section 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001 states that municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges, shall be exercised by by-law, unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed prudent that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford (hereinafter referred to as "Council") at its meeting held on November 1, 2021 be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford hereby enacts as follows:

1. The proceedings and actions of Council at its meeting held on November 1, 2021 and each recommendation, report, and motion considered by Council at the said meeting, and other actions passed and taken by Council at the said meeting are hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.
2. The Mayor or his or her designate and the proper officials of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required and, except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and Clerk are hereby directed to execute all documents necessary in that regard, and the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal of the Municipality to all such documents.

This by-law shall come into force and take effect immediately upon the final passing thereof.

Read a first, second and third time and passed on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of November 2021.

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk



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Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy

### Be it hereby resolved that:

This special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at p.m. until the next meeting of Council on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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### Recorded Vote Requested By:

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N