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**VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD**

**Agenda for Council  
Council Chambers**

Council Meeting 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE: This meeting will be held in person at the Council Chambers. However, due to the Provincial Emergency Orders still in effect, we are unable to safely accommodate the public at this meeting. In order to ensure transparency, an audio recording of this meeting will be posted on the website immediately following adjournment.\*\*\***

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof**
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
4. **Local Boards:** Resolution re: Reinstating Police Service and Library Board meetings
5. **In Camera:** 1. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.
6. **Rise and Report**
7. **Next meeting of Council:** August 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.
8. **Confirming By-Law:** 42-2020 re: Confirm Proceedings of Council meeting of August 5, 2020
9. **Adjournment**

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Resolution Number: R - - 20

Date: August 5, 2020

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny 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 August 5, 2020 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
Halpenny	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

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

WHEREAS on March 16, 2020, the Council of the Corporation passed Resolution No. R-105-20 which directed the Merrickville Public Library Board and the Merrickville-Wolford Police Services Board to cancel all meetings until further notice as a result of COVID-19;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby direct that the Merrickville Public Library Board and the Merrickville-Wolford Police Services Board may commence meetings in accordance with the Provincial Emergency Orders and instructions of the Medical Officer of Health, as applicable.

Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As Chair of the Library Board, and on behalf of our CEO, I am requesting that you rescind the Council Resolution (R-105-20) in regard to the cancelation of Library Board meetings.

The Library is making this request because there are a number of items of library business that have accumulated over the past 4 months, some of which are time sensitive.

As you know, this resolution was passed at the time that province was entering a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic and reflected concerns re: the safety of public gatherings.

We share that concern and to that end, are planning to hold a virtual meeting via the Zoom platform, which will enable us to avoid any pandemic-related risks. In this unusual situation, Library board meetings can be held electronically in accordance with the guidelines summarized here: [http://www.sols.org/files/docs/GovernanceHUB/Boards-Virtual\\_Meetings-2020.pdf](http://www.sols.org/files/docs/GovernanceHUB/Boards-Virtual_Meetings-2020.pdf)

The most relevant sections are:

**Remote participation** - In mid-March 2020, the Ontario legislature passed Bill 187, An Act to amend the Municipal Act, 2001 and the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to allow electronic participation in municipal council meetings during an emergency in that the participants coming into a meeting would count for quorum and have the right to vote on any issue. However, public library boards operate under their own legislation, the Public Libraries Act, and within this framework, have been allowed remote participation into board meetings for many years, with participating board members counting for quorum and having a vote on any issue.

come in remotely). In these unusual situations, library board can be held electronically. However, such meetings would still be required to follow existing meeting rules including providing of notice of meetings to the public, maintaining meeting minutes, and continue to be open to the public.

- The technology used for the meeting must enable verification of the identity of each participating board member and allow for live, real time board meeting participation. Technologies such as web/video applications (e.g., Zoom or Skype) would be fine, and the participants can choose to use the video/audio component, the computer audio only or call in through the supplied telephone

As the Chair of the Board, I am requesting that Council lift their restriction on meetings at this time because there are matters that require the Library Board's prompt attention.

In particular, there is the matter of the Library building's exterior repairs, which was delegated to the Library Board in March just prior to the declaration of the state of emergency. These cannot progress in the absence of Board meetings; and there is concern that, if the Board is not able to start addressing this in the near future, there will be no chance of moving forward with the repairs before next spring.

In addition, our Library, like libraries throughout Ontario, has been providing public service in accordance with provincial Stage 1, Stage 2, and Stage 3 guidelines since May 19, and has been providing online services throughout the pandemic. The Library is now operating in a significantly different landscape than prior to the pandemic, and the CEO has a number of items to bring to the Board for consideration and approval.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Brian Reid, Merrickville-Wolford Public Library Board Chair

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Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

### Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby move to an "In-Camera" session at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. under Section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to address matters pertaining to:

1. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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Recorded Vote Requested  
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Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny Molloy

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby rise and report from the "In Camera" session of the special Council meeting, with staff being given direction, at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



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

**BY-LAW 42-2020**

**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 AUGUST 5, 2020**

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 expedient 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 August 5, 2020 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 August 5, 2020 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 5th day of August, 2020.

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk



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Seconded by: Cameron Foster Halpenny 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 regular meeting of Council on August 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. 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
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