



**VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD**

**Agenda for Council  
Council Chambers**

Regular Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Monday January 24, 2022

**\*\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE: This meeting will be held electronically. To ensure transparency, an audio recording of this meeting will be livestreamed on YouTube on the "Village of Merrickville-Wolford" YouTube channel at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_OEkw3yIMarGSHGeNecrQg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_OEkw3yIMarGSHGeNecrQg) and posted on the website following adjournment.\*\*\***

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof**
3. **Approval of the Agenda**
4. **Minutes**
  - Approval of Minutes of Regular Council meeting of January 10, 2022
  - Receipt of Library Board minutes of December 8, 2021
5. **Delegations**
  - Robin Eagle, Chamber of Commerce – Victorian Lamp Post Grant
6. **CAO/Clerk:**
  - Neil Caldwell, Jp2g – Update on Sewage Treatment Plan Reserve Capacity
  - CAO-02-2022 Sons of Martha Cairn Project & Donation of Monument
  - Advisory Committee Appointments
  - EAC-01-2022 EAC Municipal Fireworks Displays
  - Municipal Fireworks Display Survey Results
7. **Planning**
  - Consent Application B-136-21 & Report by Jp2g dated January 17, 2022
  - Consent Application B-159-21 & Report by Jp2g dated January 17, 2022
  - Consent Application B-177-21 & Report by Jp2g dated January 11, 2022
8. **Fire Dept**
  - Training and Attendance Policy
  - Emergency Response Attendance Policy
9. **In Camera**
  - 1. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; and
  - 2. A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board; and
  - 3. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and
  - 4. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.
10. **Deferred Items**
  - Maloney/Miller – Noise By-law Exemption Request
11. **Correspondence**
  - Mayor Struthers' Council Memo – January 17, 2022
12. **Notices of Motion**
  - Councillor Ireland – Protocol for Approving New Communication Tower Sites

**13. Public Question Period:** Questions may be emailed to: [mayor@merrickville-wolford.ca](mailto:mayor@merrickville-wolford.ca)

**14. Next meeting of Council:** Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**15. Confirming By-Law:** 05-2022 re: Confirm Proceedings of Council meeting of January 24, 2022

**16. Adjournment.**

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Resolution Number: R - - 22

Date: January 24, 2022

For Clerk's use only, if required:

**Recorded Vote Requested By:**

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

**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 January 24, 2022 as:

\_\_\_ circulated.

\_\_\_ amended.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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### Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby  
approve the Minutes of the regular meeting of January 10, 2022, as

\_\_\_\_\_ circulated.

\_\_\_\_\_ amended.

Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



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

Monday January 10, 7:00 p.m.

**Chaired by:** Mayor J. Douglas Struthers  
**Members of Council:** Deputy Mayor Michael Cameron  
Councillor Bob Foster  
Councillor Timothy Molloy  
Councillor Steve Ireland

**Staff in Attendance:** Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk  
Kirsten Rahm, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk

**Guests:** John Ireland  
Laura Brown  
Shawn Pankow, Mayor, Town of Smiths Falls  
Malcolm Morris, CAO, Town of Smiths Falls

**NOTE:** This meeting was held electronically via Zoom and livestreamed on the Village's YouTube Channel

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

**Approval of Agenda**

**R-001-22** Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Molloy  
**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 January 10, 2022, as circulated.

Carried.

**Delegations:**

**R-002-22** Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Foster  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation from John Ireland and Laura Brown re: Sons of Martha Cairn Restoration and Replication Project.

Carried.

Council gave direction to staff to bring back a brief report at next Council meeting with the highlights of the presentation that would require action items on behalf on the municipality.

**R-003-22** Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded Councillor Ireland  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation of Mayor Pankow and CAO Morris of the Town of Smiths Falls regarding recreation cost sharing.

Carried.

Laura Brown and John Ireland left the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

**CAO/Clerk**

**R-004-22** 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:

\_\_\_\_\_ Receive report CAO-01-2022 regarding a Smiths Falls Recreation Cost-Sharing Agreement; and

\_\_\_\_\_ That Council hereby directs the CAO/Clerk/Director of Economic Development and Mayor to execute the five (5) year Town of Smiths Falls Recreation Cost-Sharing Agreement.

Carried.

**R-005-22**

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Cameron

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

By-Law 04-2022, being a by-law to authorize the execution of a cost-sharing recreation agreement between the Town of Smiths Falls and the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, be read a first and second time, and that By-Law 04-2022 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

**Minutes:**

**R-006-22**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, 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 December 13, 2021 as circulated.

Carried as amended.

**Correspondence**

**R-007-22**

Moved by Councillor Molloy, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive correspondence from the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville re:

- Housing affordability task force – December 17, 2021

Carried.

**Finance**

**R-008-22**

Moved by Councillor Ireland, 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-01-2022, being a report regarding the 2022 Interim Borrowing By-Law.

Carried.

**R-009-22**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Cameron, Seconded by Councillor Foster

**Be it hereby resolved that:** By-law 01-2022, being a by-law to authorize the municipality to borrow up to \$2,000,000 during the January 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022 period,

and up to \$1,000,000 during the October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 period in order to finance the Village's Current Operating Expenditures on an interim basis, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 01-2022 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

**R-010-22**

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-02-2022, being a report regarding the 2022 Interim Tax Levy.

Carried.

**R-011-22**

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Foster

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

By-law 02-2022, being a By-law to impose an interim tax levy for the year 2022 on properties within all tax classes in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 02-2022 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

**Public Question Period:**

No questions received.

**Confirming By-Law**

**R-012-22**

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Molloy

**Be it hereby resolved that:** By-law 03-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of January 10, 2022, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 03-2022 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

**Adjournment**

**R-013-22**

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

**Be it hereby resolved that:** This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 8:32 p.m. until the next meeting of Council on Monday, January 24, 2022 or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk

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Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby  
receive the Minutes of the Library Board meeting of December 8, 2021, as

\_\_\_\_\_ circulated.

\_\_\_\_\_ amended.

Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

## MERRICKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Merrickville Public Library Board's meeting was held on Dec 8, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

Present: M-W: Brian Reid, Carole Roberts, Victor Suthren, John Harris, Montague.

and Mary Kate Laphen (Librarian)

Regrets: Timothy Molloy, Colleen Perkins

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

**1. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest:** None.

**2. Adoption of Agenda:** Moved by Carole; seconded by Victor. **ADOPTED.**

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

- Nov 10/21 board meeting – Moved by Carole; seconded by John. **APPROVED.**
- Special Board Meeting Nov 17/21 - Moved by Victor; seconded by Carole. **APPROVED.**

**5. Correspondence:**

- Received one of the anonymous COVID conspiracy "Cease and desist" letters. Will keep on file.

**6. Questions/ Presentations from Public:** None

**7. Friends of the Library Report:** The Christmas Book Bundle sale fundraiser is underway.

**8. Report from Council:** Deferred.

**Update re: Board's letter to Council:** There has been no official response to this, but Mary Kate is told that the letter has been circulated to Council.

**9. Librarian's Report:** see notes (below).

**10. Other Business:**

i. **Library Exterior Repairs:**

- **Roof:** checked in on this and have been assured it will be done this week or next.
- **Budget 2022:** no additional information for this as yet, although salary information is in the works. According to the municipal Treasurer, library budget information should not be needed until after the January board meeting.
- **Seed Library Report:** Distributed the report on the Seed Library for information. Will pass on to Sustainable Merrickville-Wolford and the Lions Club and post to the website.

Link: <https://merrickvillepubliclibrary.files.wordpress.com/2021/12/seed-library-report-2021-final.pdf>

**Resolution (21-DEC-01):**

a. to transfer the money earmarked for the Seed Library (Lions Club funding, donations, miscellaneous revenue) from the 2021 Operating account to the Library Reserve account for use in 2022,

b. and to return the funds from the Reserve to the Operating account in 2022.

Moved by: John, Seconded by: Victor, **APPROVED.**

ii. **Planning:**

- **Board Priorities 21-22:** Reviewed and discussed list. Agreed on the following priorities:
  - Address the Building exterior maintenance with the municipality (in progress, Winter)
    - Will continue to pursue this with Council
  - Look into financial options re: Library reserve (Winter)
    - John will bring back additional information for discussion during the winter
  - Update Accessibility Plan (Spring >)
  - Board end-of-term report, etc (Fall)

**11. Next meeting:**

- Regular Board meeting – Wed, January 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

**12. In Camera Session** (deferred from Nov 17 Special Meeting):

- Personal matters about an identifiable individual (CEO Performance Review)

The Board entered the in camera portion of the meeting; Mary Kate left the meeting.

**13. Meeting Adjourned.**

Librarian \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

## Statistics

	November 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2020	Nov 2019	Nov 201
<b>Patrons</b>	<b>783</b> + 113 OverDrive users	720 + 109 OverDrive users:	671 and 86 OverDrive users	1134 w/mtgs 1171 +4.5%	1102 - 9.5% w/mtgs 1119
<b>(Kids/Youth)</b>	<b>153 (45 k / 108 y)</b>	<b>132 (44 k / 82 y)</b>	<b>85 (30k / 55y)</b>	<b>342 (77 / 265)</b>	<b>270 (84 / 186)</b>
<b>(Progs)</b>	<b>35</b> – in liby (8 progs) <b>0</b> – Zoom programs (0 progs)	33- in liby (5 progs + Halloween stations 23 – Take & Make (2 crafts) 30 – Zoom programs (4 progs)	In Library 28- (5 progs) Virtual Programs 8 (1 program) 34 views (YouTube)	123-in (1 prgs, 1 CV-in) 36-out of Lib, (5-prgs)	78-in (10 prgs, ) 31-out of Lib, (5-prgs, 0 CV)
<b>Mtg Rm users</b>	16 – in liby (4 mtg) 7 – Zoom (1 mtg)	13 – in lib (4 mtgs) 7 – Zoom (1 mtg)	12 in liby ( 3 mtgs) 20 Zoom (3 mtgs)	37 (6 mtgs)	17 (3 mtgs)
<b>Circulation</b>	<b>Total: 2235</b> Lib: 1573 (A-954, J/T-628) OverDrive: 556 (circ) Kanopy 106 (plays)	<b>TOTAL: 2083</b> Lib: 1398 (A-836, J/T-562) OverDrive: 633 (circ) Kanopy 52 (plays)	<b>TOTAL: 2032</b> Lib: 1320 (A-913, J-384, T-23) OverDrive: 622 (circ) Kanopy 90 (plays)	<b>TOTAL 2369</b> +0.5% Lib: 1972 -3% (A-1239, J-754, T-9) OverDrive: 397	<b>TOTAL 2358 -</b> 3% Lib: 203 -5.5% (A-1440, J-554, T-45) OverDrive: 319
<b>Internet use (+wireless):</b>	169 52 / 117 wifi)	181 (52 / 129 wifi)	183 (79 / 104 wifi)	223 -28% (191 / 20w / 12 Tab)	311 -20.5 (238 / 55w / 18 Tab)
<b>ILL borrowed/lent:</b>	60 in / 47 out	71 in / 29 out	42 in / 47 out	93 / 62	89 / 95

The Library is now on winter hours (closing at 7:30 in the evenings). November use was generally up from earlier in the fall, although it is still a slower time of year. Vists, circulation, and Kanopy use were up, ebooks were down. **Programs & Services:**

### Children's Programs:

**StoryTime:** Numbers are continuing low, but we are getting some more/new kids coming. On the plus side, it makes distancing easy.

**Beginner French:** This hasn't had as much uptake as we had hoped, but it has a following. We will continue it until the Christmas break.

**Activities:** We will have a drop-in kids' craft station, on Thursday and Friday afternoons and Saturdays. Our co-op student will be organizing this.

**Book Clubs:** The Library book club was in person this month. The other book clubs are continuing to request books, but have not been asking for Zoom meetings, so far. This is subject to change depending on the pandemic.

**Off the Shelf:** This will be in person for December. There will be limited numbers, vaccination proof required, masks and distanced seating, no refreshments, etc, but people are looking forward to it.

**Internet/Computers:** Internet use has continued to be lower than pre-pandemic, but we will see what effect the higher speed internet service has when it comes. We are still offering printing/assistance with vaccination passports. This is likely to be more in demand as people get their booster shots. Will contact IT support re: network this month.

**InterLibrary Loans:** Demand from book clubs continues; more requests from other libraries this month.

**Meeting Room:** The meeting room is (cautiously) available, however, groups using it must provide proof of vaccination (provincial requirement). The French conversation group and the Book Club are meeting there currently, and the Knitting group has come back.

**Virtual Meeting Room:** We are still providing Zoom meetings for community groups on request, such as the Trails Society.

**Collection:** Have put in the Winter bestsellers pre-order. There are still no Scholastic sales for kids' books.

In recent months, we have been building up our First Nations collection and have added a number of well-regarded titles. Have weeded the Large Print collection.

**Volunteers:** Our volunteers continue to shelve, process new books, package ILLs, work on the genealogy collection, help with discards, and more. They have also been setting up the book bundles for the Christmas fundraiser.

**Donations:** We received a few more donations from library members, including some money specifically for the Seed Library.

**Facilities:** Have picked up the new sign for out front and am looking into how to mount it. A local artist has offered to display his paintings in the library in the new year. So far we haven't seen any mice, but will set out the traps again (tis the season).

**Publicity/Outreach:** Usual Phoenix column (but this is a 3-month issue). Also continue to post events and new books to the webpage and social media. In Dec/Jan, I will be considering what we want in our website refresh and our marketing plan. We may have a new volunteer that will help with social media/marketing.

**Partnerships/Outreach:** Continuing involvement with the ECO Champions contest, the Trails Society (work on the Story Trail, and planning a display in the Library during the winter), the Chamber of Commerce, and the School, and with Sustainable Merrickville-Wolford re: the Seed Library report. Will also be sharing that report with the Lions Club.

**Co-op Student:** This is continues to go well. Mostly she has continued with children's programs (Beginner French group, Christmas crafts), Instagram posts, Christmas decorating, and miscellaneous.

**Professional Development, Meetings, etc:** Both Linda and I have taken the training to update our First Aid certifications. Will look into an auto defibrillator device for the Library.

**Grants, etc:** Have collected the "typical week" data for the Annual survey.

**Plans for month:** The Library will be closed between Christmas Eve and New Years, except for 2 afternoons (Dec 27, 29). Will continue to work on the budget as information is available (salary info is in the works). Will contact IT support and move forward re: our website refresh. Would like to work on marketing, but this may have to wait until the new year. Would like to look into an auto defibrillator for the Library (inspired by the First Aid training), and it has been suggested that we get a therapeutic SAD (seasonal affective disorder) lamp, that people could use in the Library. These are affordable and this has been done in other libraries, so I will look into it further. And, of course, the usual library business.



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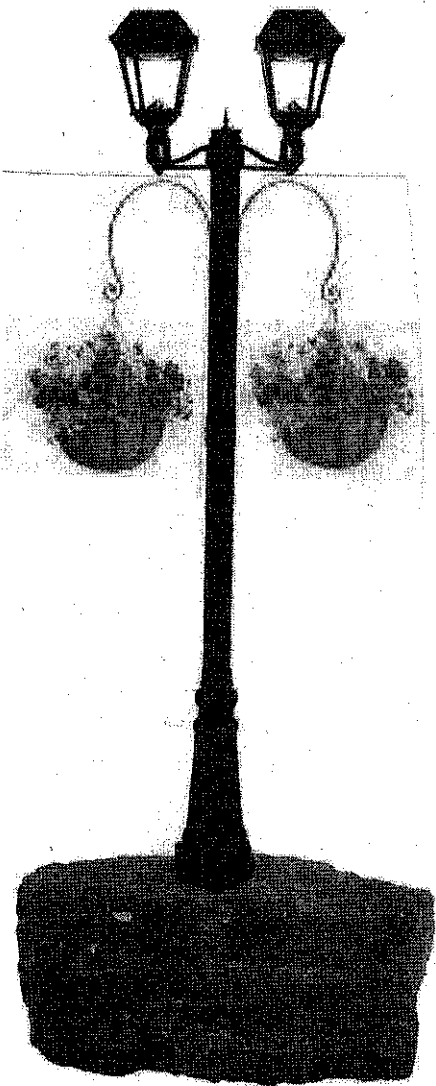
### **Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation from Robin Eagle, Chamber of Commerce re: Victorian Lamp Post Grant .

Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



# VICTORIAN LAMP POST PROJECT

## PROPOSAL

To place 70 Victorian-styled solar lamp posts mounted on Armour Stone at strategic locations throughout the core area and in other select locations of the historic Village of Merrickville.

Presented by the Streetscaping Working Group  
(a sub-committee of the Merrickville-Wolford  
and District Chamber of Commerce)



# **Victorian Lamp Post Project**

## **The Project**

- a) To place 70 Victorian-styled solar lamp posts mounted on Armour Stone at strategic locations throughout the core area and in other select locations of the historic Village of Merrickville.
- b) To obtain a storage shed for off season storage of posts, and associated hardware and accessories (eg. wire baskets).

## **Objectives**

- Enhancing the aesthetics of the Core Area in keeping with the Victorian nature of the Village, as per policy 6.2.3.3 of the Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan
- Providing seating opportunities at regular intervals
- Increasing illumination of sidewalks in commercial and municipal areas
- Providing an opportunity for consistent and more widely distributed seasonal and themed messaging
- Providing visual references to improve wayfinding in areas beyond St. Lawrence Street

## **Details**

In keeping with the architecture of the historic Village of Merrickville, we propose to install a series of Victorian lamp posts at strategic locations throughout the Village Core Area. The lamp posts will be mounted on blocks of Armour Stone, referencing the stone blocks used in the Rideau Canal Locks and many of the buildings in the core. Further, the design is intended to mirror the newly renovated parkette adjacent to the Block House.

The stone blocks will be roughly 36 x 18 x 18" (l x w x h) and weigh approximately 2 tons each. They will be heavy enough to securely anchor the lamps and of sufficient size and height to provide seating opportunities at the base of each lamp. This increased outdoor seating throughout the core area will assist our elderly and physically disabled residents and visitors to rest at will while walking through the Village. Placing the posts on stone blocks will also allow them to be moved into storage seasonally as required to facilitate sidewalk plowing.

The lamps are solar powered and provide 600 lumens of illumination per post (equivalent to ~ 50 watt incandescent bulb) without the additional cost of power. The light level allows adequate illumination directly under the post without creating a distraction for motorists transiting through the Village.

Each post will be equipped with two plant hangers for flower baskets, similar to the small number of existing wooden posts on St Lawrence that are now reaching the end of their life span. Additionally, the posts themselves can provide opportunities for consistent seasonal and themed messaging without the need to hire a lift truck. For example, the posts can be wrapped in the LGBTQ colours for Pride Week, the red and white of the Canadian Flag for Canada Day, or evergreen garlands for the Holiday Season.

The posts' consistent design and placements are meant to provide visitors with visual way finding references within the core. Currently, businesses located off St Lawrence St are at a disadvantage due to inconsistent and

limited placement of flower baskets and banners. By providing consistent visual cues throughout the Core Area, visitors will be invited to explore those areas beyond the traditional 3 block shopping strip.

In the long term, storage will be required for posts and associated hardware in the off season. The Working Group also intends to build an inventory of various accessories and decorative elements that will require safe storage between uses. As such, we will need a secure storage shed for these items.

### **Design**

Please see attached specifications

### **Proposed Locations**

Working Group members chose possible locations based on measurements that permit adequate clearance for the sidewalk snow plow.

Please see attachment, Proposed Lamp Post Locations

### **Projected Cost**

#### Initial Costs:

GamaSonic Imperial III double lamp head	\$ 924
GamaSonic Surface Mount Post	\$ 491
Armour Stone (2 ton)	\$ 150
Commercial Plant Hooks	\$ 300
<u>Labour</u>	<u>\$ 150</u>
	\$ 2015
Taxes and duty	\$ 200
<u>Shipping</u>	<u>\$ 200</u>
Total per post	\$ 2415

70 Posts	\$169,050
<u>Storage Shed</u>	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
Grand Total	\$173,050

\*Figures quoted are in Cdn \$. We have not as yet received a firm quote on the lamps and posts, shipping, duty or taxes. These figures are estimates based on correspondence to date with the company, as well as the exchange rate at the time.

#### Future Costs:

The present cost of a replacement battery is \$29.99 each and each lamp head takes 4 batteries, which comes to a total of \$8397.20 for 70 lamps every 2-3 years.

The present cost of replacement LEDs is \$109.95, which comes to a total of \$7696.50 for 70 lamps every 10 years. Prorated over 10 years, this averages out to a total annual maintenance cost of \$4128. Obviously, these prices will increase over time.

Depending on whether Village staff can disassemble/assemble and move the lamps into and out of storage, there will be the cost of time and resources to do this twice per year. Alternatively, local landscaper Jonah Robinson has quoted roughly 1.5 days @ \$85/hour to do this work, at a total cost of \$2040 a year.

### **Proposed Funding**

My Main Street Community Activator Grant - \$173,000

Deadline for application is February 1, 2022

### **Requested Support**

We request council and staff to review the proposed locations and provide feedback.

We propose cancelling any flower barrels usually placed in the core area, and increasing the order for hanging flower baskets to 140 (two per post).

As we are including the cost of a storage shed in the Grant Application, we request Council and Staff to identify a suitable location on Municipal property.

We request a Letter of Support from Council stating that you endorse the project, and data as required to support the grant application.

Since this grant is for reimbursement of funds spent, upon confirmation of approval for grant monies, we would request financial assistance from the Village of Merrickville-Wolford in the form of a short-term loan.

The L-Ion batteries will need to be replaced every 2-3 years, and the LEDs will need replacing approximately every 10 years. We request that replacement cost of batteries and LEDs be included in the Village annual budget.

### **Stakeholders**

- Merrickville-Wolford and District Chamber of Commerce
- The Streetscaping Working Group (a sub-committee of the Chamber of Commerce) members Audrey Bridge, Lisa Card, Rosemary Decatur, Robyn Eagle, and Robyn Fredrickson
- The Village of Merrickville-Wolford

### **Conclusion**

By enhancing the beautiful Victorian aesthetic of our Village and increasing the general ambience, we hope to inspire more return visits from tourists as well as attracting an increased number of new ones. It will also strengthen the Victorian branding of Merrickville, and visually extend what visitors perceive to be the "tourist area", thereby increasing pedestrian traffic outside the traditional 3 block "strip" on St. Lawrence St. The consistent and wide-spread placement of the posts throughout the commercial and municipal areas of town will increase the opportunities for displaying flower baskets as well as other themed and decorative elements on a much broader basis than is currently possible.

Our goal is to create a safe and welcoming atmosphere which encourages residents and visitors to spend more time in our core area, walking, shopping, and dining both during daylight hours and after dark. This has the potential to encourage the extension of business hours to better serve the local community. If we are successful in obtaining grant funds for this project, we will be able to accomplish all of this with very minimal cost to the Municipality and tax payers.



## My Main Street Community Activator Application Form - Year two

### Community Activator - Application - Year Two (2022)

We are currently accepting applications for The My Main Street Community Activator: Year Two (2022).

