

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

Monday, May 13, 2019

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 13, 2019.

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

Staff in Attendance: Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk
Christina Conklin, Deputy Clerk
Kirsten Rahm, Treasurer
Jerry Jopling, By-law Enforcement Officer
Brad Cole, Acting Public Works Manager and Fire Chief

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

Approval of Agenda

R-167-19 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 adopt the agenda of the regular Council meeting of May 13, 2019, as circulated.

Carried

Unfinished Business:

R-168-19 Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Deputy Mayor Cameron
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve that the fees associated with the use of the Merrickville Community Centre for two Merrickville Soccer Club events per year, one in May and one in September, be waived in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Carried.

Delegations:

R-169-19 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 receive the delegation of the Ontario Clean Water Agency regarding the 2018 Annual Water and Wastewater Report Summary, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby receive and approve the endorsement of the Ontario Clean Water Agency Operational Plan for the Merrickville Drinking Water System dated August 28, 2018, for information purposes.

Carried.

Minutes:

R-170-19 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 approve the Minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 23, 2019, as circulated.

Carried.

Public Question Period:

P. Watson inquired as whether there will be changes to the status of the Acting Public Works Manager, vacant Public Works Lead Hand and Acting Fire Chief positions and whether the Village would be advertising for the positions.

By-law Enforcement Department:

R-171-19 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 receive report BLEO-02-2019, being the 2019 first quarter report of the By-law Enforcement Department, for information purposes.

Carried.

Fire Department:

R-172-19 Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FD-02-2019, being the 2019 first quarter report of the Merrickville Fire Department, for information purposes.

Carried.

Public Works Department:

R-173-19 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 PW-02-2019, being the 2019 first quarter report of the Public Works Department, for information purposes.

Carried.

Finance Department:

R-174-19 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 receive report FIN-18-2019 regarding transfers to and from reserves; and

That Council does hereby approve the transfer of \$56,500.00 from the 2018 Capital Budget to the Carry Forward Reserve to be used for 2019 Capital Projects; and

That Council does hereby approve the transfer of \$41,889.09 from Accrued Liabilities to the Water and Sewer Reserve; and

That Council does hereby approve the transfer of \$5,000.00 from the Legal/Self Insurance Reserve to the Legal Expenses General Ledger Account.

Carried.

CAO:

R-175-19 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 receive report CAO-05-2019 regarding an Overview of 2019 Municipal Projects, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-176-19 Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report CAO-06-2019 regarding the Main Street Revitalization Initiative, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-177-19 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 CAO-07-2019 regarding the Natural Gas Expansion, for information purposes.

Carried.

Notices of Motion:

R-178-19 Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Integrated Waste Management Plan and Waste Recycling Strategy as prepared by Aecom dated October 2011; and

That Council does hereby direct staff to research the waste diversion statistics from 2016 and 2018 and to place this item on the June 10th, 2019 Council Agenda for review and discussion.

Carried.

R-179-19 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 recognize the importance of natural gas to the economic development of Merrickville-Wolford; and

That Council does hereby enter into the development of a proactive plan for the extension of natural gas to the North side of the Rideau River and to the agricultural lands in the Wolford Ward; and

That Council does hereby request a meeting with Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, to secure his assistance in encouraging Enbridge to expand natural gas infrastructure in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford.

Defeated.

R-180-19 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 express support for the Town of Prescott's Resolution 102-2019 regarding the call for the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport and the Ontario government to reconsider and rescind funding cuts to Southern Ontario Library Services (SOLS); and

That Council does hereby direct staff to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all municipalities within the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville.

Carried.

Public Question Period to Council

C. Dawson inquired as to who is responsible for repairing the step in front of the post office.

Y. Grandmaitre inquired as to whether there was a policy in place for announcing road closures to the business community.

Y. Grandmaitre inquired as to the status of the Merry Christmas banners.

Y. Grandmaitre inquired as to when a report would be coming forward from the Economic Development Department.

Y. Grandmaitre inquired as to when the Minutes of the Council Meeting of May 1, 2019 will be made available.

Y. Grandmaitre inquired as to whether there have been decisions made regarding committees.

Y. Grandmaitre inquired as to whether any grants have been applied for with respect to any infrastructure projects.

Y. Grandmaitre inquired as to whether any consideration has been given to applying for a federal infrastructure grant for rural municipalities with respect to natural gas expansion.

P. Watson inquired as to whether our small community has the expertise, resources to handle the amount of proposed development over the next four to five years.

P. Watson inquired as to when a report will come forward from the Economic Development Officer.

P. Watson inquired as to why is a lot of this information or plans about what we are thinking or where we are moving is not being made public or why is the public not aware.

Confirming By-Law

R-181-19 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 29-2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of May 13, 2019, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 29-2019 be read a third and final time and passed.

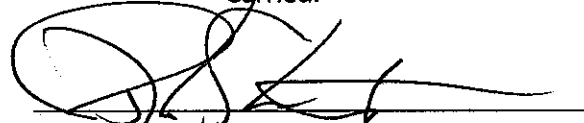
Carried.

Adjournment

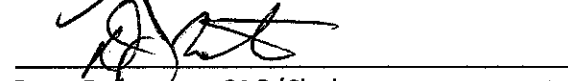
R-182-19 Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 8:50 p.m. until the next special meeting of Council on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 3:00 p.m., or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk