

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

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 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
Brad Cole, Manager, Operations/Fire Chief
Randy Wilkinson, Chief Building Official

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

Approval of Agenda

R-354-19 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 approve the agenda of the regular Council meeting of November 12, 2019, as circulated.

Carried.

Public Question Period:

Y. Grandmaitre inquired, on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, whether consideration would be given to downtown businesses while discussing extending the hours of prohibited on-street winter parking.

Minutes:

R-355-19 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 Minutes of the special Council Public Meeting of October 15, 2019 regarding the Official Plan as circulated.

Carried.

R-356-19 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 Minutes of the regular Council meeting of October 28, 2019 as circulated.

Carried.

Correspondence:

R-357-19 Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive correspondence from Kim Ducharme, Exercise and Falls Prevention Program Supervisor dated October 29, 2019; and

That Council does hereby approve that the fees associated with the use of the Merrickville Community Centre for the Seniors' Fitness Class 2019 Christmas Lunch be waived.

Carried.

Public Works:

R-358-19 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 PW-08-2019, being the 2019 third quarter report of the Public Works Department, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-359-19 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 PW-07-2019, regarding the Winter Parking Regulations and Enforcement; and

That Council give favourable consideration to By-law 60-2019, being a by-law to amend Section 11 of By-law 28-17 to increase the prohibited winter parking hours.

Carried.

R-360-19 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 60-2019, being a by-law to amend Section 11 of the Parking By-law 28-17, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 60-2019 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Fire Department:

R-361-19 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 FD-04-2019, being the third quarter report of the Merrickville Fire Department, for information purposes.

Carried.

By-law Enforcement:

R-362-19 Moved by Councillor Halpenny, 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 BLEO-04-2019, being the third quarter report of the By-law Enforcement Department, for information purposes.

Carried.

Building/Planning:

R-363-19 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 CBO-11-2019, being the 2019 third quarter report of the Building and Planning Department, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-364-19 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 "Transforming and Modernizing the Delivery of Ontario's Building Code Services", a Discussion Paper from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Fall 2019 Consultation, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-365-19 Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Foster

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has legislated in the Building Code Act that "the council of each municipality is responsible for the enforcement of this Act in the municipality" and "the council of each municipality shall appoint a chief building official and such inspectors as are necessary for the enforcement of this Act in the areas in which the municipality has jurisdiction";

AND WHEREAS "the council of a municipality may pass by-laws applicable to the matters for which and in the area in which the municipality has jurisdiction for the enforcement of this Act";

AND WHEREAS the Province that has asked local municipal governments to find efficient and cost-effective ways to deliver municipal services is now asking these same municipalities to collect a tax on their behalf to create a new "Delegated Administrative Authority" to deliver services that have historically been the responsibility of the Ontario Government;

AND WHEREAS Premier Ford stated in his keynote address at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario 2019 Conference that "We can't continue throwing money at the problem (broken systems) as our predecessors did, into top-down, big government schemes. That is neither compassionate nor sustainable.";

AND WHEREAS alternative methods of building administration and enforcement have been proposed in this consultation that remove municipal authority but not the associated liability;

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Council of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford requests that the Province of Ontario research their own efficient and cost effective means to deliver their own services, work with current building sector groups that, for the past fifteen years, have been filling the voids as the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has severely reduced its service delivery role, and provide documented, evidence-based justification to all Ontario municipalities that the creation of a new "Delegated Administrative Authority" is necessary prior to any legislative changes to the Building Code Act, with regard to building service delivery, are introduced in the Legislature; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, The Honourable Jim McDonnell, Parliamentary Assistant for Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Carried.

R-366-19 Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Halpenny
Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 63-2019, being a by-law to declare the property legally described as Part Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 28, Plan 6, being Part 1 on Registered Plan 15R-9723 formerly of the Village of Merrickville, now in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 63-2019 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Building/Planning:

R-367-19 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-22-2019 regarding Community Hall Rentals, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-368-19 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 receive report FIN-31-2019, being the financial budget variance report from January 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 and third quarter report of the Finance Department, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-369-19 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 2019 End of Summer Report of the Sizzling Summer Camp, for information purposes.

Carried.

By-laws:

R-370-19 Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Molloy
Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 64-2019, being a by-law to amend By-law 58-2019, being a by-law to regulate and prohibit Heavy Motor Vehicles within the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 64-2019 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Public Question Period to Council:

- P. Watson inquired as to why the Fire Chief and Manager of Public Works positions were combined.
- R. Fournier inquired as to whether the Village had a policy regarding email response time.

Confirming By-Law

R-371-19 Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 62-2019, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of November 12, 2019, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 62-2019 be read a third and final time and passed.

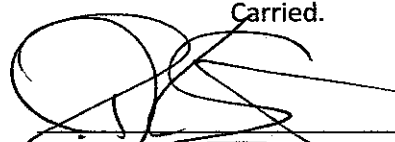
Carried.

Adjournment

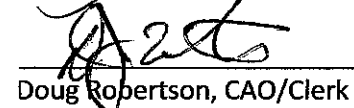
R-372-19 Moved by Councillor Halpenny, Seconded by Councillor Foster

Be it hereby resolved that: This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 8:20 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on Monday, November 25, 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