You can apply with a project that is planned or underway. Successful applications will be eligible for reimbursements against project costs incurred between January 1 and December 31, 2022.

Applications will on **December 1, 2021 to February 1, 2022**. Please endeavor to submit your application as early as possible, to expedite funding deployment.

Please fill out and save this form, along with the Project Budget spreadsheet. You will be prompted to upload both documents when applying, along with one piece of documentation confirming your organizational status as an eligible organization. This can include, but is not limited to Articles of Incorporation, Business Number Registration, Charitable Status, etc.

Our goal is to make this application simple and easy to complete. Our Applicant Guide is also available for download, and contains a program overview, as well as details on how applications will be scored and the reporting requirements for successful applicants.

A list of example projects is posted on [mymainstreet.ca/news](http://mymainstreet.ca/news). Questions can be sent to [placemaking@mymainstreet.ca](mailto:placemaking@mymainstreet.ca).

**Please provide contact information and the total funding request for your application:**

**Legal name of lead organization applying:** Merrickville-Wolford and District Chamber of Commerce and

**Address:** Box 458, Merrickville, On K0G 1N0

**Primary contact name:** Robyn Eagle

**Title:** President, Chamber of Commerce

**Preferred language:** English

**Phone number:**

**Email:** [president@merrickvillechamber.ca](mailto:president@merrickvillechamber.ca)

**Total reimbursement amount requested:** \$173,050

### Section One: Tell us about your project!

**1. Project title:** Decorative Victorian Style Lamp Post Project

**2. In 300 characters or less, please describe your project:**

To install 70 Victorian-styled solar lamp posts at strategic locations throughout the core commercial area of the Village of Merrickville. The intent is to enhance Merrickville's Victorian brand and create a consistent visual streetscape for our public spaces.

**3a. What Community Activator theme does your project fall under?**

**Events and activations**

Short, limited or repeating community events or activations which intend to draw an audience, respond to an undeserved market demand, enhance community connection or create an appealing destination, positioning the area as a center of community and economic activity.

**Community improvements**

Above grade improvements/adaptations to streetscape, design, landscaping and amenities that reimagines and reshapes public space to maximize its shared value.

**Policy and capacity building**

The development of strategies, partnerships and capacities that will facilitate a focused, deliberate path to revitalizing or strengthening a downtown or commercial district's economy through intentional and creative placemaking. Eligible work could include inclusion training, strategy development, and recovery action plans.

(Character limit: 300)

Community Improvements:

The posts will provide platforms for flower baskets, seasonal decorations, and themed messaging for equity seeking groups eg. bunting in the colours of Pride, National Truth and Reconciliation, etc. They will also serve as visual way-finding landmarks throughout the core



**3b. If your project fits under Events and Activations: if this is a recurring event or activity you've done in a previous year, please tell us about how the MMS Community Activator funding will allow you to do something new or significantly enhance your previous event.**

(Character limit: 1250)

N/A

**4. Please describe your project, and how it will drive civic engagement, spur economic activity and support economic and social benefit for equity seeking groups. Please include your project design, work plan and timeline.**

**Events and activations:** Please describe the type, number and timeline for your event(s), and outline the proposed concept, details and intended outcome of your project.

**Community enhancements:** Please describe the physical improvements/adaptations you will be making, and how they are intended to reimagine and reshape public space to maximize its shared value.



**Policy and capacity building:** Please describe the policy, strategy, partnership or capacity-building initiative you will be exploring, what your end product will be (report, etc.) and how that will support sustainable and impactful placemaking, build equity and enjoyment or support the local economy.

**(Character limit: 2500)**

Victorian Style Solar Lamp Posts will be installed throughout the commercial core of the Village of Merrickville. A map of specific locations is attached. Each post will be equipped with two brackets for hanging flower baskets, adding colour and vibrancy to the streetscape. The lamps are solar powered so no connections to utilities are required, and they will have a low environmental impact.

The posts are meant to provide visitors with consistent visual way-finding references to encourage use of less obvious public spaces and better define the commercial core. This will especially benefit those retail businesses on side streets outside the main 3 block stretch of downtown, who currently experience significantly less pedestrian traffic than those within those blocks. Better defining the breadth of public spaces in the Village core will encourage visitors to spend more time exploring and patronizing more of our businesses.

## **5. What long term impact do you hope this project will have?**

How does this project support a sustainable strategy to draw visitors, increase local vibrancy and social cohesion, and spur economic activity?

**(Character limit: 1250)**

The design of the lamp posts enhances the Victorian character of Merrickville. It's the charm of the Village on the banks of the historic Rideau Canal which attracts visitors here. The distribution of the lamp posts will be a consistent visual reference lending cohesion to the Village's commercial and public spaces and inviting greater exploration. The enhanced lighting will encourage visitors and residents to prolong their stay in the Village core after dusk and to patronize our retail businesses during extended hours, which is currently a challenge for our business community, especially during the darker winter months.

## **6. Write a tweet for your project.**

Write a 280 character tweet for your project that would encourage someone to participate.

Imagine strolling through a real life Victorian village. Historic Merrickville, located on the banks of the Rideau Canal...straight out of a Hallmark movie.

# **Section Two: Tell us where you are!**

## **1. Support will be provided to projects that are focused on clearly defined areas of commercial and community value.**

Please describe the geographic area that will be served by your project (this can be a neighbourhood, street, BIA district, or other location of commercial or community importance like a strip mall).

Please include the streets or other boundary lines of the Main Street Community that will be served.

**(Character limit: 1250)**

The project will encompass the Core Area as defined by the Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan, which is roughly bounded by the Rideau Canal to the north, Bruce St to the south, Read St to the west and Church St to the east, as well as a smaller area running east of St. Lawrence St (CR 43) along the north side of the Rideau River. In addition, lamp posts will be placed in the Highway Commercial Area at the juncture of Broadway and Grenville Way/St. Lawrence St, where there are new commercial developments, as well as by the 4 entrance signs to the Village.

## **2. Why is this location important?**

Please indicate why this location is important in terms of demographics, historic challenges, vacancy rate, etc.

If possible, please list the number of independent businesses in your catchment area that could benefit from your project.

If possible, please highlight specific issues of representation, inclusion, safety or economic prosperity that your project will address for equity seeking populations, including Indigenous communities, Black communities, other racialized groups, newcomers, youth (39 and under), people living with disabilities, the unhoused, low-income people, Francophone, women, Trans or non-binary people, and LGBTQ+.

**(Character limit: 1250)**

There are currently 62 independent businesses within the catchment area that could benefit, 60% of which are female owned and operated. These businesses provide approximately 100 jobs to primarily local residents, which has a significant impact on the local economy. The majority of these jobs are filled by women who have limited employment opportunities outside of the local retail sector due to the rural location of the Village. Several members of our growing population of new Canadians from Syria have also found employment within our local retail community.

The posts will provide a consistent platform for messaging to equity seeking groups that all are welcome in

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## **Section Three: Tell us who you are!**

### **1. We're looking for projects that are being led collaboratively.**

Please list all the organizations or groups that will be involved in the design and implementation of your project, including their roles and responsibilities.

Please include any letters of support or partnership letters on the submission portal.

**(Character limit: 1250)**

The project was initiated by the Streetscape Working Group, a sub-committee of the Merrickville-Wolford & District Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber and the Village of Merrickville-Wolford are co-applicants on this grant submission. They are full partners in the project, collaborating on design, sourcing, logistics, and implementation of the plan. Once the posts are in place, each body has clearly defined roles and commitments in terms of responsibility for ongoing maintenance, flower baskets, and other decorations. Letters of Support have been included with this application on the portal, including from Le Boat, the Merrickville Lions Club, Merrickville Organization for Culture and the Arts, Merrickville Preparatory School, and Sustainable Merrickville

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**2. Please tell us how your project involves or will be informed by representatives of equity seeking groups, or address issues of access, economic vitality and social cohesion that have been heightened by the realities of COVID-19.**

If applicable, please list all of the community or equity seeking groups who have been consulted in the design and implementation of your project.

**(Character limit: 1250)**

Sixty percent of businesses impacted by this project are female owned and operated, as are a majority of their employees, some of whom are from two Syrian refugee families recently arrived to Canada and settled in Merrickville. We have witnessed business failures during the pandemic, both in our established business community and in several startup businesses, which is placing an obvious hardship on the community. Merrickville's downtown core has traditionally functioned as a social gathering place, which has been disrupted during Covid-19. The health of our business community is dependent on visitors spending significant time

**3. What is your organization's annual budget?**

I think this would be the Village's annual budget.....

## **Section Four: Tell us how you define success!**

**1. The My Main Street Community Activator seeks to fund projects that can demonstrate the impact of placemaking projects on economic vibrancy and social cohesion. Please note that up to 10% of your budget can be dedicated to evaluation.**

Please tell us how you define success for your project (number of visits, retail uplift, public sentiment tracking, etc.).

Please tell us how you plan to measure this success and who on your team will conduct this evaluation.

If possible:

- Please estimate how many jobs, if any, will be created or maintained by your project
- Estimate how much commercial activity your project will generate in your project area.
- Provide any baseline data, positive or negative, about your project area (visitors per year, number of vacant storefronts, etc.). This will help us understand the impact you're trying to have.

**(Character limit: 2500)**

A comprehensive Provincially funded visitor survey was conducted in the Village of Merrickville in 2019 by the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors which provides baseline visitor sentiment metrics. A copy of the relevant results are attached. We have included a budget in this proposal for a followup survey to allow us to measure the impact these improvements have on visitor sentiment. This will also help us determine if further similar improvements in the business core are warranted. There are currently 62 independent businesses within the core area indicated. Sixty percent of those 62 businesses are female owned and operated. Further, these businesses provide approximately 100 jobs to primarily local residents, which has a significant impact on the local economy. The core has experienced a 26% turn-over rate during the last two years, coinciding with the pandemic. Several store fronts have seen multiple new occupants within that same two year period. The aesthetic improvements aimed at revitalizing the Village's commercial core will help mitigate this trend. This is

## Section Five: Project Details

**1. Do you have all necessary licenses and permits in relation to the Project? If not, how and when will these be obtained?**

Yes

**2. Project Timeline. Please tell us the full timeline of your project. Please note that only project costs incurred between January 1 and December 31, 2022 are eligible for reimbursement.**

Material Acquisition by May 31, 2022

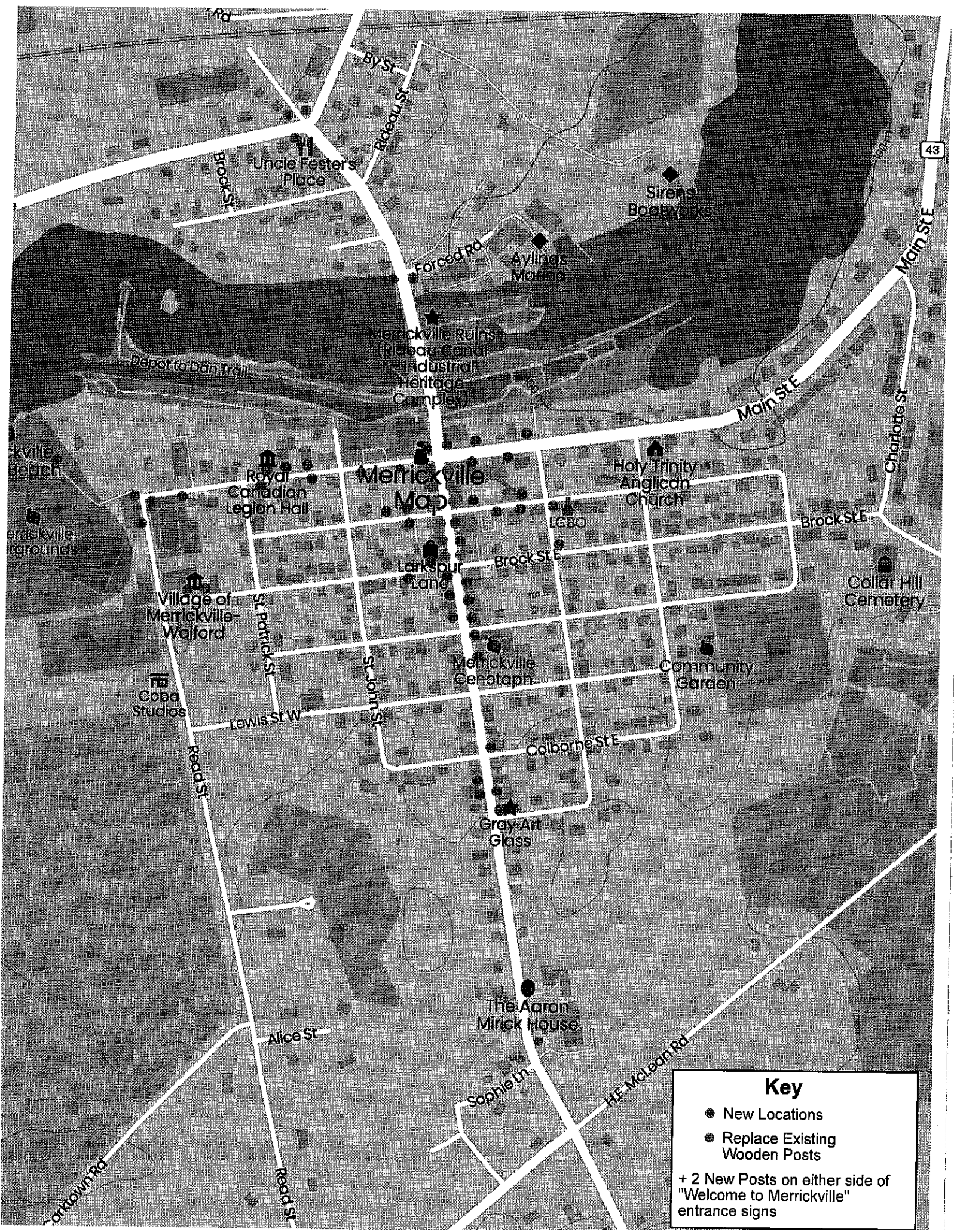
Assembly and completion by September 01, 2022

Follow-up survey completed and results tabulated by December 31, 2022



**3. Project start date:** March 15, 2022

**4. Project end date:** December 31, 2022



### Key

- New Locations
- Replace Existing Wooden Posts

+ 2 New Posts on either side of "Welcome to Merrickville" entrance signs

### Proposed Lamp Post Location List

1. Stone Church - Broadway
2. Milano's Pizza
3. Grass median at Scallywags on Broadway
4. Across from The Foundry
5. In front of The Foundry
6. Public Library
7. Entrance to Fairgrounds at north end of Community Centre
8. South end of Community Centre
9. Corner west of rink
10. Between Violets on Main and rink
11. Town Hall
12. Town Hall
13. The Legion
14. 1840 B&B
15. Whistlepost Antiques
16. St. Anne's Catholic Church
17. Vacant lot between Merrickville Nails and Iron Forge
18. Vacant lot west of Main St Family Restaurant
19. Between Yellow Canoe and vacant building (old "Diluca")
20. Parkette
21. United Church/MUAC
22. Between MUAC and Stella Luna
23. Stella Luna
24. Corner of Pickle and Myrrh, in front of Fulford's fence
25. Between Fulford Academy and RBC
26. Parking lot/ PortaPotty west of Vet Clinic
27. Vet Clinic
28. Joy of Olives
29. Between Downtown Icecream and Merrickville Book Emporium
30. Back of Fulford Academy
31. Parking lot on Wellington East
32. Merrickville Drug Store
33. LCBO
34. LCBO
35. Rock garden in front of Post Office
36. The Flower
37. Healthily Ever After
38. Between windows at Abel Mountain
39. Abel Kids on lawn
40. Bob's Fries
41. Mrs. McGarrigles, across from fire hydrant

- 42. Goose and Gridiron
- 43. Chaiya Décor
- 44. Cenotaph Park
- 45. Cenotaph Park
- 46. Colbourne East and St. Lawrence St
- 47. Knox Wedding Venue
- 48. Knox Wedding Venue
- 49. Zephyr
- 50. Gray Art Glass
- 51. Hilltop Manor

Plus, 11 replacements for the current wood posts on St. Lawrence St. and 8 additional posts on either side of the 4 entrance signs to Merrickville (not shown on map)



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By:**

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

### **Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive an update from Neil Caldwell – Jp2g, regarding Sewage Treatment Plan reserve capacity, for information purposes.

Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

**Jp2g Consultants Inc.**

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January 21, 2022  
Village of Merrickville-Wolford  
317 Brock Street West  
Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0

Jp2g No. 19-5031D

Attention: Mr. Doug Robertson, MBA  
CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development

Re: Merrickville STP Sewage Flow Update to December 2021

Dear Sir:

This letter provides an update to our November 17, 2021 letter on the sewage flow average daily flow data for 2021 to date verses 2020 to include data to the end of 2021. The data is presented on the attached graph along with rain data from the gauges at Drummond Centre and Kemptville.

The average daily flows for the years 2014 – 2021 are shown in the chart below. There was a significant reduction in flow to the sewage plant between 2020 and 2021. As noted in our November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 letter, the full impact of the March 2021 repair should become evident once the sewage flow/rainfall through March 2022 have been compiled and analyzed against the 2020 and 2021 data. There was less precipitation in 2021 verses 2020 that would account for a portion of the drop in flow.

Year	Average Influent (m3/day)	Peak Influent (m3/day)
2014	625	2706
2015	516	1403
2016	556	1783
2017	810	3058
2018	590	1830
2019	577	2257
2020	606	1724
2021	473	1635
<b>5year Average</b>	<b>611</b>	

Note that the 5-year average for 2015-2019 was 610m3/day, which would indicate that the efforts being made by the Village to reduce the extraneous flow into the sewage collection system are having a positive impact, since there have been several connections added to the system in this time period with no noticeable change in flow volume.

Sincerely,

**Jp2g Consultants Inc.**

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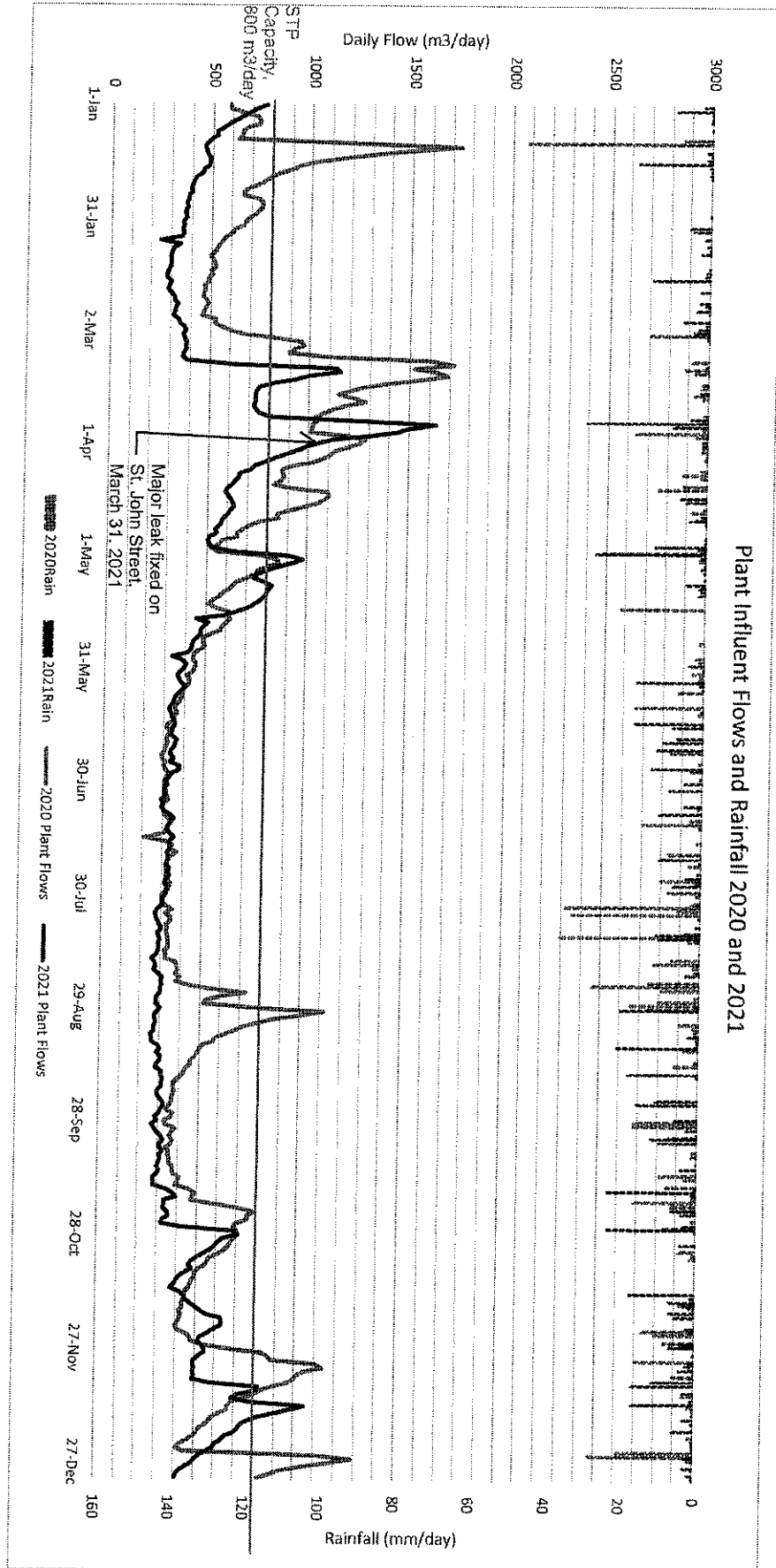
Neil Caldwell, P.Eng PMP  
Chief Executive Officer

cc. Andrew MacDonald, P.Eng, Jp2g Consultants Inc.

Attachment: Plant Influent Flows and Rainfall 2020 – 2021

Jp2g No. 19-5031D

Plant Influent Flows and Rainfall 2020 and 2021



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Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

### Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council for the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report CAO-02-2022 regarding the "Sons of Martha" Cairn Restoration & Replication / Monument Project for information;

AND THAT: Council hereby directs the CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development to work with the Project Team at this time to:

1. Develop a potential landscape design and seek input from relevant agencies regarding potential approvals to install the Replica Cairn & Monument at the new Merrickville Public Square;
2. Determine order of magnitude costs and apply for suitable available grants as they are identified to offset costs as much as possible; and,
3. Identify potential construction contractors to prepare the site.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



**Village of Merrickville - Wolford**

**Report CAO-02-2022  
of the CAO/Clerk's Department  
Report to Council: January 24, 2022**

**RE: "Sons of Martha" Cairn / Monument Project**

**OBJECTIVE:**

To seek Council's direction and approval to work with the Project Team to advance the "Sons of Martha" Cairn Restoration & Replication / Monument Project.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:** the Council for the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report CAO-02-2022 regarding the "Sons of Martha" Cairn Restoration & Replication / Monument Project for information;

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3. Identify potential construction contractors to prepare the site.

