

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

Monday, March 23, 2020

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020.

Chaired by: Mayor J. Douglas Struthers
Members of Council: Deputy Mayor Michael Cameron
Councillor Don Halpenny
Councillor Timothy Molloy
Councillor Bob Foster

Staff in Attendance: Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk
Christina Conklin, Deputy Clerk
Kirsten Rahm, Treasurer

Note: Mayor Struthers indicated that the audio recording of this meeting will be posted on the Village's website for the public.

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

Approval of Agenda

R-108-20 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

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 March 23, 2020, as amended.

Carried.

Note: The agenda was amended to remove CBO-03-2020 re: Request to Alter Heritage Property and to add, under CAO, a verbal discussion regarding the Merrickville Public Library's website and an Amendment to the Procedure By-law 30-17.

Minutes:

R-109-20 Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the following:

1. Minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 9, 2020, as circulated; and
2. Minutes of the special Council meeting of March 9, 2020, as circulated.

Carried.

Planning:

R-110-20 Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the following with respect to Council's Resolution No. R-029-2020 regarding Provincially Significant Wetlands designations, for information purposes:

1. Township of Hudson's correspondence dated March 9, 2020;
2. City of Belleville's correspondence dated March 10, 2020;
3. Township of McKellar's correspondence dated March 10, 2020;
4. Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula's correspondence dated March 5, 2020;
5. Township of Pelee's correspondence dated February 28, 2020;
6. Township of La Vallee's correspondence dated March 12, 2020;
7. Township of Harley's correspondence dated March 13, 2020; and
8. Township of Casey's correspondence dated March 13, 2020.

Carried.

R-111-20 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 25-2020, being a by-law to repeal By-law 31-00, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 25-2020 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Finance:

R-112-20

Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Foster
Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 20-2020, being a by-law to adopt the 2020 Operating, Capital and Water and Wastewater Budgets and the 2020 Salary Grid, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 20-2020 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

R-113-20

Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny
Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 23-2020, being a by-law to set the 2020 tax rates, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 23-2020 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

R-114-20

Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Foster
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FIN-06-2020, regarding a new proposed Procurement Policy; and

That Council gives favourable consideration to By-law 24-2020.

Carried.

R-115-20

Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Foster
Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 24-2020, being a by-law to adopt a Procurement Policy for the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 24-2020 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

R-116-20

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Molloy
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FIN-07-2020 regarding late charges and penalties for businesses during the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby approve waiving late fees for all ratepayers regarding water and wastewater bill payments until the end of April 2020.

Carried.

R-117-20

Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Foster
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FIN-08-2020, regarding the 2019 Council and Board Statement of Remuneration and Expenses, for information purposes.

Carried.

CAO:

R-118-20

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Molloy
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby received correspondence from Ian Ross of Enbridge Gas Inc. dated March 11, 2020; and

That Council does hereby express support for natural gas expansion to the Village of Merrickville-Wolford; and

That Council does hereby authorize the CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development to execute the attached letter to Enbridge Gas Inc.

Carried.

Note: A discussion was had with respect to the Merrickville Public Library's Drive Through Service.

R-119-20

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron
Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 26-2020, being a by-law to amend By-law 30-17, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 26-2020 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Next meeting of Council:

R-120-20 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby suspend the regularly scheduled Council meetings until the call of the Mayor or until the State of Emergency in the Province of Ontario ends.

Carried.

Confirming By-Law

R-121-20 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 22-2020, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular Council meeting of March 23, 2020, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 22-2020 be read a third and final time and passed.

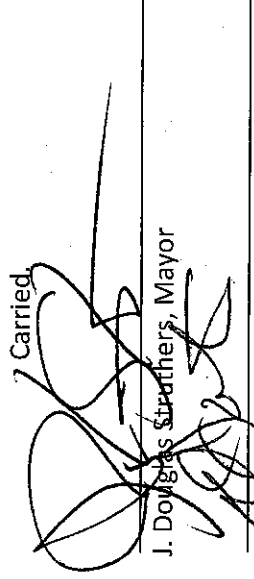
Carried.

Adjournment

R-122-20 Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

Be it hereby resolved that: This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 8:35 p.m. until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



J. Douglas Strathers, Mayor

Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk