

The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford
Special Meeting, Monday, March 11, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
Municipal Council Chambers
317 Brock St. W. Merrickville, Ontario K0G 1N0

Members Present

Mayor Michael Cameron
Deputy Mayor Anne Barr
Councillor Margaret Gural
Councillor Stephen Ireland (via Zoom)
Councillor Ronnie Maitland

Staff Present

(Interim) C.A.O., Darlene Plumley
Treasurer/ Manager of Finance, Kirsten Rahm
Clerk, Julia McCaugherty-Jansman

Important notice: This meeting was held in person and the open session portion of the agenda was open to the public in the Council Chambers. It was recorded and livestreamed electronically on the "Village of Merrickville-Wolford" YouTube channel; https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_OEkw3yIMarGSHGeNecrQg
The minutes presented do not represent a verbatim report, to view the meeting and discussion please refer to link above.

The Agenda for March 11, 2024, Special Meeting of Council was introduced. The agenda was presented.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Barr SM-01-11-03-24.

Seconded By: Councillor Gural

THAT the Agenda for the Special Council Meeting held on March 11, 2024, be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Barr declared a Pecuniary Interest regarding the Merrickville Agricultural Society Community Grant application, as she is on the Board of the Agricultural Society.

Finance

Mayor Cameron introduced the Community Grant Program finance report.

Moved By: Councillor Ireland SM-02-11-03-24.

Seconded By: Councillor Gural

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the report regarding the 2024 Community Grant Program, for information purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council give staff direction on the allocation of funds and In-Kind requests for the Community Grant Program as follows:

	Cash	In Kind
Merrickville Scouts		\$510
Christmas in Merrickville	\$500	\$226
Merrickville Heritage Classic		\$452
Senior Exercise Group (CPHC)		\$3,060
Merrickville-Wolford ECO Champs		\$226
Cooperative Play Group		\$307
Merrickville Public School		\$452
Merrickville Agricultural Society	\$6,000	\$125
Merrickville Organization for Culture & the Arts	\$4,850	\$300
Merrickville Artists' Guild	\$650	
Merrickville Lions Club		\$452
Merrickville-Wolford Chamber of Commerce		\$673
European Classic Car Show		\$565
	\$12,000	\$7,348

CARRIED

It was the consensus of Council that moving forward, a more detailed account of the participation rates for events would assist in processing the requests.

It was also understood that during budget discussion in 2024, a clearer definition of costs be identified concerning expenses related to Recreation Activities, this would be beneficial in determining the actual costs related to the venue. The purpose being to more accurately indicate whether the user fees associated were sufficient.

The Confirmation of Proceedings By-law for March 11, 2024, was introduced.

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Barr SM-03-11-03-24.

Seconded By: Councillor Maitland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford give First, Second, Third and Final Reading to By-law 2024-09 Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council for the Meeting of March 11, 2024;

AND FURTHER THAT authorization be given to the Mayor and Clerk to sign, seal and place in the By-law Book for the Municipality By-law Number 2024-09.

CARRIED

Adjournment was introduced at 5:50pm.

Moved By: Councillor Maitland SM-04-11-03-24.

Seconded By: Councillor Gural

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford adjourn.

CARRIED

Mayor Cameron

Clerk Julia McCaugherty-Jansman