**BACKGROUND:**

On January 10, 2022, Council received a delegation from John Ireland and Laura Brown Breetvelt regarding the "Sons of Martha" Cairn Restoration & Replication / Monument Project. An extensive, very capable and engaged Project Team has been assembled composed of respected community members and representatives of key local organizations for this exciting initiative. At that meeting, Council directed staff to bring back a report on the subject.

**ANALYSIS:**

The Village of Merrickville-Wolford has an extensive, rich and extremely interesting heritage and history full interesting and influential residents and stories. This priceless legacy is in part reflected in the extremely large number of beautiful heritage buildings that set the stage for our streetscapes throughout the community. But more broadly it is also reflected in the rich legacy left by people – community builders before us that have lived and worked in Merrickville-Wolford throughout the generations and who have left

their fingerprints on the community's history books. We cannot let this history be forgotten. It's a history unique to only Merrickville-Wolford and it's something that cannot ever be 'bought' or reproduced elsewhere. It is also the envy of other communities throughout Canada who have lost their heritage buildings for the sake of "development" or "progress" and it is reflected in the residents and business people whose feet touch our streets every day and whose names grace our heritage plaques, headstones, buildings and roads. It is also this history that forms a key component of our local economy by attracting tourism and new residents and businesses.

It is this legacy that has led to so many wonderful community achievements such as being named *Canada's Most Beautiful Village* by Communities in Bloom and it is a legacy that we must celebrate and capture for future generations to be proud of their roots and other connections to the Village of Merrickville-Wolford. And I believe that it is this legacy that the Project Team is asking Village Council and staff for support to capture, protect and leverage for the community's future benefit through the "Sons of Martha" Cairn / Monument Project. The Project Team is demonstrating leadership and making admirable personal sacrifices to accomplish this and they will leave their fingerprints in the community's history books through their contribution with this project.

During their delegation, Mr. Ireland and Ms. Brown Breetvelt identified potential locations for the Replica Cairn / Monument in the following order of preference:

1. The new Public Square at Main & Mill Streets in Merrickville
2. The park on Parks Canada lands north of the new Public Square
3. H. F. McLean Park at the Beach

On September 14, 2020, Council approved Report CAO-09-2020 providing the Main Street Revitalization Project Update. It provided context regarding the design envisioned by the CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development for the new Public Square and identified:

- It as being next to the *"gateway to the commercial district for tourists and other visitors to the Village to enjoy"*;
- That *"The site must be inviting for people to access and contribute to a memorable experience when visiting the Village, while contributing to passive security"*; and,
- That *"the landscape designer was asked to incorporate features that allow for multi-purpose use of the site as a public square for community announcements and other gatherings, in addition to functioning as a meeting place and entrance to Blockhouse park for pedestrians"*.

#### **BUDGET/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

To be determined.

#### **CONCLUSIONS:**

The objectives for the new Public Square and the "Sons of Martha" Cairn / Monument Project appear well aligned. Given the extensive potential community benefit and importance of capturing the legacy of H.F. McLean and Rudyard Kipling's connection to

the history of Merrickville-Wolford and the specific objectives identified by the Project Team in the Delegation to Council, the new Public Square appears to be the most suitable location from amongst those identified. It would provide the greatest degree of profile suitable for the Replica Cairn and donated Monument of H.F. McLean and Rudyard Kipling.

This new Public Square would provide the greatest potential visibility and security levels, and it would help to "build out" the attractiveness and enhance usage levels of the Public Square, thereby further fulfilling of the objectives for the new Public Square. It is difficult to identify another location that would provide the same level of exposure and alignment of objectives that the new Public Square offers.

As stated in the Delegation, 2022 is an important symbolic anniversary year for Engineers across Canada and it is within 3 years of the time that the original cairn was constructed. Given this, it is important that the Project Team receive the approvals and support that they require to move this project ahead as quickly as possible.

**INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPACTS:**

Not applicable.

**LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLANS:**

**Vision**

*Preserving a quality of life on the Rideau River that is vibrant, natural, rural, and historic.*

The priorities of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford Approved Strategic Plan 2017-2025 (By-law 10-17) that are relevant to this report are, as follows:

- *Protecting Heritage, Rural, and Natural Environments*
- *Building a Progressive, Growing Economy*
- *Ensuring Efficient, Effective Services & Civic Engagement*

Respectfully submitted by:



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Doug Robertson, MBA  
CAO/Clerk/Director, Economic Development



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Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

### **Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as a voting member on the Recreation, Health and Wellness Advisory Committee; and

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint \_\_\_\_\_ as a voting member on the Committee of Adjustment; and

That Council direct staff to place a call for request for volunteers to fill a vacancy on the Recreation, Health and Wellness Advisory Committee.

Carried / Defeated

\_\_\_\_\_  
J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

*Jewel of the Rideau*

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DEC 22 2021

## Request for Volunteers: Member Application Form

The Village of Merrickville-Wolford is looking to fill vacancies on the following committees:

- Committee of Adjustment; and
- Recreation, Health and Wellness Advisory Committee

If you are interested in community service, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. To learn more about these committees, please visit our website to view the Terms of Reference.

If you are interested in applying to be a member of one of the above committees, please complete the information below and return the form to [deputyclerk@merrickville-wolford.ca](mailto:deputyclerk@merrickville-wolford.ca) or to 317 Brock Street West, P.O. Box 340, Merrickville, K0G 1N0 no later than December 31, 2021 at 12:00 P.M.

Name: Jan Fitzpatrick

Address: 326 PUTNAM RD

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying to be a member of the Recreation, Health + Wellness Advisory

Relevant Experience/Education/Reason for Interest:

- past experience on committee - health of our community

BSc H Kin (degree) + Food + Nutrition (Diploma)  
Management

Signature: Jan Fitzpatrick

Date: Dec 21, 2021

Personal information is collected under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and will be used solely for the purpose expressed above.



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JAN 21 2022

## Request for Volunteers: Committee of Adjustment Member Application Form

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If you are interested in applying to be a member of the Committee of Adjustment, please complete the information below and return the form to [reception@merrickville-wolford.ca](mailto:reception@merrickville-wolford.ca) or to 317 Brock Street West, P.O. Box 340, Merrickville, K0G 1N0. Please ensure to use "VOLUNTEER APPLICATION" as the subject of your email or clearly visible on an envelope when submitting via regular mail.

Name: ERIC MONKMAN

Address: 109 CHARLOTTE ST MERRICKVILLE

Phone: P.O. Box 269

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Relevant Experience/Education/Reason for Interest:

VILLAGE RESIDENT 20+ YRS

33 YRS IN BUSINESS CONCRETE CONTRACTOR

Signature: 

Date: 22/01/22

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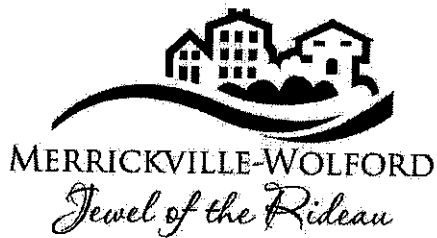
The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report EAC-01-2022, being a report on Municipal fireworks displays.

\_\_\_\_\_ circulated.

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Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



**Village of Merrickville - Wolford**

**Report EAC-01-2022  
of the Environmental Advisory Committee  
Report to Council: January 24, 2022**

**RE: Municipal Fireworks Displays Report**

**OBJECTIVE:** To provide advice to Council regarding the practice of conducting municipal fireworks displays.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT:** The Council for the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report EAC-01-2022 regarding the practice of conducting municipal fireworks displays for information.

**AND THAT:** The Merrickville-Wolford Environmental Advisory Committee recommends against the use of fireworks at Village events given the environmental impact as well noise pollution.

**BACKGROUND:**

On December 13, 2021, Council approved Resolution R-340-21 (attached) referring to the Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) "*the issue of environmental impact concerns from fireworks displays as it applies to the natural environment in Merrickville-Wolford using:*

- *All information links provided to Council by concerned residents; and*
- *Other relevant information sources or personnel having appropriate expertise; and*
- *That the Environmental Advisory Committee is to review and report their advice to Council in time for inclusion on the January 24, 2022 agenda for Council."*

The EAC discussed the matter at their meeting on December 22, 2021 and is hereby reporting their advice to Council.

**ANALYSIS:**

Based on the review of the articles provided by staff as well as research conducted by individual committee members, the EAC unanimously advises against the use of fireworks at Village events for two main reasons:

- Fireworks create highly toxic gases and pollutants (heavy metal) that poison the air and leave behind plastic and metal pollution on the ground and in waterways.
- Fireworks create noise pollution that negatively impacts wildlife (in our case, the site is near the Rideau Bird Sanctuary), domestic pets, farm animals and some vulnerable populations who can be triggered by sudden explosive sounds.

#### **BUDGET/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

There is no cost to the EAC's recommendation; however, the allocated budget of \$7500 would need to be reviewed.

#### **CONCLUSIONS:**

The EAC would advise against the use of fireworks at Village events given the environmental impact as evidenced by the articles appended to the request and further research.

#### **INTERDEPARTMENTAL IMPACTS:**

Not applicable.

#### **LINKS TO STRATEGIC PLANS:**

The priorities of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford Approved Strategic Plan 2017-2025 (By-law 10-17) that are relevant to this report are, as follows:

- Promoting Healthy Living
- Protecting Heritage, Rural and Natural Environments

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the EAC by:

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## VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Resolution Number: R - - 22

Date: January 24, 2022

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required:

**Recorded Vote Requested  
By:**

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the results of the Municipal Fireworks Survey for information purposes.

Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



## **Municipal Fireworks Survey**

The Village of Merrickville-Wolford has conducted annual Canada Day fireworks displays for the community's enjoyment for several decades, launching them from the Merrickville Fairgrounds over the Rideau River. The event typically draws large crowds and has become a popular tradition for many people. The Canada Day display in 2020 was to be the last display of a three-year contract before negotiating a new contract with a qualified pyro-technician to safely conduct the fireworks. However, the 2020 display was postponed due to COVID-19 regulations restricting gatherings.

In August of 2021, the regulations allowed the activity to resume. However, after the fireworks were scheduled for August 28, 2021, Council received several emails from residents concerned about potential environmental and wildlife impacts from fireworks. The Fairgrounds are within the boundaries of the Merrickville Migratory Bird Sanctuary and Council canceled the event but the potential negative impact on wildlife or the environment has not been confirmed.

Council directed staff to arrange an extension of the contract until May 31, 2022 for \$750 and an alternative opportunity to conduct the fireworks display on February 21, 2022 (Family Day) is now being considered reflecting the belief that migratory birds are not present at that time of year. Upon making this date known, Council again received several emails expressing concern about the event.

The annual cost for each annual fireworks display is \$7500 and the contract includes a provision for a financial penalty for cancelled events. However, Village staff have discussed it with the supplier and the supplier has agreed that they will not charge the \$7500 fee or any penalties if Council decides not to proceed with the third fireworks display.

Given the above, Council is seeking the opinions of Merrickville-Wolford





residents and business owners and asks that you complete this very brief survey. The survey is only open to Merrickville-Wolford ratepayers so please verify this by entering your name and address. Please only make one submission per resident or businessperson. Except as required by law, no individual responder's identity will be made public and only aggregated data will be reported. Please be respectful and constructive in your response. Multiple submissions from a single person, submissions that are obviously not from a Merrickville-Wolford resident or businessperson, and responses containing abusive, disparaging and/or foul language, harassing comments and other inappropriate responses will be excluded and not reported. **The survey will close at noon on Friday January 14, 2022.**

Thank you in advance for your input.

**Question Title**

\* 1. Surname:

**Question Title**

\* 2. Given Name

**Question Title**

\* 3. Civic Address

Address \*

Address 2

Village/Hamlet \*

**Question Title**

4. Are you in favour of conducting the fireworks display at the Merrickville Fairgrounds on Family Day, Monday February 21, 2022?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Undecided



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*Jewel of the Rideau*

Please feel free to provide comments explaining your response:

**Question Title**

5. Are you in favour of conducting annual fireworks displays in future years in Merrickville-Wolford?

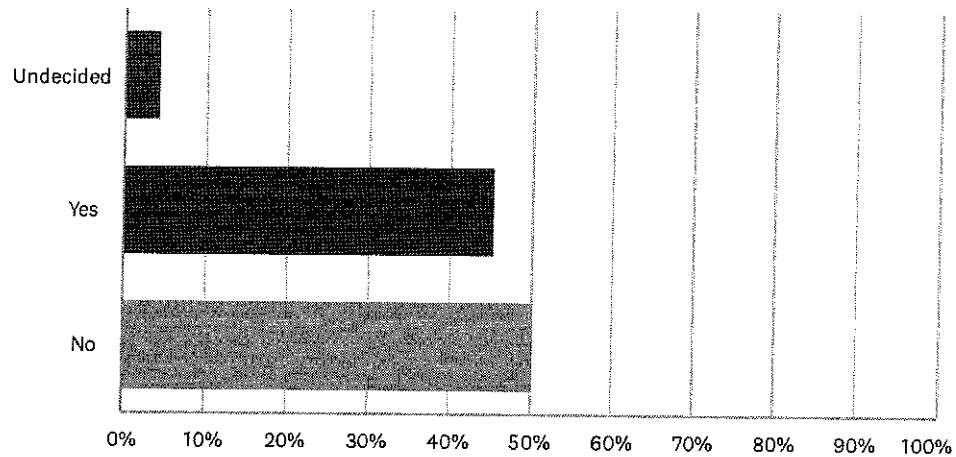
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Undecided

Please feel free to provide comments explaining your response:

## Municipal Fireworks Survey

### Q4 Are you in favour of conducting the fireworks display at the Merrickville Fairgrounds on Family Day, Monday February 21, 2022?

Answered: 165 Skipped: 0

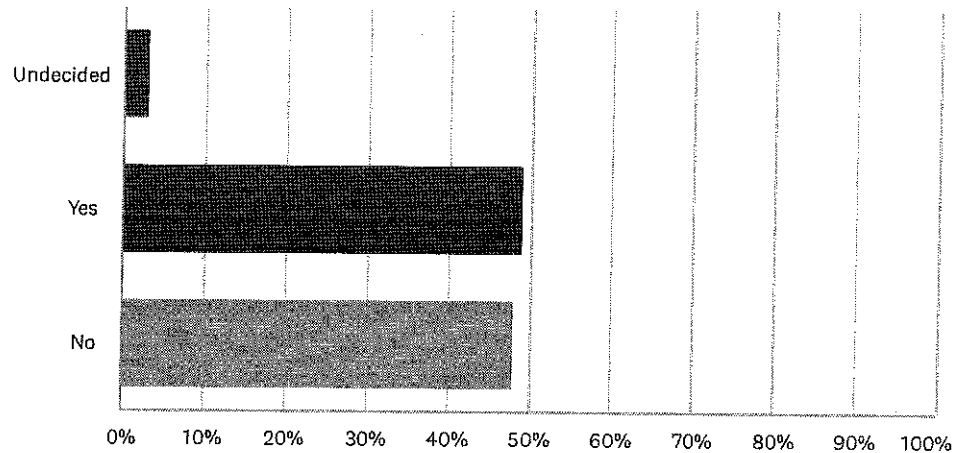


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Undecided	4.24%	7
Yes	45.45%	75
No	50.30%	83
TOTAL		165

## Municipal Fireworks Survey

### Q5 Are you in favour of conducting annual fireworks displays in future years in Merrickville-Wolford?

Answered: 165 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Undecided	3.03%	5
Yes	49.09%	81
No	47.88%	79
TOTAL		165

**QUESTION 4: Are you in favour of conducting the fireworks display at the Merrickville Fairgrounds on Family Day, Monday February 21, 2022?**

**Answer:** Undecided

**Comments:**

1. prefer to have it on July 1st. February weather is to cold and unpredictable.
2. It's not just about the birds for us unfortunately, I feel they are a completely unnecessary expense and that money could be donated to local conservation organizations or the food bank.
3. While I think we should continue our annual fireworks display I'm not sure February is the best time for it, weatherwise.
4. IS THERE SUPPORT DURING THE WINTER ?
5. Could another location be found that would not effect The environment and the bird sanctuary
6. Only if it is the type which doesn't pollute.
7. family day... , while I have no objection, im all for the tradition is by July 1.

**Answer:** Yes

**Comments:**

1. Great event for the community to get together as well as enjoy the outdoors
2. Or use the \$7500 to improve sports facilities in the village...much higher return for residents.
3. It's a chance for the village to enjoy something fun. Covid has taken away so many events and placed so many restrictions on us that it would be nice to have something that would bring the village together. It would be very covid friendly in that everyone would be outside e
4. A great way for neighbors, to get together, and Also makes it so everyone can enjoy
5. Fire works brewing a joy to children who have already paid enough with school and no hanging out with friends.
6. The scale of any fireworks display in Merrickville is small in comparison to so many other events held in other cities but it still brings some entertainment to the majority of our community. With proper notice and planning people who do not like the fireworks should be able to prepare themselves to deal with their discomfort for the 20-30 minutes the fireworks actually last.
7. This event has been happening forever and do not feel there is any need to stop it now.
8. It is always an exciting time to see fireworks.
9. Great show on New Year's Eve
10. It's beautiful
11. Prefer the fireworks be held when Christmas in Merrickville is on, after lighting the town Christmas tree
12. But prefer July 1
13. Family Day fireworks would have little to no effect on the Bird Sanctuary and would provide a nice finale to the Holiday.
14. So long as the timing and holding of the event respect current Covid-19 restrictions.
15. Live today, there are many other things you can die from other than Covid!
16. If you cancel fireworks. Where does it end. I'm guessing the fair and any other events there are "disruptive "
17. If wildlife is affected and proven during migratory season, then this could be a good time. It is a 20 minute event, likely fire trucks and other constant noises are worse

18. Would prefer July 1 if just once a year event. Could change location of fireworks ie shoot from another location
19. This is a – "Family Event" – and is appropriate and entertaining for ALL ages ...
20. Time for some positive activities
21. Given the depressing times we are currently living in, these fireworks would provide a welcome and positive experience during another long winter.
22. \*REDACTED: Identifiable person's name\* and I enjoy fireworks
23. Absolutely go forward with Fireworks, after almost 24 months, Families in this Community need an opportunity to gather together (safely) to have a little Fun, No Better Day than Family Day!
24. Better time of year so as not to disturb nesting birds.
25. I spent many years enjoying this with my family. Please run it.
26. the event generates great community interaction
27. No issue in February but not in the summer, too many birds .
28. Kids are more important than birds.
29. Winter is a good time; no migratory birds; we have to enjoy life a little. it's one night, the animals will be fine.

**Answer:** No

**Comments:**

1. Costly, noisy, environmentally hazardous
2. Too early in to do it on a Monday in February. Ottawa and Kingston are major federal governments towns a a major source of visitors to Merrickville. Family day isn't a federal holiday. Try to use the fireworks as a draw to the city and not just for a handful of residents. Using it as an event/attraction would be a better approach and would help the local businesses economically.
3. I'll be away that weekend.
4. After considerable research on the question I reluctantly decided the impact is too negative. I'm a fan of the fireworks and have enjoyed the annual display but once the question was raised and I did some research I feel they should be dropped. While the display is brief, the resulting pollution lasts a lot longer and the noise strain on animals and birds (and a few people) is too much.
5. Harmful chemicals to wildlife and people
6. See comments for Qu. 5
7. Fireworks are an unnecessary use of resources and creation of pollution which should be avoided in light of climate change and environmental degradation
8. Winter is a difficult time for wildlife as they cope with the cold and less plentiful food sources. It's truly uncaring to stress them further with loud, bright fireworks. Isn't that why many of us live in M-ville, because we enjoy having nature and wildlife at our doorstep. Isn't that why there's a sanctuary at the edge of the village.
9. Too cold, waste of money
10. Concern for wildlife
11. Fireworks although beautiful are dangerous and harmful to the very birds we have a sanctuary for
12. Negative effects on area wildlife and waste of tax dollars
13. These things are a waste of money. They are polluting and they damage the natural environment. If we had lots of money and no wildlife here that would be different, but this is not so.

14. Surely the Village must have other higher priority needs for these monies... a donation to the local food bank would be a more appropriate and responsible action on behalf of Council
15. Waste of taxpayers dollars and pollutes air, soil and water
16. Disturbs birds and animals.
17. Too disruptive to wildlife, pets and environment anytime of the year
18. Disturbs wildlife and not a necessary component of our community celebration
19. Give the poor birds a break for crying out loud!
20. pointless contamination of the environment - pointless waste of taxpayers money
21. We need to respect our wildlife same as our environment which we haven't been doing a good job at hence climate change.
22. Fireworks are proven to be polluting, disruptive to birds and animals, not to mention the impact to people with PTSD.
23. Impacts to environment and wildlife.
24. While this time of year will less impact on wildlife that are not nesting , it still is extremely frightening to wildlife who do not understand what is going on and usually flee the area. This also negatively impacts many on the pets living near the fairgrounds. The loud noise from fireworks can also be particularly disturbing to those people with autism and other neurological disorders.
25. I don't think that Council has considered the environmental impact of the setting off explosives, i.e. air and water pollution.
26. negative impacts to All wildlife, and pets has been known for many years. There are quiet fireworks but no one seems to Want them.
27. The harmful impact on people, the environment and animals far out ways the 15 minute entertainment value
28. Environmental issues and stressful to wildlife
29. Would prefer a more environmentally-friendly alternative.
30. Fireworks pollute the natural environment. They are very stressful to all wildlife and domestic animals.
31. Bad for the environment and stressful for wildlife
32. I do not support such an expenditure as it is: not a good use of taxpayer money, noise pollution and may disturb or injure local wildlife and/or pets
33. Although summer migratory birds aren't present, there are many birds and mammals still here that could be very negatively impacted by fireworks. For example, any hibernating mammals such as bats and beavers, would likely awaken, and this causes a high risk of their starvation before spring when their food sources return.
34. Fireworks are traumatizing for domestic pets and wildlife. The brief pleasure they may give a few, do not justify the grief they cause.
35. Polluting the environment with residue from heavy metals and toxins is an unacceptable price to pay for a few minutes of pyrotechnical display. For the color effect of fireworks, toxic heavy metals like barium, aluminum, lead, mercury salts, antimony, copper, and strontium can be used in firework compositions. Outdated heavy metals that have been used in the past include rubidium and cadmium. Some toxic elements are supposedly not used in fireworks anymore like lead compounds, chlorates, and mercury as mercurous chloride (calomel), but some firework chemical outlets still sell some of these ingredients, they can still be seen in some pyrotechnic chemical lists

36. Animals other than migratory birds also scared by the noise and flashing lights. I love fireworks but maybe it's time is over.
37. Not necessary to spend that kind of taxpayer money on this. Not everyone can or wants to attend. Not a good thing during this pandemic .
38. I think it expense mixed with the effect it has on local pets and wildlife would be a good reason to not conduct the fireworks anymore.
39. I think alternative ways to celebrate with light can be found by this exceptional artistic and creative municipality. Something like laser or simply changing the colour of the bulbs, or even, adding a temporary acetate filter to pave the streets in a wide variety of colours based on the themes! Also, lights and images projected on an appropriate surface can replace the noisy and polluting fireworks, and still draw attention and awe from the public. Merrickville could be pioneering something extraordinary! Why not?
40. Too close to wildlife reserve
41. Regardless of the time of year or occasion the Fairgrounds being adjacent to a bird sanctuary are not an appropriate location for fireworks.
42. With Covid being on the increase again i find February not a good idea. July was a great day for it. I think by this time the new hatchlings and babies would be old enough not to be effected by it.
43. I believe it's bad for the environment, wildlife,those suffering from ptsd, as well as pet owners, area farmers
44. The environmental impact of fireworks is detrimental to all wildlife. Many animals are terrified by the explosions. The fallout from the exposed fireworks contaminates the land and water.
45. Use the funds for community grants
46. I believe that negative effects of fireworks HAVE been proven - yes, it's about the nesting birds but it is also about the environment in general as well as other wildlife. Council has been sent proof in the form of links to scientific surveys on the damage that fireworks cause and yet this survey says negative impact on wildlife and environment has not been proven. What about the Osprey that abandoned their young in 2019? It is beyond my comprehension how fireworks were allowed to go ahead that summer with nesting Osprey in direct line of fire.
47. Put the monies towards the food bank
48. potential environmental and wildlife impacts from fireworks, all wildlife is affected not just birds. And domestic animals suffer as well.
49. The noise. Loud percussive noises are a know health threat (according to WHO) to humans, domestic animals and wildlife.
50. Given the divisiveness of the current situation I believe it would be prudent to not proceed
51. We are not fans of fireworks and the expense anytime of year. The environment will be healthier and pets will not be terrified. Thanks for asking.
52. I am not in favor of fireworks in general, at any time.
53. Traditional fireworks are harmful to wildlife, pets and is triggering for people with any number of things including PTSD, anxiety, etc.
54. Waste of money, pollutes the environment, scares wildlife and family pets
55. As already stated by others: protect the bird sanctuary firstly and secondly we don't need to spend \$7500 for a few residents to see, waste of our \$
56. Fireworks traumatize pets and wild animals and the chemicals used and produced by them are extremely harmful to the environment. We know better and we should do better.



