

**The Corporation of the
Village of Merrickville-Wolford**

Monday, February 12, 2018

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 2018.

Chaired by: Mayor David Nash

Members of Council: Councillor Chuck MacInnis
Councillor Stephen Ireland
Councillor Kim Weedmark
Councillor David Snowdon
Deputy Mayor Anne Barr
Councillor Vic Suthren

Regrets:

Staff in Attendance: Sheena Earl, Interim Deputy Clerk
Nigel White, Interim CAO/Treasurer

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof: None

Approval of Agenda

R-049-18 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby adopt the agenda of the regular Council meeting of February 12, 2018, as circulated. Carried

In Camera

R-050-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor Ireland
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby move to "In Camera" at 5:45 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees. Carried

R-051-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon

Be it hereby resolved that: The "In Camera" session rise and report, with staff being given direction, and the regular Council session resume at 7:00 p.m. Carried

Note:

Staff members now in attendance are: Fire Chief, Mark Urquhart; Deputy Clerk, Christina Conklin; By-law Enforcement Officer, Jerry Jopling; Librarian, Mary Kate Laphen; and Chief Building Official, Randy Wilkinson.

Minutes

R-052-18 Moved by Councillor Snowdon, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

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 January 19, 2018, as circulated. Carried

Building

R-053-18 Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford hereby receives report CBO-01-2018; and

That Council approve the application for Heritage Property Tax Relief for the property at 206 Colborne Street East, Merrickville, Ontario.

Carried.

Planning: An update was given with respect to the Official Plan Amendment No. 3

R-057-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby direct the Chief Building Official to produce a question(s) with respect to the necessity of the 0.3m reserve requirements in time for the County Council meeting on February 22, 2018; and

That Council direct the Chief Building Official to produce a motion for County Council asking for support from other municipalities to remove the 0.3m reserve requirement for consents in Agricultural Zones, for that same meeting.

Carried.

By-law Enforcement

R-054-18 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 10-2018, being a by-law to appoint a Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 10-2018 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Emergency Planning

R-055-18 Moved by Councillor MacInnis, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FD-03-2018, being the 2017 Emergency Management Program Annual Review, for information purposes.

Carried.

Environment:

R-056-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Minutes of the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority dated December 14, 2017, for information purposes.

Carried.

Finance:

R-058-18 Moved by Councillor Snowdon, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the 2018 tax levy of \$2,913,354.

Defeated.

Note: Councillor MacInnis declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the following matter and, as such, did not vote.

R-059-18 Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FIN-01-2018 regarding 2018 Community Grants; and

That Council approves the allocation of grants to groups, as attached, under the Community Grants and Donations Policy, as proposed during the 2018 budget deliberations.

Carried.

Unfinished Business

R-060-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

WHEREAS Ontarians identify infrastructure and transit as the biggest problems facing their municipal government and Ontarians already pay the highest property taxes in the country;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have limited authority to make changes that are needed to reduce the cost of delivering municipal services and financing infrastructure projects;

AND WHEREAS a ten-year projection (2016-2025) of municipal expenditures against inflationary property tax and user fee increases shows there to be an unfunded average

annual need of \$4.9 billion to fix local infrastructure and provide for municipal operating needs;

AND WHEREAS this gap calculation presumes all existing and multi-year planned federal and provincial transfers to municipal governments will be fulfilled;

AND WHEREAS each municipal government in Ontario faces unique issues, fiscal health is a challenge shared by all municipal governments, regardless of size;

AND WHEREAS diversifying municipal revenues strengthens municipal long-term infrastructure planning and financing and would reduce the vulnerability of municipal governments to any federal or provincial changes and their own respective fiscal health;

AND WHEREAS a 1% increase to the provincial portion of the HST, adjusted for low income rebates, would result in about \$2.5 billion in new revenue would be distributed equitably to help every municipal government in Ontario fund their infrastructure and services with greater predictability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford supports the Association of Municipalities of Ontario in its efforts to secure this new source of revenue to help fund critical municipal services like roads, bridges, transit, clean water and other services. Defeated.

Addition to the Agenda:

R-061-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint Arie Hoogenboom as an Interim Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk effective February 13, 2018. Carried.

Public Question Period:

A resident inquired as to why the current process for community grants is not terminated and a working group created in order to produce a better policy. Council requested this be added to a future agenda.

A resident inquired as to why the By-Law Enforcement Officer position was filled.

Confirming By-Law

R-062-18 Moved by Councillor Snowdon, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 11-2018, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of February 12, 2018, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 11-2018 be read a third and final time and passed. Carried.

Adjournment

R-063-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 8:37 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., or until the call of the Mayor subject to need. Carried.



David Nash, Mayor



Arie Hoogenboom, CAO/Clerk/Treasurer