

The Corporation of the
Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Monday, April 23, 2018

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2018.

Chaired by: Mayor David Nash

Members of Council: Councillor Chuck MacInnis
Councillor Stephen Ireland
Councillor Kim Weedmark
Deputy Mayor Anne Barr
Councillor Vic Suthren
Councillor David Snowdon

Regrets:

Staff in Attendance: Arie Hoogenboom, Interim CAO/Clerk/Treasurer
Christina Conklin, Deputy Clerk
Randy Wilkinson, Chief Building Official
Mark Urquhart, Fire Chief
Jerry Jopling, By-law Enforcement Officer

Note: Mayor Nash asked for a moment of silence for the victims and families of those affected by the incident in Toronto.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof: None

Approval of Agenda:

Additions to the Agenda included a package of correspondence from residents regarding the re-enactment event to be held in the Village as well as a proclamation for Communities in Bloom week. Councillor MacInnis' additions to the agenda included a motion to reconsider a decision that Council made at the January 19, 2018 meeting, complaints from residents regarding violations of the procedural by-law, and a response to a resident regarding questions about the ongoing workplace investigation.

R-146-18 Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby adopt the agenda of the regular Council meeting of April 23, 2018, as amended.

Carried

Proclamation:

WHEREAS in Canada, we are fortunate to have a multitude of communities committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification; and

WHEREAS communities are committed to ensuring sustainable development for future generations; and

WHEREAS participation in *Communities in Bloom* builds communities, strengthens volunteer and community development, enhances social interaction, and creates community pride; and

WHEREAS the benefits provided by *Communities in Bloom* may boost the economy, create sustainability, enhance property values, attract new business, and increase tourism; and

WHEREAS our parks, open spaces, green spaces and trails ensure sustainability, provide space to enjoy nature, help maintain clean air and water, and preserve plant and animal wildlife; and

WHEREAS all community levels: municipal, residential, commercial and institutional work together to ensure the voluntary sector and private enterprise throughout the Country participate in the planning, development and operation of recreation and parks programs, services and facilities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby proclaim that the week of May 7th, has been designated as Communities in Bloom Week which will annually recognize and celebrate the benefits derived from Communities in Bloom and the countless volunteers and individuals that make our communities great places to live.

Minutes:

R-147-18 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the Minutes of the regular Council meeting of April 9, 2018 as circulated.
Carried

Public Question Period to Council: No questions.

Note: A discussion was had regarding the procedural by-law and concerns expressed to Councillor MacInnis by residents.

Correspondence:

R-148-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the correspondence from Deborah Weedmark dated April 14, 2018; and

That Council directs the Chief Building Official to respond to the correspondence.

Carried

R-149-18 Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Ireland
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the correspondence from Carman Dawson dated April 15, 2018; and

That Council directs the Manager of Public Works to respond to the correspondence.

Carried

R-150-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the correspondence from Michelle Norlock dated April 8, 2018; and

That Council approves the donation of \$200 and Merrickville-Wolford pins/crests.

Carried

Note: The additional correspondence package regarding the re-enactment event to be held in the Village was discussed.

Note: A discussion regarding a response to a resident's questions about the ongoing workplace investigation was had.

By-Law Enforcement:

R-151-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report BLEO-02-2018, the 2018 1st quarter report of the By-law Enforcement Department, for information purposes.

Carried

Planning:

R-152-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby recommend approval of the Application for Consent B-8-18, with the following conditions:

1. That Section 12 of the Application be amended to indicate the provincially significant wetland and floodplain; and
2. That the existing barn be either demolished or the Applicant obtain a change of use permit prohibiting livestock.

Carried

R-153-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby recommend approval of the Applications for Consent B-33-18 and B34-18 by Mr. Jean-Paul Belot.

Carried

Fire:

R-154-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FD-05-2018, the 2018 first quarter report of the Merrickville Fire Department, for information purposes.

Carried

Library:

R-155-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Minutes of the Merrickville Public Library Board dated March 13, 2018, for information purposes.

Carried

Environment:

R-156-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive and review the 2017 Annual Wastewater Report prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), for information purposes.

Carried

R-157-18 Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the 2017 Stewardship Projects and Water Quality Sampling Sites map for the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, for information purposes.

Carried

Finance:

R-158-18 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive By-law No.18-11 of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville regarding the 2018 County Tax Rates, for information purposes.

Carried

R-159-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive By-law No.18-10 of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville regarding the 2018 Property Tax Class Ratios, for information purposes.

Carried

R-160-18 Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: By-Law 20-2018, being a by-law to adopt the 2018 Operating, Capital, Water and Wastewater Budgets, be read a first and second time, and that By-Law 20-2018 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried

R-161-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr Be it hereby resolved that: By-Law 21-2018, being a by-law to set the 2018 tax rate, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 21-2018 be read a third and final time and passed.
Carried

By-laws:

R-162-18 Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Suthren Be it hereby resolved that: By-Law 23-2018, being a by-law to authorize the execution of Minutes of Settlement, be read a first and second time, and that By-Law 23-2018 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried

Notices of Motion:

A discussion was had regarding the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner.

R-163-18 Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Suthren Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the Village's participation in the Chamber of Commerce Bench Program and accept the Certificate of Ownership format; and

That Council directs staff to execute an agreement including the terms and conditions as outlined in the Certificate of Ownership; and

That Council does hereby allocate the \$500 received when a bench is installed on municipal land to a maintenance fund dedicated to maintenance of the benches.

Carried

Public Question Period to Council:

A resident inquired as to when information would be made available regarding the infrastructure project.

A resident inquired as to whether the request for use of municipal property for the re-enactment event came officially as a letter from the Tulip Festival or if it was brought forward by an individual.

A resident inquired as to what would be the amount of the settlement with the former Treasurer.

A resident inquired if the Council would be interested in preparing a shovel-ready project for the North side of the Rideau River in order to expand water and wastewater services.

A resident inquired as to why the report from OCWA stated that there were no complaints received when there had been complaints made in writing.

A resident inquired as to what the costs associated with the ongoing workplace investigation would be.

A resident inquired as to whether or not Council had made a decision regarding the Volvo Grader at the last regular meeting.

A resident inquired about including benches with warranties as part of the Chamber of Commerce Bench Program.

A resident inquired as to whether or not all of Council was aware of the details of the workplace investigation.

Next Meeting of Council: Monday May 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Notice of Motion:

Councillor MacInnis made a notice of motion to reconsider a decision made on January 19th. Council did not wish to hold an in-camera session in order to discuss.

Confirming By-Law:

R-164-18 Moved by Councillor Suthren, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark
Be it hereby resolved that: By-law 22-2018, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meetings of April 23, 2018, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 22-2018 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried

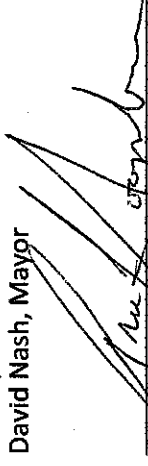
Adjournment:

R-165-18 Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor Suthren
Be it hereby resolved that: This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 9:28 p.m. until the next regular meeting of Council on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried



David Nash, Mayor



Arfe Hoogenboom, Interim CAO/Clerk