**QUESTION 5:** Are you in favour of conducting annual fireworks displays in future years in Merrickville-Wolford?

**Answer:** Undecided

**Comments:**

1. Increasingly, fireworks are no longer a financial nor environmentally feasible option to celebrate community events. Perhaps another form of celebration, i.e, community picnic would be more popular. Could also be an opportunity for the Municipality to showcase projects and recognize residents/businesses for outstanding contributions to the community.
2. Overall, I'm not a fan of fireworks and the undue stress they can cause people and animals - but I also loved going to watch them as a childhood tradition. I feel like organized community fireworks could help reduce the amount of individual fireworks that can be set off any day/time and have a greater risk of triggering people/animals because they are unexpected (and can go on night after night). Ideally, I'd like to see the use of 'Silent' fireworks for organized community events to minimize the impact on the people and animals in our community, and ban any individual or personal fireworks that may triggering to people/pets.
3. Only if an appropriate venue or date can be found

Alternative approaches to fireworks such as the silent fireworks would be a better option. I don't know enough about the environmental impact of the materials used but that should be a factor that needs to be considered in combination with the noise.

**Answer:** Yes

**Comments:**

1. I believe that having public fireworks display are for the better. I'm terms of safety they are conducted by professionals and not untrained people. They also aloe for many to enjoy the event.
2. Yes. It's an event that everyone looks forward to. It wouldn't need to be July 1. We should take the ospreys nesting consideration. Perhaps having it later in the summer or the fall would work out better
3. A great way to celebrate with many generations
4. Fireworks bring the community together at a great time!
5. For Canada day of course
6. There is never 100% agreement of all citizens for events that take place in our community. It does not mean that the fee squeaky wheels should determine the outcome for what the majority of the citizens want to participate in within our community. I think there are much bigger fish to fry in terms of what is good for our community than making sure a few people are not disturbed by fireworks.
7. Great for kids and family
8. Brings the town and neighborhood together. And it's for the young and old! Also our dog is not effected by fireworks al all
9. There are numerous studies by government and private wildlife organizations stating the effects of fireworks on birds is the same as a thunderstorm. Also I'm sure the cats that these concerned citizens let roam free in town kill alot more birds than the fireworks.
10. Christmas only
11. AT THE VERY LEAST JULY 1ST !

12. Yes, before bending to the voices who believe fireworks disrupt migratory birds a analysis based on science should be undertaken to ensure decisions are made based on fact not someone's opinion
  13. I understand and appreciate the concerns, but with a little work, we can arrive at a compromise. It's worth the effort.
  14. If the concern is with protection of the migratory birds being disturbed for a short period of time, should the launching of kayaks also not be stopped? More birds are scared out of the sanctuary to their deaths from kayakers than would be by fireworks.
  15. Family Day annual fireworks may not be as disruptive to the bird sanctuary/osprey nesting site.
  16. Brings the community together!
  17. No adverse affects have been proven. Birds are still present after years of fireworks.
  18. As a small community, it is a way of bringing friends and families together for a celebration ! ! !
  19. Giving friends and family a chance to return to some traditions will improve the mental health of our community as well as community spirit.
  20. A valuable community building/fostering activity that can be done at a time of year that minimizes impact on the wildlife.
  21. Because cowtailing to the 2% who don't want them is \*REDACTED: Expletive\*. \*REMAINDER OF MESSAGE REDACTED: Abusive language and expletives.\*
  22. I am in favour but only on a site where the environmental impact is minimal. If it is determined that this is not possible than I would prefer that another form of celebration that is not detrimental to our environment is incorporated. Having fun and celebration is most definitely important for our well being. That said, I believe we can do those things without harming the environment.
  23. Kids and Adults love it.
  24. Only in the winter
  25. People have to have a little enjoyment. It's one of the things that all ages can enjoy.
- To stop all polluting activities, we would have to all become cave-dwellers again.

**Answer:** No

**Comments:**

1. High negative impact to the Rideau Bird Sanctuary and surrounding area. Extreme noise, light and toxic chemicals emitted.
2. Costly, noisy, environmentally hazardous
3. as above; if we can find a better alternative to mark village events I'd be glad to sign on and help, as I do value the coming together of the village residents.
4. Waste of taxpayers money. Use \$ for the Merrickville Food Bank
5. Rural communities have limited opportunities to reduce their environmental footprint.  
Discontinuing the use of fireworks and their associated pollution and greenhouse gases (from production, distribution and use) is one of the easier choices to make. Conversely continuing with firework displays would demonstrate that the Council has no tangible commitment to addressing climate change. The money saved from discontinuing fireworks could be used to bolster the contingency funds, provide taxpayers with a break or fund tree planting on municipal properties
6. As above
7. I don't see how you can state that "negative impact on wildlife or the environment has not been confirmed." Ever hear of Google? A 15 min search yields plenty of verified info on negative effects of

fireworks on wildlife, the environment and people. Several municipalities have already decided to stop firework displays and do something less polluting.

8. I think they should be banned within the township... this includes private ones
9. I don't believe fireworks are needed.
10. Concern for wildlife; direct funds elsewhere
11. It is not just birds but all small animal that are needlessly traumatized so we can have a few moments fireworks. The the animals and birds the negative effects on them lasts much longer
12. This money can be used for more important local expenses. I see no value in spending any amount on fireworks, for any occasion.
13. Negative effects on area wildlife and waste of tax dollars
14. We are grossly overtaxed as it is. There are much better uses for these monies than for fireworks.
15. Not during the bird breeding season, which is all spring, summer, & fall.
16. See above
17. Disturbs birds and animals.
18. Same as comment above. Would rather see the \$7500 spent on more worthwhile causes such as food banks, helping struggling people. We chose to live here because it is peaceful, quiet and the respect shown for the forests, conservation areas.
19. More meaningful ways to spend funds like supporting medical centre or food bank
20. terrifying wildlife and pets is not responsible or necessary.
21. I am sure we all put our ideas together we can come up with other ways to celebrate these special occasions.
22. It's time to put that money to better use than spending it on Fireworks. It's time to start making better choices for the environment.
23. Impacts to environment and wildlife. Surely we are well past the time of turning a blind eye to these impacts.s
24. I believe there are alternatives that are a way to celebrate but not as disruptive to wildlife, pets and some residents. I do not believe it is appropriate to conduct an activity that can have such a negative outcome for what we are trying to enhance in this Village. Lets find an alternative.
25. The funds could be redirected to updating recreational infrastructures (rink, basketball nets in the summer).
26. Same reasons as above. I especially disagree with the setting off the fireworks ion July 1 or any time during the breeding and nesting season of migratory birds. The Municipality has probably been in contravention of the Migratory Birds Act with the fireworks display on July 1st.
27. If the light could be done without the Bang and the Noise that is overblown and a shock to creatures of all kinds then might reconsider? They are out there I researched it few years ago. In Jasper in 2021 \*REDACTED: Identifiable Individual's Name\* and his large gathering had 42 minutes of loud Bangs and fireworks. Excessive and not done with neighbours in mind. I did protest to the opp but nothing was done. Later I found 4 or 5 households were NOT wanting such again! Besides the impact on wildlife the small pets, outside animals and especially small birds is lethal.
28. Tax Payer \$ would be better spent on those in M-W that are less fortunate especially in this Covid era
29. Same as previous answer
30. See above.
31. The natural night sky is entertaining. Nature is more interesting than expensive pollutants.

32. Bad for the environment and stressful for wildlife. Contradicts Merrickville's values
33. Due to negative impacts on wildlife, the environment and domestic pets and livestock, I feel fireworks are outdated and should not be used moving forward.
34. Fireworks contribute to polluting or damaging our planet in various ways throughout their life cycle. Manufacturing: Raw materials and energy are used to create the final firework product. Firework ingredients often come from elements that need to be mined from the earth. Mining is not exactly environmentally friendly. Minerals then need to be processed and isolated... often with chemicals. Fireworks use plastic plus paper & cardboard (which kills trees) and are all made at factories that pollute. Transportation: Firework components are transported to the firework assembly plant, finished fireworks are transported to their various distribution centers and stores. Transporting may include planes, boats, and trucks. I don't need to tell you the pollution that vehicles cause. And don't forget that the consumer drives to purchase the fireworks, sometimes hundreds of miles to another state to bypass local restrictions. Combustion: Air Pollution: The smoke from fireworks consists mainly of fine toxic dusts (particulate matter) that can easily enter the lungs. This represents a real threat for people with asthma or multiple chemical sensitivity (MCS). Smoke from fireworks combustion may contain a mixture of sulfur-coal compounds, traces of heavy metals, and other toxic chemicals or gases. The combustion cloud can contain harmful fumes such as ozone, sulfur dioxide and nitric oxide. Smoke from consumer fireworks is of most concern because they are released at a low level which makes inhalation more likely compared to professional displays. Additionally, in this time where the issues of climate change and global warming are being presented with a sense of urgency, we need to be concerned about the greenhouse gases fireworks produce, which include Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and ozone. Water Pollution: Fireworks fallout can contaminate water supplies and residue on the ground can be carried away by rain and end up in our lakes and rivers. Noise Pollution: Fireworks can be loud and the vibrations can travel far. In the middle of the night fireworks often disturb people trying to sleep. Fireworks can exceed 140 decibels and noise at 85 decibels or above can damage hearing. Some people also argue the noise from fireworks scares pets and wildlife like birds, etc.
35. Same comment as above. Thank you for allowing us to voice our opinions.
36. Not using my tax money.
37. See suggestions in my comments above. Let's find an innovative, creative, awesome way to draw a new way to create light and a sense of wonder.
38. Same as above
39. I have loved fireworks over the years but once you look into the impacts they have on our environment and wildlife they have to stop.
40. Money could be better utilized elsewhere. Recreation for youth or the food bank.
41. Funds can be utilized for more engaging community activities
42. It is a proven fact that fireworks are detrimental to wildlife and the environment. Fireworks are outdated and there are many better alternatives to provide entertainment to residents that could also benefit local merchants/businesses.
43. Fireworks are not priority & are antiquated
44. The money that the fireworks cost could be put to better uses, such as food bank or for other wildlife sanctuaries
45. Private fireworks should be banned as well. Loud percussive noises are a know health threat (according to WHO) to humans, domestic animals and wildlife.

46. I believe that Council and its Community Development Committee should find alternative events that are in keeping with the values and character of Merrickville as per its strategic plan.
47. We would like to see the \$7500 go towards: an outdoor community event, permanent outdoor farmers market, donation of purchased food to the food bank, support cost of summer flower displays etc
48. There are three reasons for me. Firstly, fireworkks create toxins in the environment. Secondly, the sounds can trigger panic in wildlife and pets. Thirdly, there are more beneficial ways to spend \$7500.
49. Fireworks are environmentally unfriendly, destructive to wildlife and distressing for some people. The Village of Merrickville has promoted environmental issues (no idle by-law, for eg) and should be a leader in this issue, not hiding behind a survey and public opinion. Furthermore, the Village has supported and encouraged the sponsorship of two Syrian refugee families, who must find the firework display somewhat disturbing. There is just no justification for the display that makes sense.
50. Waste of money, pollutes the environment, scares wildlife and family pets
51. Fireworks traumatize pets and wild animals and the chemicals used and produced by them are extremely harmful to the environment. We know better and we should do better.
52. put the money towards the fair, the fair has a direct economic impact on the community

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Resolution Number: R - - 22

Date: January 24, 2022

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**Recorded Vote Requested  
By:**

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

### **Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive Planning Report from Forbes Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. dated January 17, 2022 with respect to Consent Application B-136-21 and Municipal Consent Application Questionnaire Form, for information purposes; and

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

January 17, 2022

Village of Merrickville-Wolford  
317 Brock Street West  
P.O. Box 340  
Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0

Attention: Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk

Dear Mr. Robertson:

**Re: Planning Report (#2)– Consent Application B136-21 (Stone)  
Part Lot 18, Concession 5, Former Township of Wolford, Village of  
Merrickville-Wolford – 151 Wolford Centre Road**

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I have now had an opportunity to review the Aggregate Impact Assessment prepared in support of Consent Application B136-2. Council consideration of Consent Application B136-21 was deferred in part to allow the applicant an opportunity to undertake an Aggregate Impact Assessment (AIA). The application was also deferred to consider the relocation of the proposed lot. The applicant has addressed both matters and requested that Council reconsider the consent application.

The proposal involves the creation of one rural residential lot, approximately 2.5 acres (1.0 ha) in size, with roughly 300 feet (91.4 m) of frontage on County Road #15. The lot is proposed to be located in the northwest corner of the parent property. The parent property is a triangle shaped property with frontage on both County Road #15 and Wolford Centre Road. The retained lands will be approximately 20 acres (8.1 ha) in size following the severance (Attachment #1 – Map).

The subject lands are designated "Rural" in the Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan and zoned "Rural (RU)" in the Merrickville-Wolford Zoning By-law 23-08. There is also a very small part of the northwest portion of the subject property that is designated "Aggregate Resource". A large portion of the property is impacted by the "Aggregate Resource Influence Area" overlays of Schedule A-3 Hazards and Constraints, associated with a sand/gravel deposit. It should also be noted that the subject property is located approximately 110 m (355 ft) east of an ANSI and significant wildlife habitat associated with the Wolford Bog.

The property is characterized as relatively open, unimproved, rural lands. There is a central/southern portion of the property which is characterized by a large (+2 ha) area of coniferous bush. The lands proposed to be severed are vacant, open, lands with limited sparse tree cover.

The surrounding land use consists of single detached dwellings to the west, south, and north of the proposed severed lot. Vacant rural lands dominate the landscape to the east of the subject property.



A site inspection was carried out by Village staff to assess the proposed location of the severed lot and the potential for the lot to be relocated to have frontage on Wolford Centre Road. It was determined that the existing tree cover on the proposed severed lot could provide a visual screen and some privacy for a new home on the property. The land is high and dry and there are no sight line issues along County Rd #15. It was also noted that the lands fronting on Wolford Centre Road also have good tree cover however, this location appears to be poorly drained with standing water evident. Staff concluded that the proposed location for the severed lot is preferred.

### **Local Official Plan Policies**

There are a number of policies of the Village Official Plan which are relevant to this application.

Section 5.6.2, Influence Areas, requires an Aggregate Impact Assessment due to proximity of the severed lot being within 300 m of a known sand and gravel deposit next to the Wolford Bog ANSI.

Section 4.1.2.1, ANSI states that:

"prior to filing any application for development within, or within 120 m (394 ft.) of, an ANSI the applicant should consult with the Village and Conservation Authority to determine the scope of studies to be undertaken."

Section 6.4.2.3, Rural Residential Development states that:

"Residential Development on flat, open land will be discouraged. Such development shall be encouraged to locate in areas having natural tree cover, scenic views and/or rolling terrain."

Section 9.3.1 (4), General Division of Land states that:

"Direct access from County Roads shall be restricted in accordance with the regulations of the County. Residential lots, in particular, should have access only from Village roads, except in a designated Hamlet, where permitted as infill, and in the urban area of Merrickville."

### **United Counties Official Plan Policies**

The Official Plan for the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Schedule A, designates the subject property Rural. The Schedules also identify the sand deposit to the northwest of the subject lands and the ANSI designation of the Wolford Bog.

Although it does not have any official status as a planning document, the recently released draft United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Aggregate Resource Master Plan does not recognize the sand deposit due to its location within 120 m of the Wolford Bog ANSI.

### **Local Zoning By-law Regulations**

The subject property is zoned "Rural (RU)". The proposed severed lot will comply with the RU zone provisions of a minimum lot size of 1 ha and minimum lot frontage of 40 m.





### **Aggregate Impact Assessment**

The applicant commissioned the preparation of an Aggregate Impact Assessment (AIA) to support the consent application. The AIA indicated that a sand/gravel deposit touches the northwestern east edge of the subject property, in the location of the proposed severed lot. It was also noted that the entire sand deposit is just under 21 ha in size and is generally less than 1.5 m thick. The site does not present any obvious surface expressions of the sand deposit. It also acknowledged that a large portion of the deposit is beneath County Rd 15. Further it was noted that there are several existing houses in area that would constrain the establishment of a new pit or quarry. The report summary indicated that "the resource use of the sand body mapped near the proposed severance would not be feasible because it is too small, much of it is beneath County Road #15 and there are sever existing residences nearby." The report concluded that the licensed use of the sand would never occur.

### **Summary & Recommendations**

The proposal is to be located within the Rural area of the Village. The proposed lot will have frontage on County Road #15 in an area of relatively flat, treed rural landscape. It has been determined that the lot fronting on County Road #15 is preferred over the lower lands fronting on Wolford Centre Road. As a result, the proposed lot appears to maintain the intent of 6.4.2.3 which discourages rural residential development on flat, open lands. Although direct frontage on a County Road is discouraged, the proposed lot is preferred from the alternatives on the subject property.

The Aggregate Impact Assessment (AIA) determined that the existing sand deposit is not viable given its small size, that much of the deposit is under County Road #15 and that there are a number of residences within the general vicinity of the deposit. The fact that the deposit is not viable was also acknowledged in the Draft Aggregate Resource Master Plan completed for the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, which screened the deposit out due to its proximity to a wetland. The AIA is generally seen as acceptable.

Given the above, it is recommended that further consideration of this consent application be APPROVED with the following conditions:

1. Village Standard Conditions: Applicant file a copy of the registered reference plan for the subject property; the applicant pay the balance on outstanding taxes owed to the Village; and that the applicant pay cash in lieu of parkland at a rate of \$500.

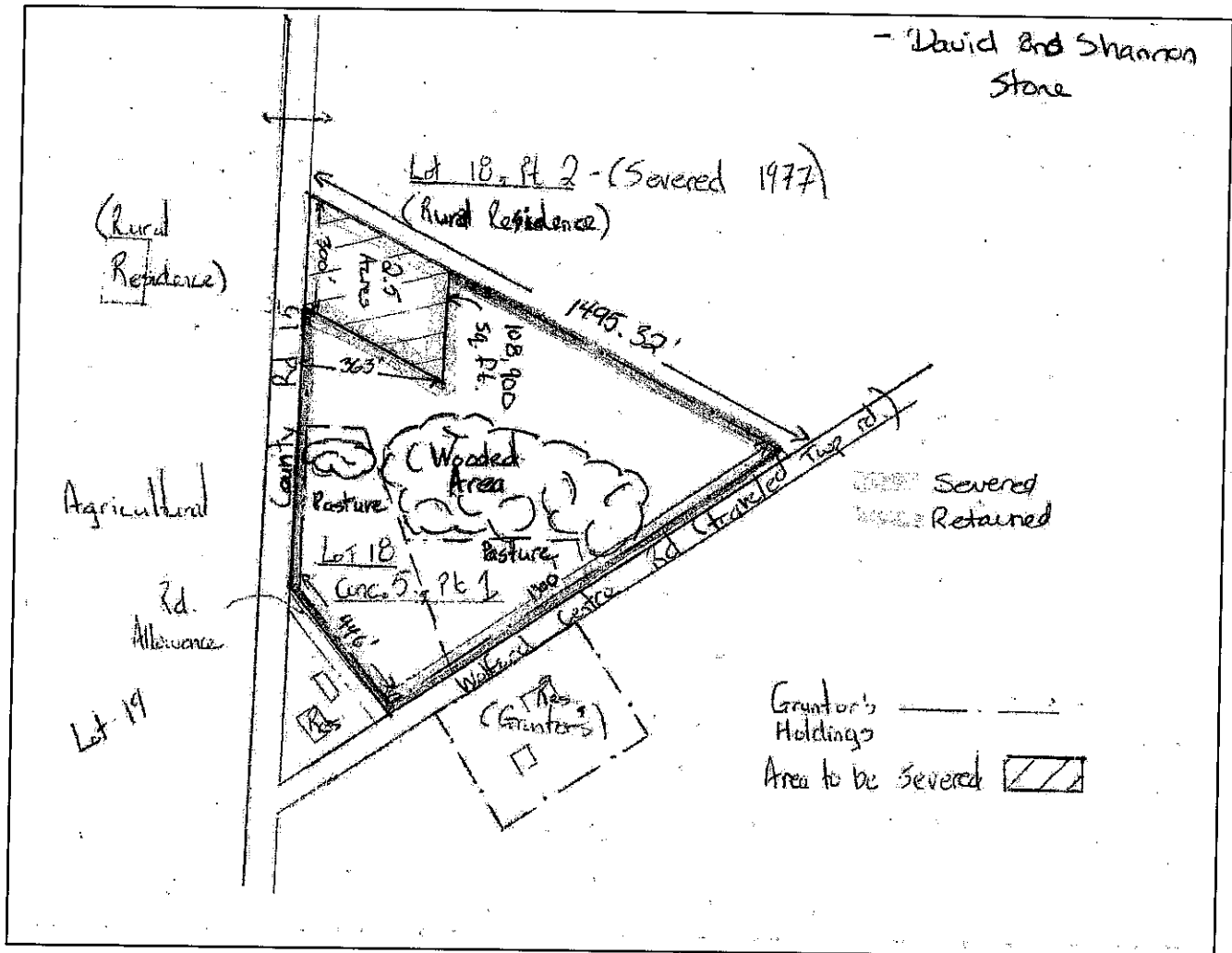
All of which is respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,  
Jp2g Consultants Inc.  
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Forbes Symon, MCIP, RPP  
Senior Planner



Proposed Severance – Stone B136-21 (151 Wolford Centre Road)



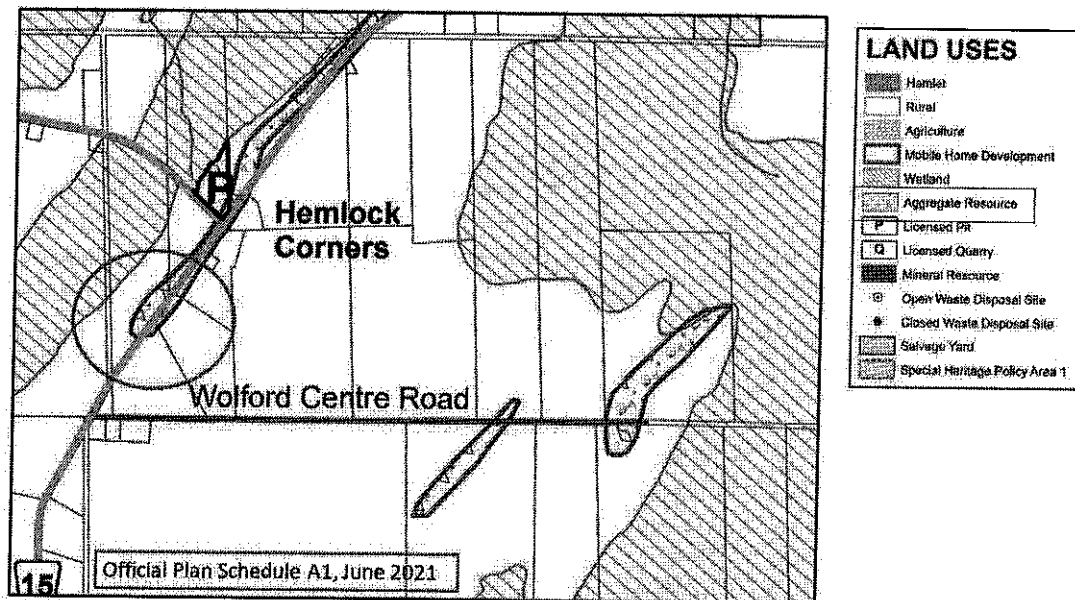
### **Aggregate Resource Assessment for Mrs. Shannon Stone**

This report describes an Aggregate Resource Assessment for a property owned by Mrs. Shannon Stone who lives at 145 Wolford Centre Road. She and her husband own a parcel of land on the north side of Wolford Centre Rd (about 9 hectares, Lot 18 (part), Concession 5), from which they wish to sever a 2.5 acre (1.01 hectare) lot in the NE corner, adjacent to County Rd 15 (Fig. 1).

