

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

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

A special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 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
Randy Wilkinson, Chief Building Official

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

Approval of Agenda

R-305-19 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 hereby approve the agenda of the special Council meeting of September 10, 2019, as circulated.

Carried.

Mayor's Opening Address:

Mayor Struthers indicated that this special meeting regarding an Official Plan update was being held pursuant to Section 26 of the *Planning Act* and that the purpose of the meeting to consider whether the Village's Official Plan required an update. Mayor Struthers indicated that the notice of this special meeting was advertised in the EMC newspaper and met the 30-day notice requirement. Mayor Struthers then turned the meeting over to the Village's Planning Consultant, Doug Grant.

Planning:

Doug Grant explained the reasons that an updated or new Official Plan was required, including the requirement that the Official Plan must conform with the current Provincial Policy Statement and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Official Plan. Mr. Grant provided a status update regarding the revision to the Official Plan. Mr. Grant explained the public consultation process including the Open House dates of October 7th and 8th, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Merrickville Community Centre and Eastons Corners Centennial Hall, respectively. Mr. Grant also confirmed that the public meeting associated with the Official Plan update would be held on October 15, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular meeting of Council on that date. Mr. Grant encouraged anyone who had questions or comments to provide them to the Village in writing.

Questions and Comments from Council:

Deputy Mayor Cameron inquired as to whether recent changes to legislation would have an effect on the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's Official Plan update.

Questions and Comments from Public:

N. Previsich commented that it would be helpful to have a breakdown of the changes from the old document to the new document. Mr. Previsich inquired as to whether the new Official Plan was currently accessible to the public. Mr. Previsich commented that it is a very large document and will be difficult for the public to review it in a week without the breakdown of changes.

T. Shields commented that a list of changes to zoning would be of interest to a lot of people. Ms. Shields inquired as to the process to be approved as a delegation for the public meeting of October 15, 2019.

Robyn Eagle inquired as to how the Official Plan is linked with the Strategic Plan. Ms. Eagle further inquired as to whether the process and dates for public feedback would be outlined once the new draft Official Plan is released and what type of feedback will be requested from the public at each stage.

M. Zaversenuke commented that a previous version of the Official Plan that he had reviewed lacked a vision statement and what the purpose of the document was. Mr. Zaversenuke commented that one of the goals of the document should be to improve the Village to expand the tax base and the water and sewer base. Mr. Zaversenuke commented that the new Official Plan should be a tool that we can use to develop the Village.

B. McMullen inquired as to whether the official Village map will show a land use schedule for each lot and what time the Open Houses will be held.

N. Previsich commented that he has a different perspective to Mr. Zaversenuke's point in that Section 1.3.2 of the current plan describes the scope which states that the Official Plan is a legal document which does not by itself regulate development but should be used as a guide for Council to interpret while making decisions related to planning matters.

K. McMullen inquired as to when the zoning map would be made available and whether her property would be zoned commercial.

T. Shields inquired regarding if she wanted to start a business whether that would have to come as an amendment to the Official Plan.

M. Andrews inquired as to what degree will the new Official Plan speak to climate change.

Ron Eagle inquired as to when the public meeting would be held if the date of October 15th cannot be met.

M. Zaversenuke expressed his concern that the land use provisions had little to no change. Mr. Zaversenuke commented that the Village should seriously look at what areas can be changed to promote further growth in the Village.

Motion to Undertake Official Plan Update:

R-306-19 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny

WHEREAS Section 26 (1) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter P. 13 states that "If an official plan is in effect in a municipality, the council of the municipality that adopted the official plan shall, in accordance with subsection (1.1), revise the official plan as required to ensure that it, (a) conforms with provincial plans or does not conflict with them, as the case may be; (b) has regard to the matters of provincial interest listed in section 2; and (c) is consistent with policy statements issued under subsection 3 (1). 2015, c. 26, s. 24 (1)";

AND WHEREAS Section 26 (1.1) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter P. 13 states that "The council shall revise the plan no less frequently than, (a) 10 years after it comes into effect as a new official plan; and (b) every five years thereafter, unless the plan has been replaced by another new official plan. 2015, c. 26, s. 24 (1)";

AND WHEREAS the former Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford did pass Resolution R-201-17 at their regular meeting of July 12, 2017 which states "Council deems it expedient to have a revised Official Plan to replace or modify the existing Official Plan as adopted by By-law on January 22, 2007";

AND WHEREAS Section 26 (3) (b) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O., 1990, Chapter P. 13 states that the council shall "hold a special meeting of council, open to the public, to discuss revisions that may be required";

AND WHEREAS Council does hereby deem it expedient to receive comments and input from the public regarding a review and updated of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's Official Plan;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford hereby authorizes the planning consultant to review and update the Village of Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan in accordance with the provisions of the Planning Act and regulations thereunder.

Carried.

Confirming By-Law

R-307-19 Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 51-2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of September 10, 2019, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 51-2019 be read a third and final time and passed.

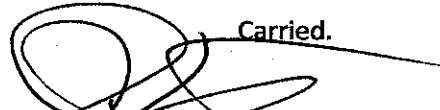
Carried.

Adjournment

R-308-19 Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: This special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 7:10 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor


Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk