

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

Monday, May 8, 2017

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 8, 2017.

**Chaired by:** Mayor David Nash

**Members of Council:** Deputy Mayor Anne Barr  
Councillor Chuck MacInnis  
Councillor Stephen Ireland  
Councillor Victor Suthren  
Councillor Kim Weedmark

**Regrets:** Councillor David Snowdon

**Staff in Attendance:** John Regan, CAO/Clerk  
Christina Conklin, Deputy Clerk  
Sheila Kehoe, Treasurer

**Press in Attendance:** Hilary Thomson

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

**Approval of Agenda**

**R-143-17** Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** the agenda of the regular council meeting of May 8, 2017 be adopted as amended. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes**

**R-144-17** Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 24, 2017 be approved as circulated. Carried.

**Auditors' Report:** The 2016 Independent Auditor's Report was presented.

**Delegations:**

**R-145-17** 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 does hereby receive the delegation of Valley Heartland Community Futures Development Corporation. Carried.

**R-146-17** Moved by Councillor MacInnis, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation of Communities in Bloom. Carried.

**R-147-17** Moved by Councillor MacInnis, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby allocate \$5,000.00 from the Canada 150 budget to Communities in Bloom. Carried.

**Public Question Period to Council:**

A resident inquired about public washrooms.

**Correspondence:**

**R-148-17** Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Ireland  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve, in principle, the concept of a gazebo/bandshell. Carried.

**R-149-17** Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the nomination of Merrickville Bridge to Canada for the Champion of Diversity Award. Carried.

**R-150-17**

Moved by Councillor MacInnis, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the petition regarding public washrooms; and  
That Council directs staff to forward the petition to the Industry, Tourism and Economic Development Committee.  
Carried.

**Fire:**

**R-151-17**

Moved by Councillor MacInnis, Seconded by Councillor Suthren  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FD-05-2017; and

That Council support the PTSD Prevention Program for the staff and volunteer firefighters working for the municipality of Merrickville-Wolford.

Carried.

**Finance:**

**R-152-17**

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Suthren  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FIN-09-2017 regarding 2017 Canalfest Community Grant; and

That Council approves the allocation of a grant of \$3,000.00 to Canalfest, under the Community Grants and Donations Policy, to be funded from the Canada 150 budget as approved during the 2017 budget deliberations.

Carried.

**R-153-17**

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FIN-10-2017 regarding water/sewer funding; and

That Council authorizes the water/sewer funding transfers for the following:

1. The 2015 and prior operating deficit of \$578,020.00;
2. The release of the construction holdback, net applicable grant, of \$45,103.00;
3. The 2016 operating deficit of \$131,299.00; and
4. The transfer to water/sewer reserves of \$118,725.00.

Carried.

**R-154-17**

Moved by Councillor MacInnis, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the 2016 Independent Auditor's Report as prepared by CKDM Chartered Professional Accountants.

Carried.

**CAO:**

**R-155-17**

Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive and consider report CAO-07-2017; and

Directs CAO to negotiate and enter into an agreement with Site A for public washrooms, based on the recommendations from the Industry, Tourism and Economic Development Committee; and

That this agreement be considered a pilot project for one year; and

That Council allocated up to \$5,000.00 from the Canada 150 budget for the renovations of Site A to be completed in 2017; and

That the \$1,200.00 per year operating cost be drawn from the Canada 150 budget for year one; and

That for each additional year, Council will create a line item for public washrooms under the Economic Development budget; and

That a report be brought back to Council on the effectiveness of this pilot project during the 2018 budget deliberation for future consideration.

Carried.

**Notices of Motion:**

Councillor MacInnis made a Notice of Motion to request an apology from the Town of Smiths Falls, and

Councillor MacInnis made a Notice of Motion to direct staff to investigate an original ask from the Town of Smiths Falls to provide funding for the arena.

**Public Question Period to Council:**

A resident expressed concern with the state of County Road 15 before Carley's Corners.

**Announcements from Council:** None.

**In Camera:**

**R-156-17** Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** this Council moves to "In Camera" at 9:38 p.m. in order to address matters pertaining to:

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried.

**R-157-17** Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** the "In-Camera" session rise and report, with staff being given direction, and the regular council session resume at 10:00 p.m.


Carried.

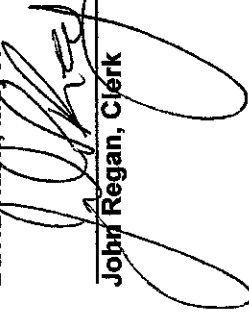
**Adjournment:**

**R-158-17**

Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** this regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 10:01 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.

  
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David Nash, Mayor

  
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John Regan, Clerk