The NE edge of this property is just on a sand/gravel deposit, mapped on the Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan Schedule A1 (Fig. 2). An aggregate resource assessment is required to assess the impacts a house built on this site on future extraction of aggregates (sand/gravel or crushed stone) occurring nearby. The assessment must consider whether the sand/gravel deposit occurring at the site is commercially viable, and the environmental and human health impacts that an extraction operation here would have on the local environment.



**Figure 1. Location map showing the 2.5 acre (1.01 hectare) lot to be severed in red.**



**Figure 2. Land use map from M-W Official Plan Schedule A1. Lot to be severed is in the centre of dark blue circle. Note the narrow aggregate resource body that runs parallel to and beneath County Rd 15.**

## **1. Introduction**

Aggregate resources for the construction industry are derived partly from crushed bedrock and partly from unconsolidated materials overlying bedrock as sand and gravel. In southern Ontario, there are extensive deposits of glacial outwash material of various thicknesses ideal for excavation where they are thick enough, sufficiently extensive and where open pit excavation will not adversely affect sensitive ecologic zones or existing populated areas.

In the United County of Leeds and Grenville (UCLG) the distribution and mapping of aggregate resources was described in an Aggregate Resource Inventory publication (ARIP) of the Ontario Geological Survey, Paper 183 of the Aggregate Resource Inventory was published in 2009

(<http://www.geologyontario.mndmf.gov.on.ca/mndmfiles/pub/data/imaging/arip183//arip183.pdf>).

Furthermore, the UCLG is currently undertaking an Aggregate Resources Master Plan (<https://www.leedsgrenville.com/en/government/aggregate-resources-master-plan.aspx>). UCLG published a draft of the Plan in October 2021, and an amendment to the UCLG Official Plan (Schedule A, resource assessment) in December 2021.

The Village of Merrickville-Wolford has developed a new Official Plan (OP), which considers aggregate resource assessments broadly in line with the regulations set out in the UCLG master plan. Schedule A-1 from the village OP shows the mapping of sand and gravel deposits (classified as primary, secondary, tertiary in importance), based on the mapping published in ARIP 183 (2009), referred to above. At present there are no bedrock resource areas identified on the Merrickville-Wolford OP, but this may change when the UCLG plan is fully developed.

In this report, the site is described in terms of its geology (both bedrock and surficial materials), its terrain, its vegetation and hydrology.

## **2. Topography and Drainage**

The terrain is gently sloping away from the road, as shown in Fig. 3.

The image shows that there are a few scrubby trees, but much of the lot an open dry field.



**Figure 3. Elevation contours on satellite image (RCVA GIS portal). The lot to be severed is in the NW corner with the blue outline. 1 ft contours show that the terrain slopes away from the road, with about 4 ft of relief from the road to the east side of the lot. The darker area in the NE section of the Stone's property is lower and wetter.**

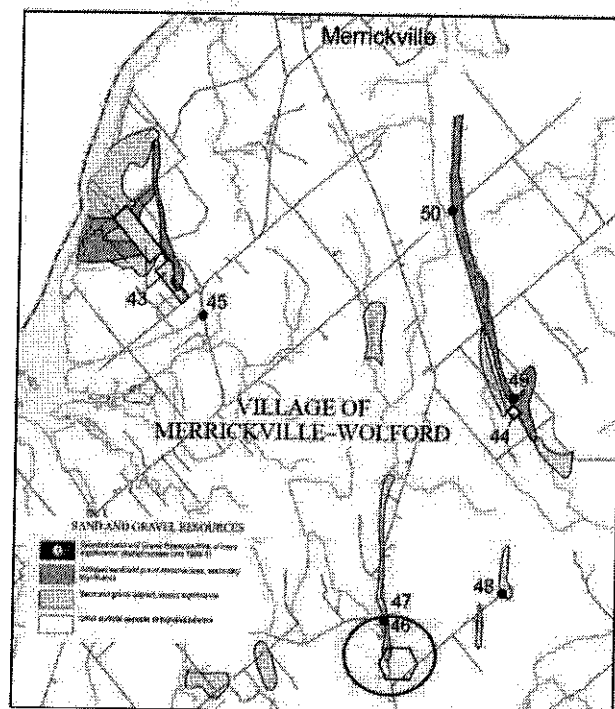
### **3. Geological setting**

The bedrock in this area is the Lower Ordovician Oxford Formation, the upper formation of the Beekmantown Group, laid down about 480 million years ago. It is composed of thin- to thick-bedded, microcrystalline to medium-crystalline, grey dolostone with thin shaly interbeds. It varies in thickness from 61 to 102 m (ARIP, 2009). It is quarried in the Brockville and Smith Falls areas and south of Ottawa. Dolostone is similar in composition to limestone, but with more of the mineral dolomite ( $\text{MgCO}_3$ - $\text{CaCO}_3$ ) rather than calcite ( $\text{CaCO}_3$ ). Limestones formed on the seafloor as carbonate muds may become 'dolomitized' when they come in contact with Mg-rich groundwater. The Oxford Formation in this area is essentially flat-lying (not folded or tilted) and in places that have little or no overburden is exposed as a rock pavement. The Oxford Formation occurs widely as the bedrock in much of west-central UCLG.

**Table 1. Lower Paleozoic sedimentary formations exposed in Eastern Ontario, after ARIP (2009) and some of their uses as quarry stone.**

Age	Group	Formation	Composition	Uses
Lower Ordovician	Beekmantown	Oxford	Dolostone	General construction
		March	Sandstone, dolostone	Slip free surfacing on roads etc
Cambro-Ordovician	Potsdam	Nepean	Sandstone	Dimension stone
Cambrian		Covey Hill	Conglomerate, sandstone	Aggregate

Unconsolidated material (also known as 'drift') lying on top of the Oxford Formation are sand and gravel deposits, laid down during the post-glacial period starting about 10,000 years before present (BP). In some cases these deposits are ice-contact eskers deposited below melting glaciers or ice sheets. In other cases, the deposits are glacio-lacustrine, formed as beach sands on lakes formed at ice margins. In many areas these deposits are thin and of no commercial interest. However, some deposits have been mapped in ARIP 183 as being of potential interest as aggregates. For example, Fig. 4 shows some deposits in the Merrickville-Wolford area, classified by importance. There are no deposits of primary interest (red) in the M-W area, although some of these occur near Kemptville, representing the presence of a long 'ice-contact' esker, with a significant thickness of gravel.



**Figure 4.** Some of the sand-gravel deposits in the Merrickville-Wolford area as mapped in ARIP 183. The red circle and small red octagon show location of the proposed severance near the linear sand body running N-S close to County Rd 15. This is classified as being of 'tertiary' importance (yellow) whereas the orange areas are 'secondary', as for example the linear body near Carleys Corners, where there is an active pit.

#### 4. Aggregate Resource Mapping

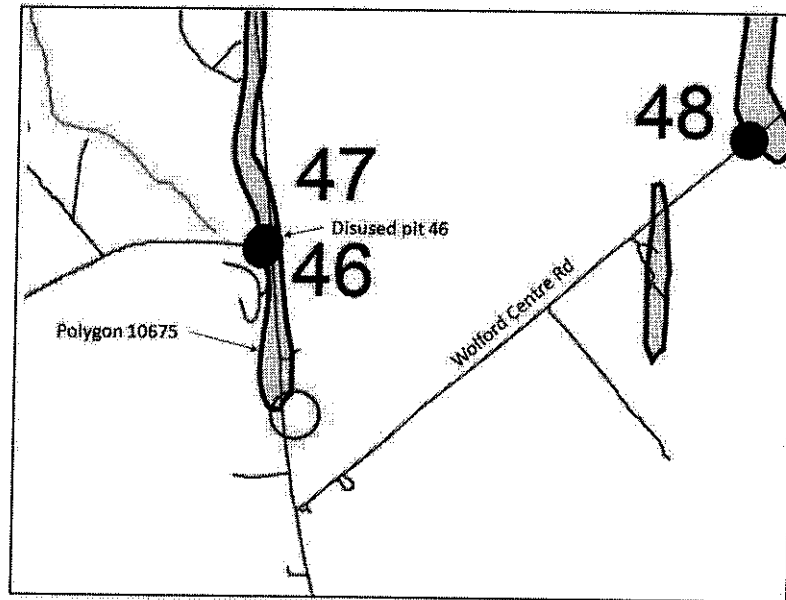


Figure 5. Detail of sand polygon (id=10675) occurring at the NW corner of the proposed severance. The disused pit 46 occurs at the NW corner of the intersection of County Rd 15 and Eastons Corners Rd (Hemlock Corners). Map from GIS version of ARIP 183.

Table 2. Information about polygon 10675 from GIS. Note that the sand is less than 1.5 m thick and originates from a glaciomarine plain.

Field	Value
OBJECTID	10675
Shape	Polygon
AREA	206556.761003
PERIMETER	5808.257326
SG17UPD_	13964
SG17UPD_ID	7828
SOURCE	zone18
REPORT	ARIP183
YEAR	2009
AUTHOR	Jagger Hms Limited, Geo, C., Rowell, D.J.
MATERIAL	Sand
DEP_THICK	Less than 1.5 m
DEP_ORIGIN	Glaciomarine Plain
LIMITATION	
LABEL	S / 4 / MP
SIGNIF	Tertiary
SEL_AREA	
TABLE_REF	
MUNICIPALITY	United Counties of Leeds and Grenville
Shape_Length	0.053656



**Table 3. Extract from publication ARIP 183, table 2, listing the three unlicensed pits shown in Fig. 5.**

Village of Merrickville-Wolford					
<b>Licensed</b>					
43	P. McGrath Excavation	34.01	4	20	variable medium sand with some gravel
44	MAAF	2.22	3	40	variable medium sand gravel; boulders
<b>Unlicensed</b>					
45					
46			1		pit converted to quarry
47			2		sand
48			0.5	10	overgrown, some gravel along the pit face
49			3	40	medium to coarse sand and gravel
50			2	40	sand with fine to medium gravel; below water table
51				5	fine grain gravel; medium sand, trace gravel

The sand body mapped in ARIP 183 that just intersects the NW corner of the proposed severance is shown in Fig. 5. From the GIS, it is mapped as polygon 10675, a long relatively narrow band of sand that runs more or less parallel to County Rd 15. Despite the fact that it is less than 1.5 m thick, it was formerly excavated at the unlicensed pits 46 and 47. Pit 46 is now filled with water, making inspection difficult. Apparently, according to Table 3, it was converted to a quarry at some stage, presumably to extract some of the Oxford Formation dolomite beneath the sand for use as crushed stone.

The area of this whole sand body (Table 2, polygon 10675) is 206556 m<sup>2</sup>, or just under 21 hectares. The amount of sand in the whole body (before any excavation) can be calculated as approximately 21 h x 1.5 m x 17.7 = 557,000 tons of sand, where 17.7 is a density factor.

## 5. Site Inspection

A site inspection was carried out on December 1, 2021.

There is no obvious surface expression of the mapped sand body in the NW corner of the proposed severance. A small hole was dug about 4 m from the edge of the road, revealing sandy loam.

A check on the disused pit 46 on January 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 failed to reveal any useful information. It seems to be a flooded pit, with overgrown sides.

## 6. Well Record Data Review

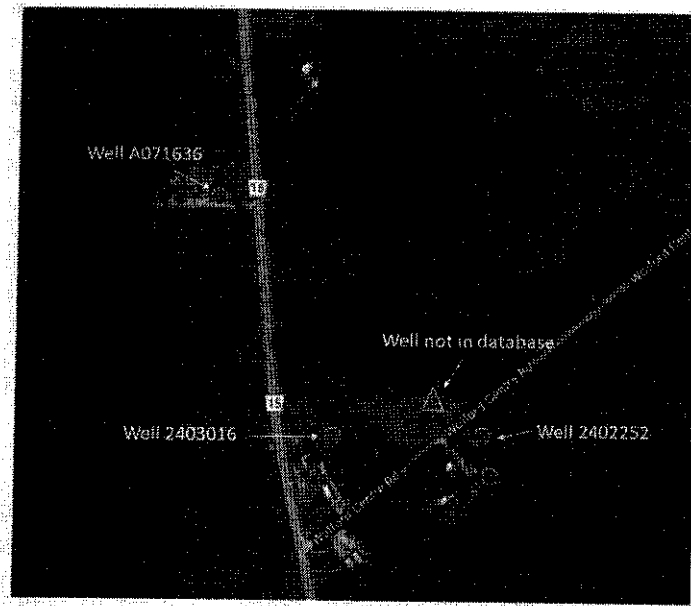
The closest well to the proposed severance is at a house right across the road (#12918 County Rd 15). It was drilled in 2008 (well A071636, Fig. 6) and the well log shows 5.4 m of hard pan till at the surface followed by grey limestone (Oxford Fm dolostone) below, static water level 3.8 m. At this location, there is no sign of the sand body.

An older well (2403016, Fig 6) reported 3 ft of clay soil, with grey limestone beneath, static water level 18 ft. As expected, no sign of the sand body.

Well 2402252, Fig. 6, reported 3 ft of clay with grey limestone beneath, and static water level of 8 ft. This is the well closest to the Stone's house at 145 Wolford Centre Rd.

A well across the road from the house, shown as a triangle in Fig. 6, does not appear to be in the MOE database, so there is no drilling information.

There are no wells close enough to the proposed severance to be certain whether or not from drill data the mapped sand body occurs at the site.



**Figure 6. Ministry of Environment records of water wells at this location.**

## **7. Compatibility Analysis**

There is absolutely no chance that the sand body mapped close to the proposed severance will ever be licensed. It is too small to be developed commercially and it is mostly inaccessible because it runs beneath County Rd 15.

The abandoned pit at Hemlocks Corners (intersection of County Rd 15 and Eastons Corners Rd) was unlicensed and by today's standards, it would never receive a license. It is too small to be of commercial interest and too close to existing residences.

The area around the proposed severance has several existing houses, and there is no chance that a quarry operation, extracting Oxford Fm dolostone as crushed stone aggregate, would ever be developed here.

## **8. Summary**

- The resource use of the sand body mapped near the proposed severance would not be feasible for several reasons: it is too small, much of it is beneath County Rd 15 and there are several existing residences nearby.
- The proposed land use for a house to be built on the severance will not interfere with the future use of the sand body, because licensed use of the sand will never occur.

- Neither a pit nor a quarry will ever be licensed in the neighbourhood of the proposed severance, so that the question of public health, public safety and environmental impact are not relevant issues in this situation.

## 9. References

ARIP, 2009. Aggregate Resources Inventory of the United Counties of Leeds–Grenville, Southern Ontario, by Jagger Hims Limited, C. Gao and D.J. Rowell, Ontario Geological Survey, Aggregate Resources Inventory, Paper 183, 51 p. and maps. ISBN 978–1–4249–9863–0 [PDF].

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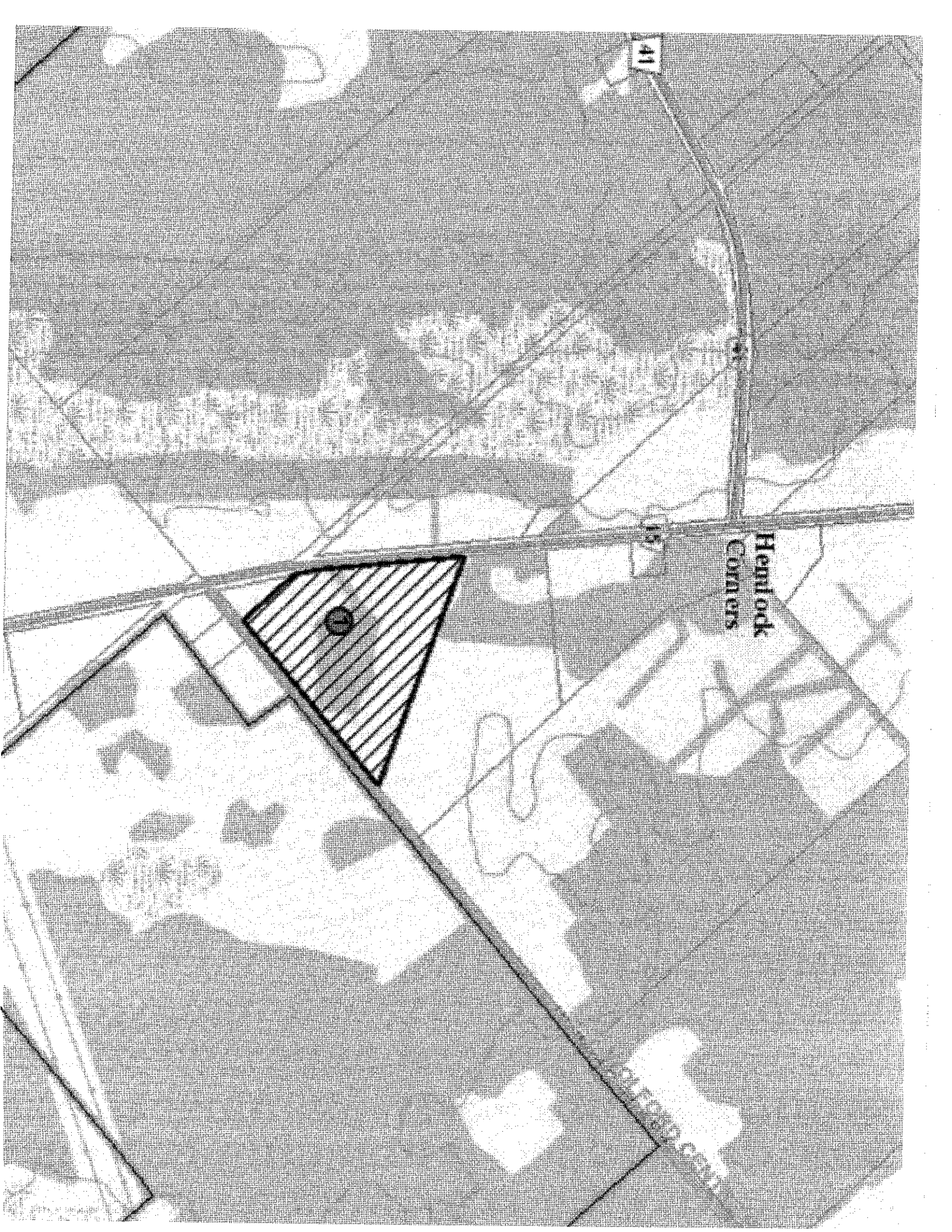
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**Graeme Bonham-Carter (PhD)**  
**Consulting Geologist**  
**January 13, 2022**





## Municipal Consent Application Form

Please complete and send to the Secretary-Treasurer (via email) within 30-days of receipt of an application to [Krista.Weidenaar@ucig.on.ca](mailto:Krista.Weidenaar@ucig.on.ca)

File:	B136-21
Municipality:	Village of Merrickville Wolford
Owner:	Stone
Location:	Pt Lot 18, Con 5, Wolford

Municipal Responses	Yes or No?
What is the local Official Plan designation of the land? <u>Rural; Aggregate Resource Overlay</u>	
Does the application conform to the local Official Plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, please give relevant sections of the plan. _____ _____	
What is the land currently zoned in the Zoning By-Law? <u>Rural (RU)</u>	
Does the application comply with the municipal Zoning By-Law?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, please give relevant sections of the By-Law. _____ _____	
Are there any other relevant documents or other Municipal By-Laws which would affect the proposed consent? _____ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are there any additional applications on the subject lands (minor variance, Official Plan Amendment Zoning By-Law amendment, etc.)? If yes, what type? _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Additional Information</b>	
Please check which of these municipal services are available for the subject lands?	
Water <input type="checkbox"/>	Sanitary Sewers <input type="checkbox"/> Access to a public and maintained road <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electricity <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Garbage Collection <input type="checkbox"/> Name of public road <u>County Road #15</u>

# Municipal Consent Application Form

Recommendations	Yes or No?
Does the Planning Committee, or Council, recommend approval be given to this application, and why? <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any issues the approval authority should be made aware of for the application lands (Site conditions, development history/activity, flooding, water quality and quantity concerns, etc.)? <b>Aggregate Impact Assessment prepared for severance</b> <hr/> <hr/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If provisional approval is granted, what <b>Conditions</b> would the municipality wish to see attached? (Please attach Council's resolution, a Planning Report, list of conditions, or check below). <b>see planning report</b> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	
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Does the Planning Committee or Council wish to recommend that up to 5% of the land if residential, or 2% for commercial or industrial, be set aside as parkland dedication? Or does Council wish to accept cash to the value of 2% or 5% of the land? If Yes, please describe below. <hr/>	
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Consideration of Consent Application B159-21 was originally delayed allowing the applicant an opportunity to update the Aggregate Impact Assessment (AIA) prepared for the property. The applicant has now commissioned an updated AIA and request Council now consider their consent application. The following assesses the proposed consent as relates to the Village of Merrickville Wolford Official Plan and Zoning By-law and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Official Plan.

The proposal involves the creation of one rural residential lot, approximately 2.5 acres (1 ha) in size, with roughly 148 feet (45 m) of frontage on Putnam Road. The lot is to have a depth of 717 feet (218.5 m). The retained lands will have 758 feet (231 m) of frontage on Putnam Road, and an area of approximately 112 acre (45.3 ha).

The subject lands are designated Aggregate Resource and Rural in the Merrickville Wolford Official Plan and zoned Aggregate – Pit (AP) and Rural (RU) in the Merrickville Wolford Zoning By-law 23-08. The Official Plan also identifies a large portion of the subject lands as having a "Aggregate Resource Influence Area" overlay, associated with the lands designated Aggregate Resource.

The lands to be severed appear to have the rear of the lot designated as Aggregate Resource. The severed lot appears to be zoned Rural (RU) but abuts Aggregate – Pit (AP) directly to the west. There appears to be sufficient lands outside of the Aggregate Resource designation to allow for the residential development of the lands.

#### **Local Official Plan Policies**

Section 3.4, Buffering, of the Official Plan contains policy that states "that every effort shall be made to avoid conflicts between different land uses. Section 3.16, Rural Character recognizes agriculture, forestry and pits and quarries as being an important part of the areas "Rural Character" and that they have characteristics that may be incompatible with other sensitive land uses such as residential development.

The Township's Official Plan designates a large portion of the subject property as "Aggregate Resource", including all a portion of the lands proposed to be severed. The balance of the lands are designated "Rural". The "Aggregate Resource" policies of the





Official Plan limit the permitted uses to aggregate extraction activities, forestry, agriculture and open-air recreation. Residential land uses are not permitted with the Aggregate Resource designation.

Section 6.3.4.3 (4) states that

“4. This Plan will protect aggregate operations from activities that would preclude or hinder their expansion or continued use, or which would be incompatible for reasons of public health, public safety or environmental impact. As provided in the Influence Areas policies of Section 5.6, lands adjacent to existing pits and quarries and areas reserved for future extraction are limited to uses which are compatible with aggregate extraction activities. Development which would preclude or hinder the establishment of new operations or access to resources in the Influence Area requires an Official Plan Amendment to re-designate the affected land and will only be considered if the following criteria are addressed:

1. the resource use would not be feasible;
2. the proposed land use or development serves a greater long term public interest; and,
3. issues of public health, public safety and environmental impact are addressed.”

#### **United Counties Official Plan Policies**

The Official Plan for the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Schedule B, recognizes the aggregate deposit on the subject lands as being a “sand and gravel deposit” and should be protected for future potential extraction. The County policies mirror the exception criteria noted above.

It is worth noting that the aggregate deposit identified on the Village Official Plan has been recently confirmed through the draft Aggregate Resource Master Plan prepared by the United Counties.

#### **Aggregate Impact Assessment**

The prepared for the property identified that much, if not all of the deposit to the north has been depleted. The license for the pit to the north has been surrendered and the site rehabilitated in 2007. There is no viable deposit close to the severed lot. Any of the remaining deposit would be trucked to the north and use Corktown Road as the preferred haul route. The report concluded that the sand resource is not thick enough and spatially extensive enough to be of interest for extraction.

#### **Summary & Recommendations**

The proposal is to create a 2.5 acre rural residential lot, resulting in a 112 ac retained property. A large portion of the subject land is designated “Aggregate Resource” which does not permit residential development. The policies of the Official Plan are clear that every effort should be made to avoid land use conflicts between rural resource activities and proposed residential development. That said, the OP does provide an opportunity for a proponent to commission a study to assess the feasibility of the identified aggregate



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resource. The applicant has commissioned an AIA which concluded that much of the resource has been removed and that any remaining deposit would likely be trucked north to Corktown Road. It found that the proposed severed lot is outside of the 300 m setback from the remaining deposit to the north. The findings of the AIA are generally acceptable. The portion of the severed lands designated Aggregate Resource includes the lands which have been fully extracted, rehabilitated and the license surrendered.

Given the above, it is recommended that further consideration of this consent application be APPROVED with the following conditions:

Village Standard Conditions: Applicant file a copy of the registered reference plan for the subject property; the applicant pay the balance on outstanding taxes owed to the Village; and that the applicant pay cash in lieu of parkland at a rate of \$500.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,

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Forbes Symon, MCIP,  
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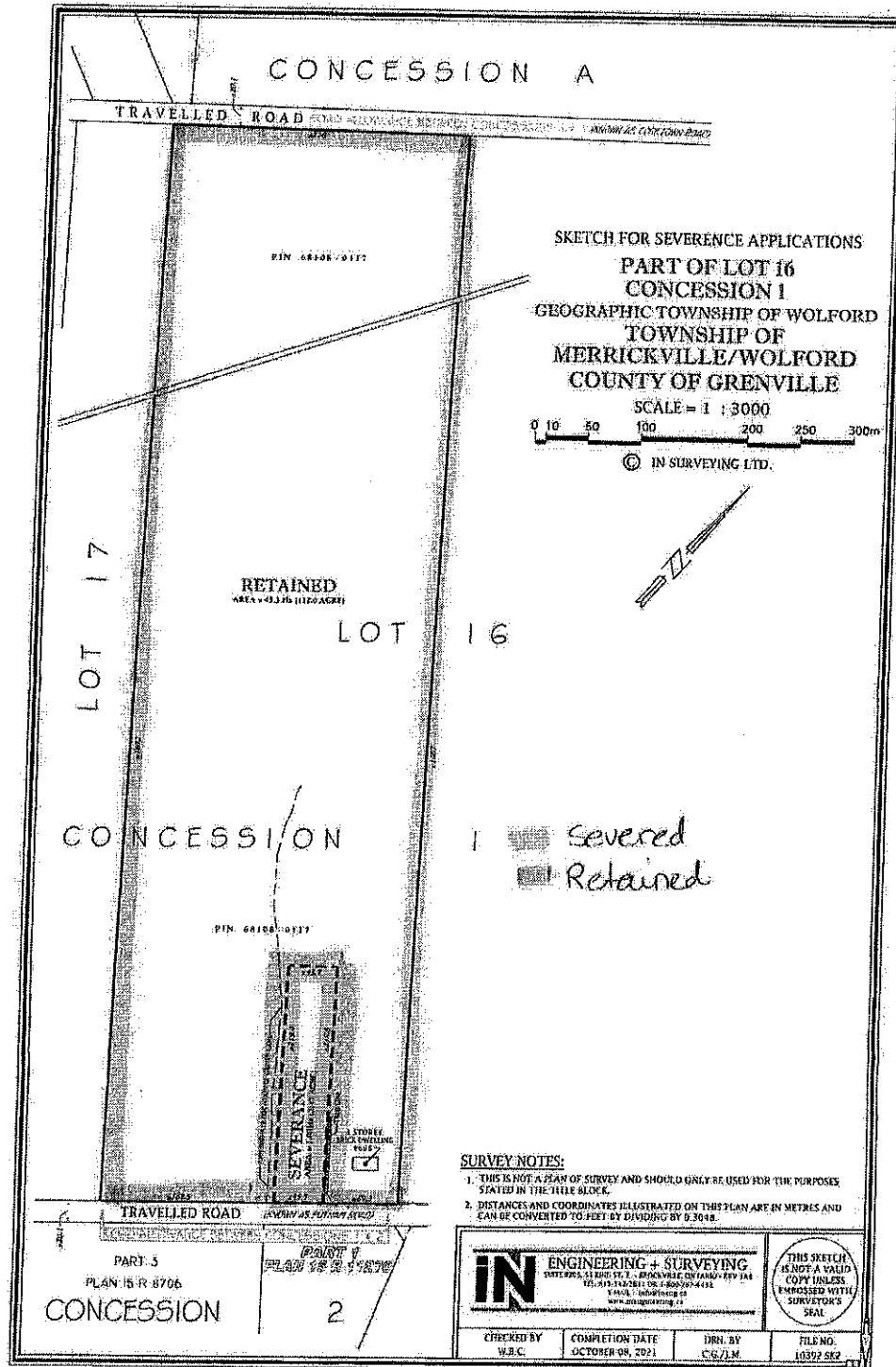


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## Proposed Severance



## Aggregate Assessment Study for Severing a Lot at 698 Putnam Rd

### 1. Introduction:

An Aggregate Resource Impact Assessment (ARIA) has been requested in connection with an application to sever a lot from a rural property owned by Oscar Finizia. This property is the W half of Lot 16 Concession 1. The proposed severance fronts on to Putnam Rd and is immediately adjacent to an existing house on the Finizia property (Fig 1). Much of the W half of Lot 16 was licensed as an aggregate pit many years ago (Fig 2 and 3). Some of the N part of the property is underlain by glaciolacustrine sand, as mapped in a 2009 report by the Ontario Geological Survey in an aggregate resources inventory of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville (ARIP 183).

The purpose of this assessment is to determine whether the sand/gravel material located near this site could at some date be feasible for commercial development, thereby serving the long term interests of the community. An Aggregate Resource Impact Assessment is needed to address policies of the relevant Official Plans to determine if the aggregate deposit is feasible, the proposed lot serves a greater long term public interest and that public health and safety impacts are addressed as part of the planning application.



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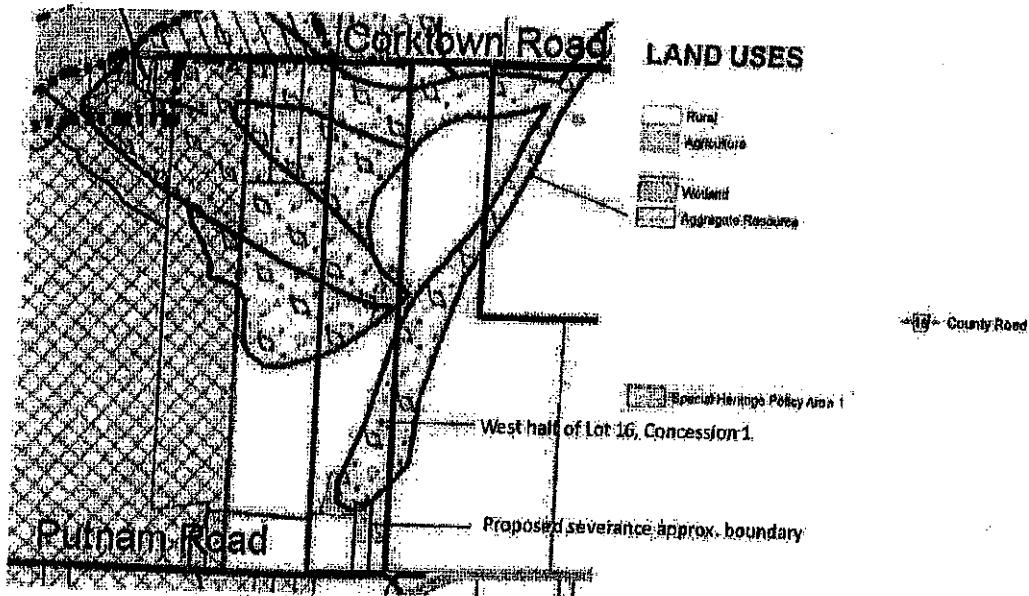


Fig. 4. Portion of map from Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan showing W half of Lot 16, Concession 1 (red line) and the proposed severance (blue line) fronting on Putnam Rd. The areas shown in dark brown pattern have been mapped as a glaciolacustrine sand body in ARIP 183 (2009).

### 1.1 Background

Aggregate resources for the construction industry are derived partly from crushed bedrock and partly from unconsolidated materials overlying bedrock as sand and gravel. In S Ontario, there are extensive deposits of glacial outwash material of various thicknesses ideal for excavation where they are thick enough, sufficiently extensive and where open pit excavation will not adversely affect sensitive ecologic areas or existing populated areas.

In the United County of Leeds and Grenville (UCLG) the distribution and mapping of aggregate resources are described in an Aggregate Resource Inventory publication of the Ontario Geological Survey. Paper 183 of the Aggregate Resource Inventory was published in 2009 (<http://www.geologyontario.mndmf.gov.on.ca/mndmfiles/pub/data/Imaging/arip183/arip183.pdf>).

Furthermore, UCLG is currently undertaking an Aggregate Resources Master Plan (<https://www.leedsgrenville.com/en/government/aggregate-resources-master-plan.aspx>). Work started in January 2021 with a goal of completing the Master Plan before the end of 2021.

Assessment impact studies include estimating the areal extent, quantity and quality of aggregate materials (for example the inventory work illustrated in ARIP 183, mentioned above), as well as estimating the local impacts of particular excavation projects. This study involved an on site inspection of the property, and an evaluation of the current state of the licensed pit as it relates to the proposed severance.

## 1.2 Topography and Drainage

The proposed severance lies on relatively flat ground, with an agricultural field close to the road. In the middle of the W half of Lot 16 (some distance N of the proposed severance), there is a pond which drains to the west (Fig. 1). It is likely that this is where aggregate was removed many years ago (reportedly in the 1940s), and there is evidence that sand was removed both at and around the pond site. Also visible of Fig 1 are areas showing as dark patches on the image (closer to Putnam Rd) where several feet of sandy material have been removed some time ago. There is little to no vegetation here. It appears that this may also be part of the former pit activity, and the dark colour probably indicates standing water when the image was taken. This surface water is likely to be seasonal only, and at the time of inspection these dark areas were dry.

## 1.3 Geological Setting

The bedrock is the Middle Ordovician Oxford Formation comprising sedimentary dolomite, with shaly partings. This formation underlies much of UCLG. Unconsolidated drift lying on top of the bedrock has been mapped in the Ontario Geological Survey ARIM 183, and a digital version of this map is available for download. The report shows sand and gravel areas for the whole of UCLG. Sharpe (1977) published a drift thickness map of the Merrickville area.

## 2. Aggregate Resource Mapping

### 2.1 Location and type of aggregates

As mapped in the report of 2009 (ARIM 183) an extensive body of sand between 3 and 6 m thick occurs as shown in Fig 3 and 4, at the west end of Corktown Rd. Some of this material is labelled as of Secondary importance, some of Tertiary importance. The material is mostly fine-medium grained sand with some gravel in places. Close to Corktown Rd, the sand body is mostly covered by mature woodland (identified on the Official Plan as 'designated woodland'). A long narrow body of sand occurs in the S half of the W side of Lot 16, reaching close to the location of the proposed severance. At least some of this material has already been excavated in the past (as noted in the topography and drainage section above).

## 3. Site Inspection

A site inspection was carried out on July 19, 2020. The front field of the proposed severance (Fig 5) has been cut, and it is free of trees and bushes. At the back of the field is a line of trees bordering a lower excavated area. Shallow digging revealed that this is floored by sand (no soil). It appears that about 4-5 feet thick of sand were excavated from here in the past leaving a flat area that floods periodically. Walking further N (beyond the proposed severance) there is more evidence that aggregate material was removed in the past, particularly in the area shown as a lake/pond in Fig. 1 in the middle part of Lot 16.

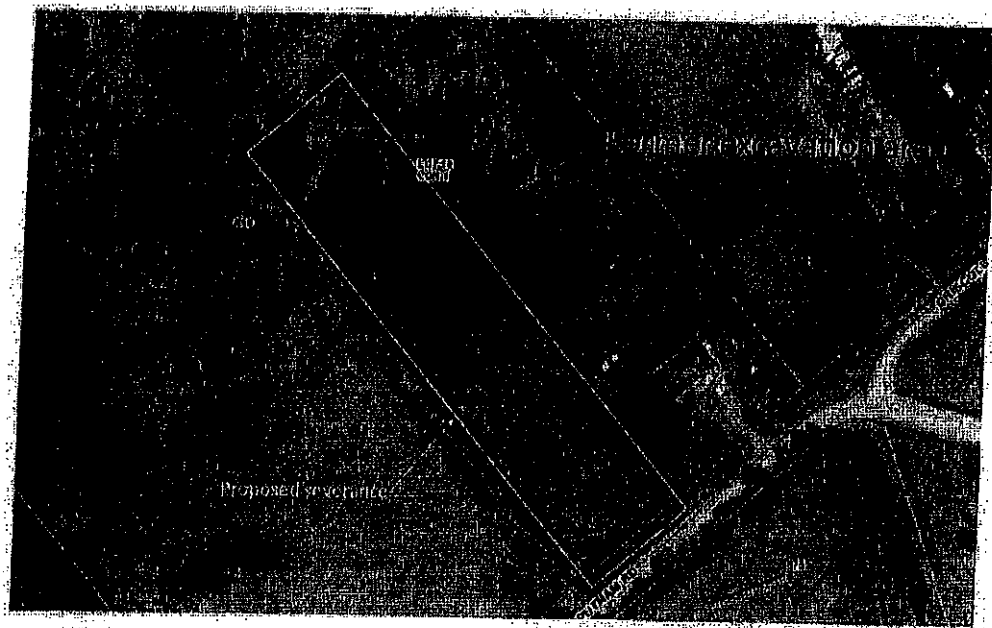


Fig 5. Satellite image showing proposed severance. The front of the lot, bordering Putnam Rd is currently an agricultural field. The dark area is where excavation occurred sometime in the past. There is little vegetation here, and it is sandy.

#### 4. Well records

There are not many wells in the database that can be used to assess the thickness and composition of the overburden lying on top of the bedrock (Oxford Fm dolomite, mislabeled as limestone in most of the drilling records), as shown in Fig. 6. There was no well record for the house immediately E of the severance, yet there is clearly a well there. I suspect that the coordinates for well 2405590 (see map) were entered incorrectly in the database, and that this is the one serving the existing house. Well 2405590 was plotted several hundred metres further N (near the lake in the centre of the Finizia property) where no dwelling is present. It was drilled in 1987, and records 2 feet of loam over 4 feet of gravel, over 4 feet of hardpan, then bedrock (Fig 8). There is no record of sand that might have been expected if it had intersected the sand body mapped in ARIM 183. The well to the east (ID 2402320 at the Flewitt house on Driscoll Rd) shows 5 feet of clay over 3 feet of gravel before encountering bedrock. Well 2409206 across Putnam Rd close to the proposed severance encountered 5 feet of clay over bedrock.

We may conclude from these wells that there is likely little or no sand present beneath the S part of the proposed severance.



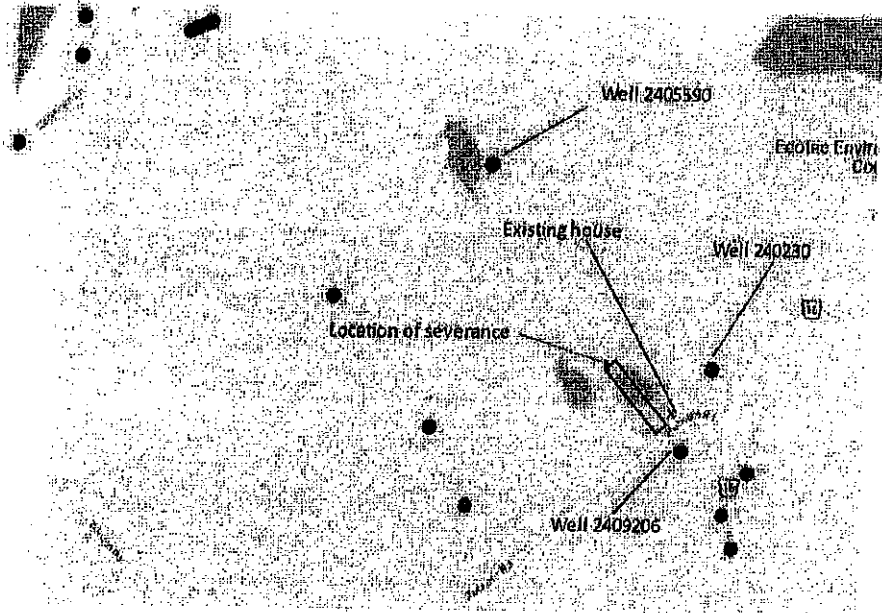


Fig 6. Location of drilled wells (blue dots, from the Ontario well records database. Records from 3 wells (flagged on the Figure) were examined and drill data shown in Fig. 7.

#### Overburden and Bedrock Materials Interval

General Colour	Most Common Material	Other Materials	General Description	Depth From	Depth To	Well ID (year drilled)
BROWN	GRAVEL			0 ft	2 ft	2405590 (1987)
	GRAVEL			2 ft	6 ft	
	IRON			6 ft	10 ft	
	IRON	SHALE		10 ft	52 ft	

#### Overburden and Bedrock Materials Interval

General Colour	Most Common Material	Other Materials	General Description	Depth From	Depth To	Well ID (year drilled)
BROWN	CLAY			0 ft	3 ft	2402320 (1972)
	SHALE	SHALE		3 ft	15 ft	
BROWN	CLAY			6 ft	42 ft	

#### Overburden and Bedrock Materials Interval

General Colour	Most Common Material	Other Materials	General Description	Depth From	Depth To	Well ID (year drilled)
	CLAY	SHALE		0 ft	3 ft	2409206 (2000)
BROWN	CLAY			3 ft	70 ft	

Fig 7. Well records for 3 sites close to the proposed severance. The top record is likely the well at the house immediately to the E of the severance. The middle record is the well at the Flewitt property a little further E on Driscoll Rd., And the third record is the well at a nearby house on the S side of Putnam Rd.

## 5. Aggregate assessment.

Although much of the Finizia property was formerly licensed as an aggregate pit, it seems clear that any useful aggregate occurring in the S part of the Finizia property was excavated and removed years ago. Mr Finizia (reported in an e-mail to Mr Gutierrez) was told by the municipality that the aggregate pit was not even used by the previous owners, and that the last time the pit was in use was in the late 1940s, over 70 years ago.

It is interesting that although the licensed pit extended all the way N to Corktown Rd, no excavation north of what is now the lake in the middle of Lot 16 was undertaken, although the mapping of aggregate in ARIP 183 clearly shows that sand 3-6m thick occurs there. The reason may be that access to the northern area was difficult because of the presence of woodland, whereas in the south part, excavation was easier because it was agricultural, with no extensive clearing required.

There is abundant evidence of former excavation south of the lake in the middle of the Finizia property. And excavation has occurred in the N part of the proposed severance, an area where perhaps 4 feet of sand was removed.

I conclude that this property, at least in the south part where the proposed severance occurs, will not be useful for the future extraction of aggregate (sand/gravel) material. Material has been removed from here in the past (purportedly in the 1940s) and building on the proposed severance will not be detrimental to the local supply of sand/gravel.

If the sand mapped at the N end of the Finizia property were to be developed in the future (and this is unlikely given the 'designated woodland' cover, and presence of houses at 892 and 896 Corktown Rd) it could be trucked out on to Corktown Rd. Putnam Rd already has houses on and close to the S end of Finizia property, and transport of aggregate from the N end of the Finizia property via Putnam Rd would almost certainly be disallowed for environmental reasons (dust etc).

I see no environmental health or safety issues associated with severing a lot and building a house at 698 Putnam Rd as requested, from an aggregate extraction perspective.

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**July 23, 2021**

## **Addendum to Aggregate Assessment Report for the severance application for a lot at the south end of the west half of Lot 16, Concession 1 (698 Putnam Rd).**

**Three questions raised by the Village have been addressed in this addendum, as follows.**

- 1. *"Impact of the proposed lot on the extraction of the balance of the resource to the north of the severed lot."***

### **Response to question 1.**

The sand aggregate that was removed in the past from the south part of the west side of Lot 16 under the license issued to McGraw Excavating was trucked south to Putnam Road (see Fig 3 in original report). If the remaining sand resource present at the north end of Lot 16 (w half) were ever to be commercially extracted, the question is whether it would be removed south via Putnam Rd or trucked north to Corktown Rd. Clearly the proposed severance would not be desirable if trucked south, because the resulting traffic (and attendant dust and noise) would be close to the proposed severance.

In my opinion, the route north to Corktown Rd would be more likely, because a) it would be a shorter distance to the road, b) it would avoid the water body and stream in the middle of the lot and c) there are several existing houses adjacent to proposed severance on Putnam Rd that would be affected by noise and dust of truck traffic from a pit at the north end of Lot 16 should the trucks be allowed to travel south (see Fig A1).

It should be noted that in another aggregate resource assessment for a severance on Lot 16 **east** half close to Corktown Rd (on the Flewitt property), it has been argued that this sand resource is not thick enough and spatially extensive enough to be of interest for development. The report by Graeme Bonham-Carter (Jul 2021), and a supplement by Gary McClaren (Nov 2021) was carried out for Nancy Zukewich in support of an application for a consent for a building lot B71-21.

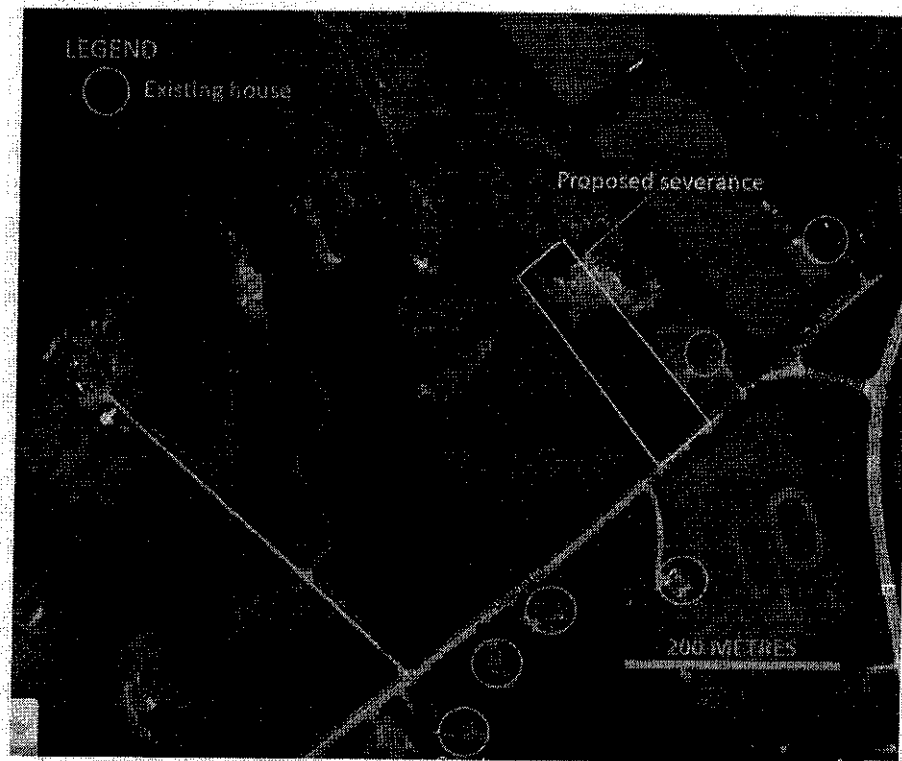


Fig A1. Satellite image showing proximity of houses close to proposed severance on Putnam and Driscoll Rds.

2. ***“Status of aggregate licenses—it is suggested that there are no licenses currently in place. The history of the license (active, abandoned etc.) the amount of material extracted, rehabilitation, etc..all need to be presented.”***

**Response to question 2.**

ARIP 183 document (table 2 - Sand and Gravel Pits United Counties of Leeds–Grenville) records Pit 43 in the name of P. McGrath Excavation 34.01 hectares (85.4 acres), face height 4 m, medium sand with some gravel.

P. McGrath Excavation Surrendered Licence 3907. Class B Licence. This was a previously operating pit licence. The site was rehabilitated and the licence surrendered in 2007 (see Fig. A2).

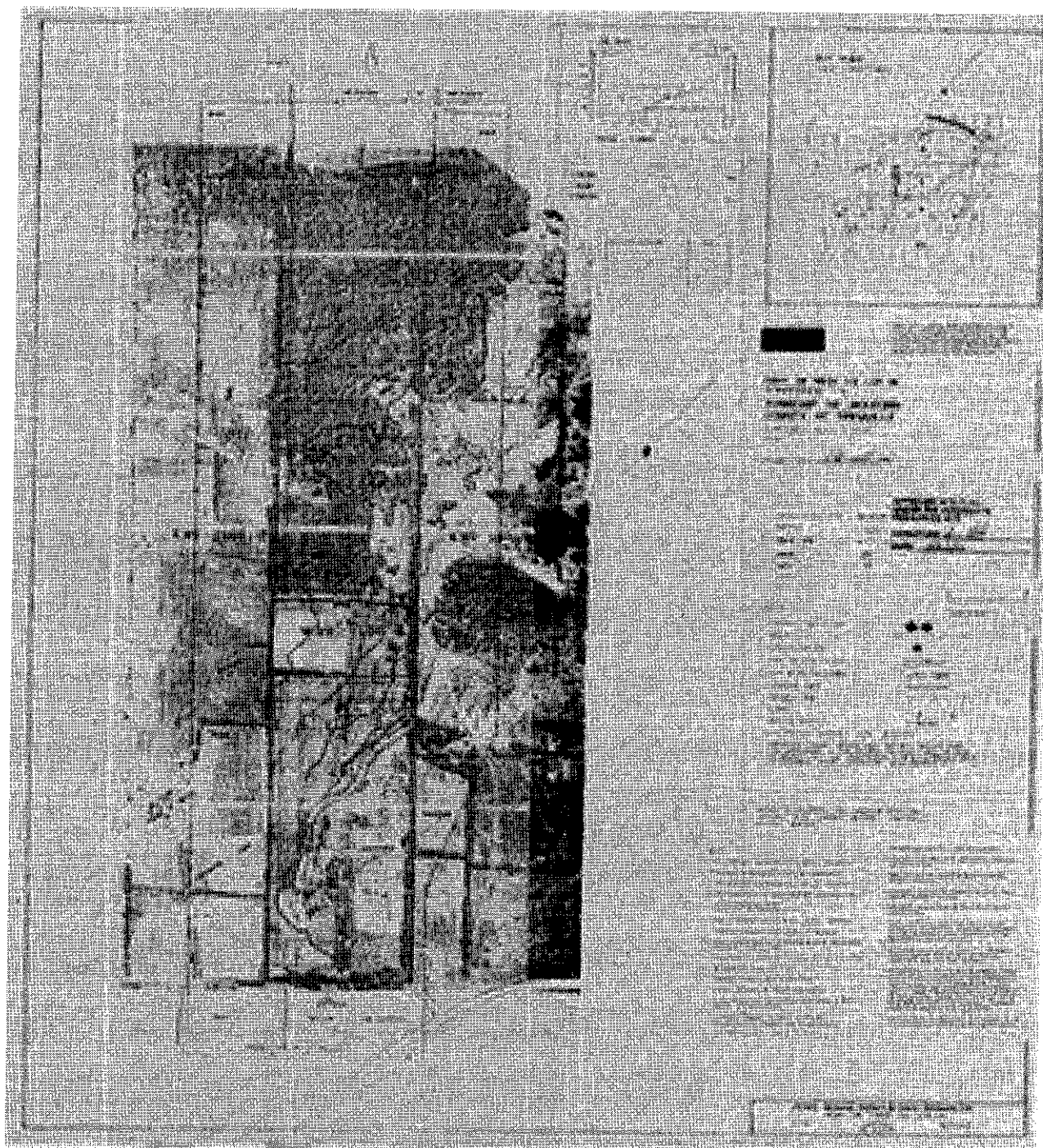


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The amount of excavated material removed is not available from the Ministry of Natural Resources. An approximate estimate of tonnage excavated was roughly calculated as follows.

The area of mapped sand/gravel on south part of the west half of Lot 16, as shown in Fig. A3 was measured (approximately) in square metres.

Area = 22,289 m<sup>2</sup> = 2.2289 hectares (1 h = 1000 m<sup>2</sup>)

Using formula from ARIP 183

Area in hectares x thickness in metres x density factor 0.01770 = mass in Million tonnes

Using a depth of 2 m

Mass = 2.2289 x 2 x .01770 = 0.078903 Mt = 78,903 tonnes

Using a depth of 4 m

Mass = 2.2289 x 4 x .01770 = 0.15780 Mt = 157,806 tonnes

Thus, approximately between 80 and 160 thousand tonnes of sand/gravel aggregate were excavated from the McGraw pit. Although the depth of deposit in the ARIP 183 table 2 cites 4 m thick, observation on the ground suggests that 2m may be more likely, at least for the part occurring in the McGraw pit.

It should be noted that sand/gravel was also removed from the east half of Lot 16 adjacent to the measured excavation, but this excavation was outside the McGraw pit and apparently unlicensed.

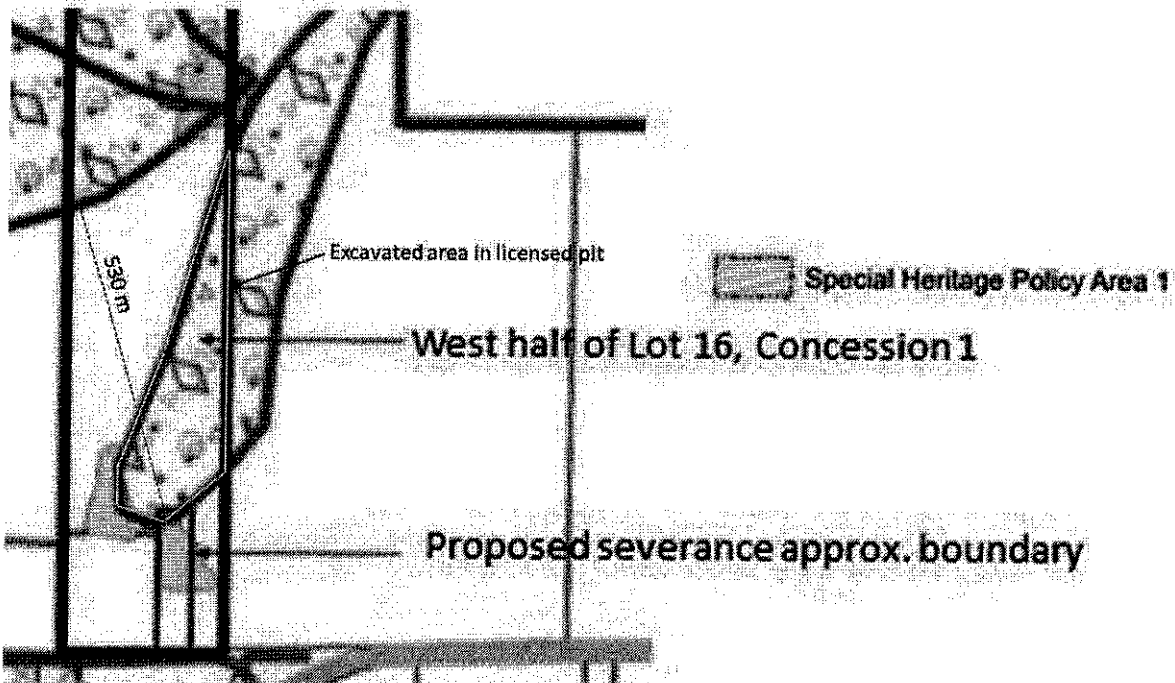


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**Response to question 3.**

The shortest distance between the north end of the proposed severance and the sand deposit that has not been excavated is about 530 m (see dotted line on Fig A3). This unexcavated sand body is part of an extensive sand deposit occurring at the north end of Lot16 (Fig 4 of original report) and it abuts Corktown Rd. It has not been excavated, even that part that occurs in the formerly licensed McGrath pit. It is mostly covered in mature woodland.

The proposed lot is outside a 300 m area of influence of the sand deposit to the north.

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**Graeme Bonham-Carter, January 6, 2022**



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**July 23, 2021**

# CONCESSION A

TRAVELLED ROAD ROAD REMAINS BELIEVED TO BE PART OF CONCESSION A (AS SHOWN AS CORRECTED ROAD)

PIN 68108-0117

SKETCH FOR SEVERENCE APPLICATIONS  
PART OF LOT 16  
CONCESSION 1  
GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF WOLFORD  
TOWNSHIP OF  
MERRICKVILLE/WOLFORD  
COUNTY OF GRENVILLE

SCALE = 1 : 3000

0 10 50 100 200 250 300m

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LOT 17

RETAINED  
AREA = 45.3 Ha (112.0 ACRES)

LOT 16

CONCESSION

PIN 68108-0117

1 Severed  
2 Retained

SEVERANCE  
AREA = 1.0 Ha (2.5 ACRES)

1 STOREY  
HOUSE DWELLING  
6698

TRAVELLED ROAD (AS SHOWN AS FUTURE ROAD)

PART 3  
PLAN 15 R 8706

CONCESSION

PART 1  
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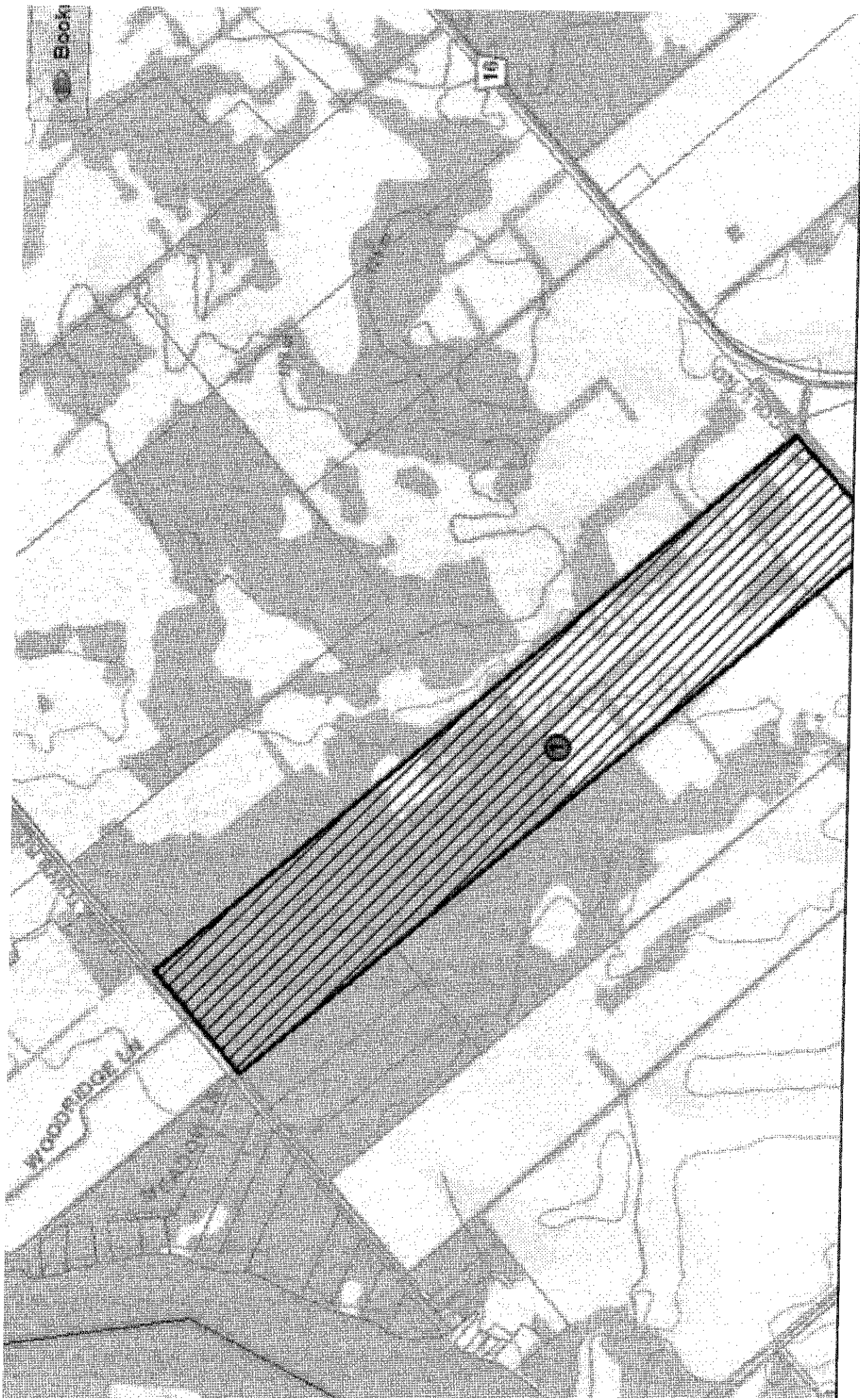
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## Municipal Consent Application Form

Please complete and send to the Secretary-Treasurer (via email) within 30-days of receipt of an application to [Krista.Weidenaar@uclg.on.ca](mailto:Krista.Weidenaar@uclg.on.ca)

File:	B159-21
Municipality:	Village of Merrickville Wolford
Owner:	Dunning
Location:	Pt Lot 16 Con 1 Wolford

Municipal Responses	Yes or No?
What is the local Official Plan designation of the land? Rural & Aggregate Resource	
Does the application conform to the local Official Plan?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, please give relevant sections of the plan.	
What is the land currently zoned in the Zoning By-Law? Rural (RU) & Aggregate- Pit (AP)	
Does the application comply with the municipal Zoning By-Law?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If not, please give relevant sections of the By-Law.	
Are there any other relevant documents or other Municipal By-Laws which would affect the proposed consent?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Are there any additional applications on the subject lands (minor variance, Official Plan Amendment Zoning By-Law amendment, etc.)? If yes, what type?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Additional Information					
Please check which of these municipal services are available for the subject lands?					
Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sanitary Sewers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access to a public and maintained road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electricity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Garbage Collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name of public road	Putnam Road

# Municipal Consent Application Form

Recommendations	Yes or No?
Does the Planning Committee, or Council, recommend approval be given to this application, and why? <u>See Planning Report</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any issues the approval authority should be made aware of for the application lands (Site conditions, development history/activity, flooding, water quality and quantity concerns, etc.)? <u>Aggregate Impact Assessment</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
If provisional approval is granted, what <b>Conditions</b> would the municipality wish to see attached? (Please attach Council's resolution, a Planning Report, list of conditions, or check below). <u>see planning report</u>	
Does the municipality require their own copy of the reference plan for the subject lands?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the municipality require that the balance of any outstanding taxes, including penalties and interest, be paid to the municipality?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the municipality require an Environmental Impact Study or other supporting studies? If yes, please describe. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the municipality require a road widening?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Does the Planning Committee or Council wish to recommend that up to 5% of the land if residential, or 2% for commercial or industrial, be set aside as parkland dedication? Or does Council wish to accept cash to the value of 2% or 5% of the land? If Yes, please describe below.	
<u>\$500 for cash in lieu of parkland</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Date: <u>17-01-2022</u>	Signed: <u>Forbes Symon</u>
Position: <u>Contract Planner</u>	Municipality of <u>Merrickville Wolford</u>



## VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

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Date: January 24, 2022

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**Recorded Vote Requested By:**

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

### **Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive Planning Report from Forbes Symon of Jp2g Consultants Inc. dated January 11, 2022 with respect to Consent Application B-177-21 and Municipal Consent Application Questionnaire Form, for information purposes; and

That Council does hereby approve and recommend support of Consent Application B-177-21 to the Consent Granting Authority with the following standard conditions:

1. That the applicant deposit a copy of the registered reference plan for the subject property with the Village Clerk; and
2. That the applicant pay all outstanding taxes to the Village; and

In addition to the following condition:

3. That the applicant provide a salt management plan for Boyd Landing Lane, consistent with the Source Water Protection Plan.

Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

January 11, 2022

Village of Merrickville-Wolford  
317 Brock Street West  
P.O. Box 340  
Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0

Attention: Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk

Dear Mr. Robertson:

**Re: Planning Report – Consent Application B177-21 (Sheahan Estate)  
11 Boyd Landing Lane, Pt Lot 14, Con. A, Wolford  
Village of Merrickville-Wolford**

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I have now had an opportunity to review the Consent Application B177-21 as it relates to the Village of Merrickville Wolford Official Plan and Zoning By-law and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Official Plan and provide the following comments.

The proposal involves the creation of a right-of-way to establish legal access to an existing developed property (53 Boyd Landing Lane S). The right-of-way is proposed to extend from Corktown Road, north to the Rideau River approximately 355 m (1167 ft). The right of way varies in width but is generally 13.7 m (45 ft) wide. The right-of-way already provides access to a number of properties fronting on the Rideau River. The benefiting property, 53 Boyd Landing Lane S already has legal access over Boyd Landing Lane South.

The subject lands are designated Rural in the Merrickville Wolford Official Plan, with the north portion being in the Special Heritage Policy Area 1. The lands are identified as being within the Well Head Protection Area B and C. The lands are also impacted by the "Aggregate Influence Area" overlay, Significant Woodlands, Significant Wildlife Habitat and ANSI (Area of Natural and Scientific Interest). The overlay designations do not impact the right-of-way application as there is no development being proposed.

The subject lands are zoned Rural (RU) with a small north portion of the parcel zoned as Limited Services Residential (LSR) in the Merrickville Wolford Zoning By-law 23-08.

#### **Local Official Plan Policies**

In review of the current Official Plan, the subject property is approximately 90 m (295 ft) east from lands designated "Aggregate Resource". The policies of the Official Plan speak to "Development" being limited within the Influence Area of known deposits. Development is defined in the Official Plan as "the creation of a new lot, a change in land use, or the construction of buildings and structures". The establishment of a right-of-way over and existing private road does not constitute "development" and therefore the Influence Area's do not apply.

The lands are also impacted by the Well Head Protection Area B and C. There does not appear to be any proposed development that would trigger the policies. However, it is worth noting that Section 8.5.2 of the Official Plan sets out the Well Head Protection policies and that policy 5 states that "it is the intent of this Plan that the Village will implement a road salt management plan for all roads within the Wellhead Protection Areas and for



all roads where runoff drains to roads within the Wellhead Protection Areas." Given the location of the private Road "Boyd Landing Lane" it may be beneficial for the Village to request a Road Salt Management Plan be prepared for the road as a condition of this development.

#### **United Counties Official Plan Policies**

The Official Plan for the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Schedule B, recognizes the aggregate deposit on the subject lands as being a "sand and gravel deposit" and should be protected for future potential extraction. The County policies mirror the local policies and there does not appear to be any "development" which would trigger an assessment.

#### **Recommendation**

Under the circumstances, it is recommended that further consideration of this consent application be approved with the standard conditions (note cash-in-lieu of parkland is not applied against right of way applications):

1. The applicant provide the Village with a copy of the registered Reference Plan;
2. That the applicant provide proof of payment of all outstanding taxes owing of the subject property;

In addition, it is Council's discretion to request a road salt management plan for Boyd Landing Lane.

3. That the applicant provide a salt management plan for Boyd Landing Lane, consistent with the Source Water Protection Plan.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,

**Jp2g Consultants Inc.**

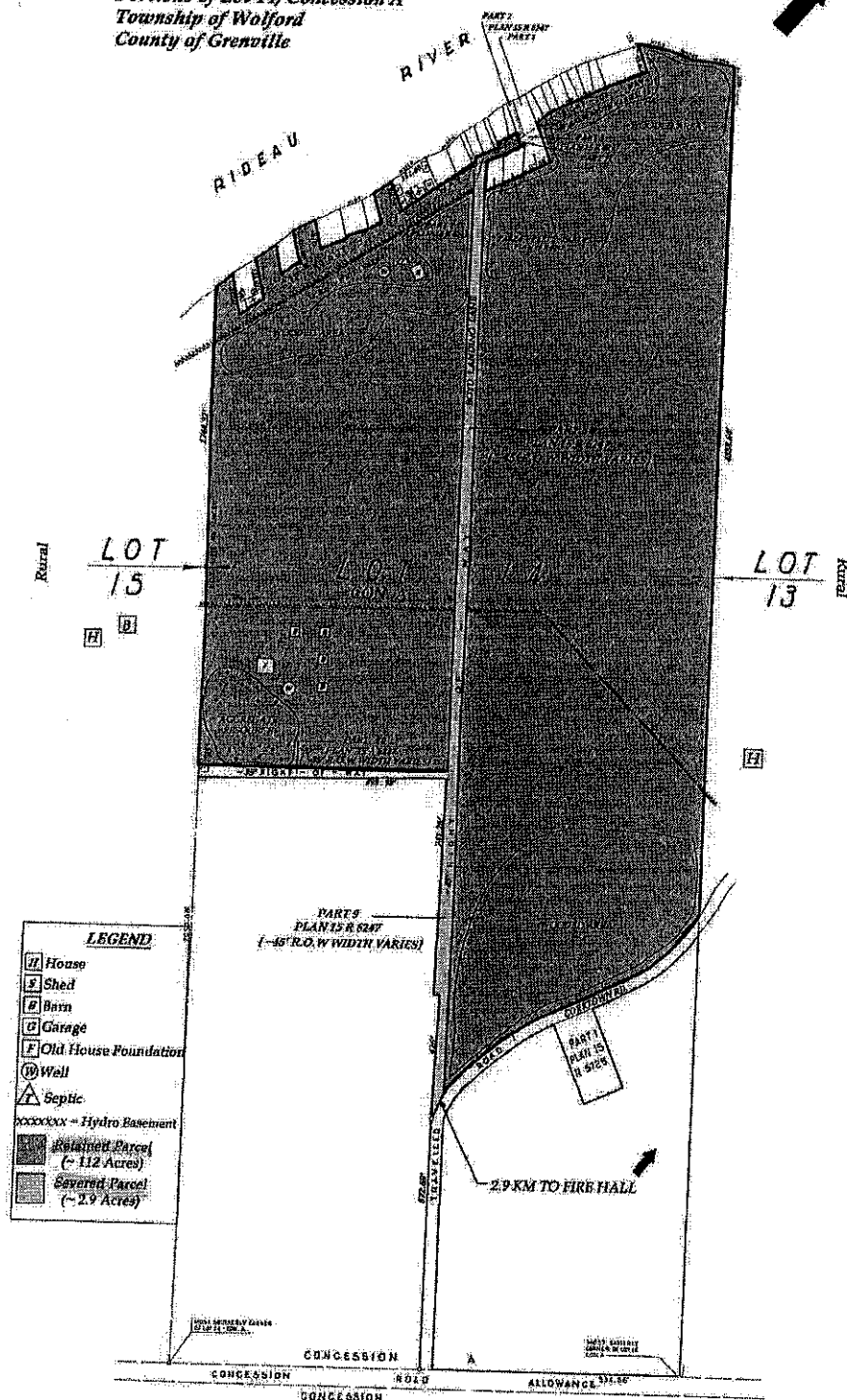
**ENGINEERS • PLANNERS • PROJECT MANAGERS**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Forbes Symon', written over a horizontal line.

Forbes Symon, MCIP, RPP  
Senior Planner



**Severance Sketch**  
**Estate of Clarence Mark Joseph Sheahan**  
**Portions of Lot 14, Concession A**  
**Township of Wolford**  
**County of Grenville**







## Municipal Consent Application Form

Please complete and send to the Secretary-Treasurer (via email) within 30-days of receipt of an application to [Krista.Weidenaar@ucig.on.ca](mailto:Krista.Weidenaar@ucig.on.ca)

File:	B177-21
Municipality:	Village of Merrickville Wolford
Owner:	Sheahan Estate
Location:	Boyd Landing Lane, Pt Lot 17, Con A, Wolford

Municipal Responses		Yes or No?			
What is the local Official Plan designation of the land? Rural - with Well Head Protection Area B & C, Aggregate Resource Influence Area					
Does the application conform to the local Official Plan?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
If not, please give relevant sections of the plan. _____ _____					
What is the land currently zoned in the Zoning By-Law? Rural (RU)					
Does the application comply with the municipal Zoning By-Law?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
If not, please give relevant sections of the By-Law. _____ _____					
Are there any other relevant documents or other Municipal By-Laws which would affect the proposed consent?		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>			
Are there any additional applications on the subject lands (minor variance, Official Plan Amendment Zoning By-Law amendment, etc.)? If yes, what type?					
		<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
<b>Additional Information</b>					
Please check which of these municipal services are available for the subject lands?					
Water	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sanitary Sewers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Access to a public and maintained road	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electricity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Garbage Collection	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name of public road	Corktown Road

# Municipal Consent Application Form

Recommendations	Yes or No?
Does the Planning Committee, or Council, recommend approval be given to this application, and why? <hr/> <hr/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Are there any issues the approval authority should be made aware of for the application lands (Site conditions, development history/activity, flooding, water quality and quantity concerns, etc.)? <hr/> <hr/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If provisional approval is granted, what <b>Conditions</b> would the municipality wish to see attached? (Please attach Council's resolution, a Planning Report, list of conditions, or check below). <u>see planning report</u> <hr/> <hr/>	
Does the municipality require their own copy of the reference plan for the subject lands? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the municipality require that the balance of any outstanding taxes, including penalties and interest, be paid to the municipality? 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the municipality require an Environmental Impact Study or other supporting studies? If yes, please describe. _____ 	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Does the Planning Committee or Council wish to recommend that up to 5% of the land if residential, or 2% for commercial or industrial, be set aside as parkland dedication? Or does Council wish to accept cash to the value of 2% or 5% of the land? If Yes, please describe below. <hr/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>                         Date: <u>10-01-2022</u> </div> <div>                         Signed: <u>Forbes Symon</u> </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div>                         Position: <u>Contract Planner</u> </div> <div>                         Municipality of <u>Village of Merrickville Wolford</u> </div> </div>	

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**Recorded Vote Requested By:**

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

### **Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Merrickville Fire Department Training and Attendance Policy; and

That Council hereby approves the Training and Attendance Policy.

Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor



# MERRICKVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Training and Attendance

### Policy



#### Policy

Merrickville Fire Department shall adopt the following standard policy for Attendance at Training.

#### Directive

It is the policy of Merrickville Fire Rescue that all firefighters attend a minimum of 75% of all practical and theory training and 75% of all online training. Merrickville Fire Department shall have a 3-step disciplinary method for any firefighter whose practical, theory or online training falls below 75%.

**Step 1** Notification and 30-day period to reinstate training equal to or greater than 75% as well as a letter in your file.

**Step 2** Suspension from all emergency responses for 30 days until training is equal to or greater than 75% as well as a letter in your file documenting the suspension.

**Step 3** Termination of employment with Merrickville Fire Department.

Training attendance and disciplinary steps shall be calculated over a rolling 12-month period.

All firefighters need to remember that their family and careers come before the Fire service. Occasionally family or work commitments may require a firefighter's full attention, which could result in training falling below 75%. It is highly recommended in these situations, that the firefighter requests a leave of absence from the Fire Chief or designate. Leaves of absence, when granted, will be for a minimum of 3-6 months or a maximum of 12 months. Upon completion of the leave of absence the firefighter will have 60 days to complete all applicable missed training prior to returning to active duty. While on leave of absence, training attendance will not be accounted for.

### **Responsibilities of all members**

- If unavailable to attend training, members are responsible to notify their crew Officer of the reason for the absence.
- When unavailable to respond to emergency calls due to work commitments, members are asked to utilize the Who's Responding App.
- If unavailable to respond to emergency call for any reason for a duration of more than 24 hours, members are requested to utilize the Who's Responding App and to notify their crew Officer of the reason.

### **Officers**

Officers have the same responsibilities as above with the following additions:

- Provide their duty crew with their preferred method of communication i.e., text, email, or phone.
- Monitor and acknowledge their crew's communication regarding attendance.
- Keep a record of their duty crew's reason for the absence.
- Notify at training session if any of their crew has been excused for the session.
- If an officer is unavailable to attend, they must notify the Deputy Chief with the reason for their absence and appoint a member of their duty crew to act as their replacement.
- Keep the Chief and Deputy Chief updated as to the status of their crew to ensure minimum response levels are maintained.

This policy is intended to encourage member participation and reduce absenteeism at trainings and fire calls. Alternative duties may be assigned to those individuals who are temporarily having difficulty meeting their attendance requirements. Alternative duties will be overseen by a senior member and may include, training, fire inspections, community relations, equipment maintenance and fire prevention. It is the responsibility of the individual to request alternative duties from their duty Officer and provide them with their availability to perform the assigned duties.

### **Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of all Merrickville Fire Department members to adhere to this policy and follow it in its entirety.

Approved by Fire Chief \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Ireland	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

### **Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Merrickville Fire Department Emergency Response Attendance Policy; and

That Council hereby approves the Emergency Response Attendance Policy.

Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor





# MERRICKVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Emergency Response Attendance Policy



### Policy

Merrickville Fire Department shall adopt the following standard policy for Attendance at Emergency responses.

#### **Directive**

It is the policy of Merrickville Fire Department that all firefighters attend a minimum of 20% of all Emergency responses. Merrickville Fire Department shall have a 3-step disciplinary method for any member whose Emergency Response attendance falls below 20%.

**Step 1** Notification by email and a 60-day period to reinstate Emergency Response equal to or greater than 20%.

**Step 2** Discussion with Chief and Deputy about reasons for poor attendance at Emergency Response. A formal final entry which will notify the member that they have a 60-day period to reinstate Emergency Response attendance equal to or greater than 20% or termination will occur.

**Step 3** Termination of employment with Merrickville Fire Department.

Emergency Response attendance and disciplinary steps shall be calculated over a rolling 12-month period.

All members need to remember that their family and careers come before the Fire service. Occasionally family or work commitments may require a member's full attention, which could result in Emergency Response attendance falling below 20%. It is highly recommended in these situations, that the member requests a leave of absence from the Fire Chief or designate. Leaves of absence will be granted at the discretion of the Fire Chief or designate to a maximum of 12 months. Upon completion of the leave of absence, the Firefighter will have 60 days to bring their Emergency Response attendance back to the 20% or they will be automatically

placed in step 2. All applicable training missed must be made up prior to returning to active duty. While on leave of absence, training attendance will not be accounted for.

### **Responsibilities**

It is the responsibility of all Merrickville Fire Department members to adhere to this policy.

Approved by Fire Chief \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

### **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; and
2. A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to negotiations carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board; and
3. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and
4. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried / Defeated

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Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

### **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 regular Council meeting, with staff being given direction, at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m.

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Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

### **Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive a request to waive Noise By-Law 23-03 until 2:00 a.m. for an event on June 11, 2022; and

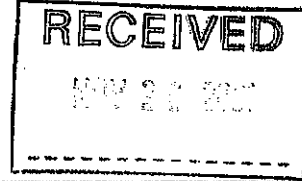
Council does hereby approve the exemption.

Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

Brendan Maloney, Jannel Miller  
476 County Road 29  
Smiths Falls, Ontario  
K7A 4S5



November 16th, 2021

Mayor Doug Struthers  
Village of Merrickville-Wolford  
317 Brock Street West. P.O. Box 340  
Merrickville, Ontario  
K0G 1N0

**RE: Noise By-Law No. 23-03 for Event on June 11, 2022**

Dear Mayor Struthers and Council Members,

We are writing this letter to ask for permission to create noise after the hours of 11:00pm as outlined in Noise By-Law No. 23-03.

We would like to host our wedding reception outdoors at the Merrickville Community Centre Grounds on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Should you accept our proposal we will obtain insurance and all other permits as required (building permit, liquor license, etc.) At the celebration of our wedding there will be three main sources of noise; the DJ service (including Master of Ceremonies), the guests and the transportation. We intend on having a DJ at the reception to provide entertainment within the rented vinyl tents. We are expecting approximately 150 guests. There will be some guests who chose to drive their own vehicles, but we will also be hiring a transportation service for guests to return safely to their home or lodgings.

We are sincerely looking forward to celebrating our wedding at the Fair Grounds. Being that we are respectful of the community, we humbly do not believe that we will be a nuisance to neighbouring properties. We are acknowledging that we do not expect the reception to be completed at 11:00pm. We are understanding of the By-Law and request permission to allow the DJ, our guests, and means of transportation to create noise after 11:00pm.

We hope for positive feedback upon your review. Kindly please confirm if this request is acceptable.

Sincerely,

*Brendan Maloney* *R Jannel Miller*

Brendan Maloney and Jannel Miller

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Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the memo dated January 17, 2022 from Mayor Struthers regarding items for Advisory Committees, for discussion and consideration.

Carried / Defeated

\_\_\_\_\_  
J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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## VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Date: January 17, 2022

To: Council  
Cc: CAO Robertson  
Deputy Clerk  
From: Mayor Struthers  
RE: Items for Advisory Committees

Members may recall last year community interest in:

- Community Better Challenge (information attached)
- pollinator habitat restoration (information attached)
- Pride recognition.

For Council discussion and consideration.

Mayor Struthers



## **Mayor**

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**From:** Katie Dickie <haddenkatie@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 14, 2022 1:15 PM  
**To:** Mayor; Michael Cameron; Timothy Molloy; Bob Foster; Stephen Ireland; Doug Robertson  
**Subject:** Re: Community Better Challenge - Community Grant - ParticipACTION

In addition to my previous email. The Participaction team has just made that webinar I attended yesterday available for viewing. Please see the link below.

To view the recording of this webinar please follow this link:  
[https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/aYzWp0G\\_aEDndpDliwDSrnlDmPvwWqpk-Lw4eEGrZyg3zEBZTePMDXcPdmK94hA.MGyJ5xNnYt-qbzBn](https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/share/aYzWp0G_aEDndpDliwDSrnlDmPvwWqpk-Lw4eEGrZyg3zEBZTePMDXcPdmK94hA.MGyJ5xNnYt-qbzBn)

Thank you, again looking forward to hearing back from you

Katie Burnette-Dickie

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**From:** Katie Dickie  
**Sent:** January 14, 2022 6:37 AM  
**To:** Mayor <mayor@merrickville-wolford.ca>; Michael Cameron <cameron@merrickville-wolford.ca>; Timothy Molloy <molloy@merrickville-wolford.ca>; Bob Foster <foster@merrickville-wolford.ca>; Steve Ireland <ireland@merrickville-wolford.ca>; Doug Robertson <cao@merrickville-wolford.ca>  
**Subject:** Community Better Challenge - Community Grant - ParticipACTION

Good Morning,  
I am hoping to have this received and added to the next agenda for Council to discuss.

ParticipACTION is a national non-profit organization, launched as a Canadian government program in the 1970s, to promote healthy living and physical fitness. Since 1971 they have been working hard to make Canada a place where physical activity is a vital part of everyday life.

The ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge is a national physical activity initiative that encourages Canadians to get active in search of Canada's Most Active Community.

It is open to everyone and all minutes tracked on the app and website from June 1 – 30 counts toward a community's total score. After June 30, 50 finalist communities will be invited to submit an application explaining why they deserve to be Canada's Most Active Community.

At the conclusion of the challenge, one community will earn the top prize of \$100,000 and title of being Canada's most active. In addition to the national winner, there will also be prize for the most active community in each province and territory. Last year our Neighbours in North Grenville were top winners and received the \$100,000.00. Now, more than ever, physical activity and sport participation need to be prioritized to help our residents stay healthy in mind, body, and community spirit. Below is the link for further information.

[www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/community-challenge](http://www.participaction.com/en-ca/programs/community-challenge)

Last year, alongside with another local resident, we launched an individual effort to get Merrickville-Wolfords residents moving and we were very successful. In the end residents, local schools and our local Health Unit participated, got active and logged their movements. Together we finished in 29th place out of 391 communities participating. Which also in turn put us 125th overall in Canada, which was such a success. Together we logged over 8319 move minutes.

This year, I am hoping that you might consider this as an opportunity for the Municipality to register and support this endeavor. The "perks" as registering as a municipality are as follows: ( registering last year as an individual group did not permit us to be eligible, however a municipality would be )

- Community Grants - Window to apply - Jan 17 - Feb 21 at 5pm - \$500-\$1500
- Challenge toolkits - free banners, posters etc to help advertise and promote the challenge.
- Women & Girls Multi-Sport Funding (NEW FOR 2022)
- Group tracking vs individual tracking will boost our numbers and hopefully engage a larger group of residents.

It is my hope that Council and Staff support this request to engage as a Municipality in this event which runs the entire month of June.

Having set it up last year myself, it was a very easy task, and took very little time to enroll. This would also be a great opportunity to task the Recreation, Health and Wellness advisory committee for support.

Yesterday I had the opportunity to attend a zoom meeting hosted by the Participation Group, with the topic focused on applying for the Community Better Challenge Grant, I have attached the grant application process. And provided the link to the website above.

I closing, I would like to express my gratitude for the opportunity to have introduced this to Council and Staff, and it is my hopes that you might consider supporting this amazing Community Event. Not for the grand prize, but for the community collaboration and moral. The Pandemic has been tough for a lot of people, and last year, this brought so many people together, they got outside and got active. It was amazing to watch people in town, out walking, running and logging minutes.

Please feel free to reach out to me to me should you have any questions. I am happy to help.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Katie Burnette-Dickie

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## VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Recorded Vote Requested  
By:

Resolution Number: R - - 21

Date: July 26, 2021

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 receive correspondence from the Canadian Wildlife Federation concerning rights-of-way pollinator habitat restoration.

Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

**Mayor**

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**From:** Victoria Woodhouse <VictoriaW@cwf-fcf.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 9, 2021 4:43 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Rights-of-Way Pollinator Habitat Restoration Call for Proposals

Mayor Doug Struthers,

The Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF) is pleased to offer financial and technical support in achieving your sustainability goals.

Potential pollinator habitat is all around us. By naturalizing and restoring our working landscapes, we can create sizeable networks of pollinator habitat. Rights-of-way (ROW) including roadsides and other transportation and utility corridors are open, sunny areas and often require low-growing vegetation for safety, access, and visibility. While these individual corridors may not seem significant in size, collective changes across the landscape could create millions of hectares of habitat for pollinators and other wildlife. In Ontario alone, there are over 270,000 kilometres of roadways traversing the province, highlighting the significant opportunity for pollinator recovery while reducing maintenance costs.

Many organizations are finding this a positive way to address various issues such as invasive species management, carbon storage, lowering the bottom line in municipal budgets, as well as demonstrating social responsibility to customers and the public.

CWF is seeking partnership projects to restore a total of 7.3km<sup>2</sup> of breeding and migratory habitat for the Monarch and other pollinators along ROW in Eastern Ontario.

Partners will receive access to:

- Coverage of restoration costs
- Expert advice on restoration methods to create pollinator-friendly ROWs
- A multi-year vegetation management plan for the affected area that meets partner objectives
- Training on integrated vegetation management for staff and/or contractors through the CWF ROW Managers network
- Specialist advice in integrated vegetation management (IVM) to reduce the coverage of alien invasive plant species
- A scientific monitoring and evaluation program to assess ecological results of the restoration activities in collaboration with University of Ottawa and Carleton University
- Opportunities for positive recognition of the partner projects and program results

To join the growing number of ROW managers across North America responding to a call for action to restore pollinator habitat, please apply to our 2021-22 Rights-of-Way Pollinator Habitat Restoration program. For additional details and how to apply, see the linked [Terms of Reference](#). Applications are due August 6 (EDT) for Fall-starting projects.

We kindly ask you to encourage your colleagues including operational, park and planning staff to respond to this exciting opportunity.

Thank you for your support and interest, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Victoria Woodhouse (She/Her)  
Habitat Program Manager



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Resolution Number: R - - 22

Date: January 24, 2022

For Clerk's use only, if  
required:

**Recorded Vote Requested  
By:**

Cameron	Y	N
Foster	Y	N
Ireland	Y	N
Molloy	Y	N
Struthers	Y	N

Moved by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

**Whereas** residents have voiced concerns with the currently proposed Rogers cell tower off CR15 across from CR41 intersection;

**Be it hereby resolved that** the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford requires communications tower proponents to conduct a public meeting to allow these concerns to be aired and addressed before municipal approval is given.

Carried / Defeated

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Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

**Be it hereby resolved that:** By-law 05-2022, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of January 24, 2022, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 05-2022 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried / Defeated

J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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

**BY-LAW 05-2022**

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 JANUARY 24, 2022

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 prudent 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 January 24, 2022 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 January 24, 2022 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2022.

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

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Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk



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Seconded by: Cameron Foster Molloy Ireland

### Be it hereby resolved that:

This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at p.m. until the next meeting of Council on Monday, February 14, 2022 or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried / Defeated

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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor