

Council Notes

MERRICKVILLE - WOLFORD

2014 Budgets Passed

Council has passed the 2014 budget with a 3% increase.

The impact of the 2014 increase on the municipal portion of the tax bill is \$54.79 on a property assessed at \$200,000.00 or \$4.57 per month.

This increase represents the municipal portion of the tax bill and does not reflect the School Boards or County levies.

In addition, Council passed the 2013 Environment Budget with a 10% increase to water and sewer rates. The Environment Budget, which represents the operation of the water and sewer treatment plants must be kept separate from general taxation and is required by the province to be self-sustaining.

In 2014 there was a reduction in the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund – a grant that assists municipalities in paying for services downloaded by the Province. Copies of the 2013 Budgets are posted on the website or are available at the municipal office.

Recreation User Fee Refund

Council has implemented a program to refund \$100.00 of the user fee being charged to local youth using the Smiths Falls arena for winter sports.

The refund is specific to hockey and figure skating enrollment and is for youth only.

The municipality will process a payment when the registration receipt showing the user fee is provided along with proof of residency.

Please bring receipts to the office or mail it to **P.O. Box 340, Merrickville, ON K0G 1N0** for processing. Please do not fax or scan receipts.

Cheques are processed on the 15th and 30th of the month. Please contact the office at 613-269-4791 if you require further information regarding the processing of payments.

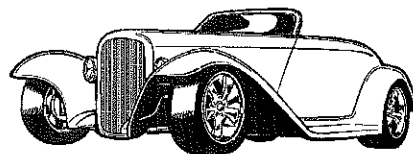
Community Grants from Council

Council provides community events and groups with annual grants. Requests for support are submitted by community organizations prior to the finalization of the annual budget and Council allocates funds based on the amount set aside in the budget. This year the amount provided in the budget is \$12,000.00. Total requests for funding were \$16,500.00. Council allocated funding based on an overall percentage of the ask of the \$12,000.00. Council requested a grant policy be prepared for use in the future which would provide funding criteria to ensure transparency and accountability.



2014 Grants

Lions Club Canal Fest	\$2,909.00
Jazz Fest	\$727.00
Motorcycle show	\$364.00
Grenville Plowman	\$145.00
Agricultural Society	\$2,909.00
Classic Car show	\$2,400.00
Friends of the Rideau	\$727.00
Christmas in Merrickville	\$1,818.00



2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS:

Notice is hereby given to the municipal electors of the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville that a nomination paper for the 2014 Municipal Elections may be filed in person or by an agent with the Returning Officer of the appropriate local municipality up to Thursday, September 11, 2014 at the Clerk's Office during regular office hours and on Nomination Day, Friday, September 12, 2014 until 2:00 p.m.

The required fee for Member of Council or School Board Trustee is \$100.00 and the required fee for Head of Council is \$200.00. The required fee shall be in the form of cash, certified cheque or money order made payable to the appropriate municipality or by an electronic method of payment that the clerk specifies and must accompany the signed form. A nomination paper must be certified by the appropriate Municipal Clerk before such person becomes a candidate for the office. A nomination paper must be filed prior to accepting campaign contributions or incurring expenses.

You are entitled to be an elector and to run for office if you are not disqualified by any Act or law and on voting day if you are:

1. a resident of the applicable municipality; or
2. a non-resident who is an owner or tenant of land in the applicable municipality or the spouse of such an owner or tenant; and
3. a Canadian citizen; and
4. of the full age of 18 years.

POSITIONS FOR WHICH A PERSON MAY FILE A NOMINATION PAPER FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE VILLAGE OF MERRICKVILLE-WOLFORD

Mayor	(1)
Councillor	
- Merrickville Ward	(2)
- Wolford Ward	(2)
- At Large	(2)

Returning Officer Jill Armstrong
Village of Merrickville-Wolford 317 Brock Street West, Merrickville
Phone: 269-4791cao@merrickville-wolford.ca

UPPER CANADA DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

English Language Public School Board Trustee Ward 3-ONE (1) to be elected at large from within the following areas: Village of Merrickville-Wolford, Township of Rideau Lakes, Village of Westport and Town of Smiths Falls. Nominations in the prescribed form will be received by Dianna Bresee, Clerk/Returning Officer for the Township of Rideau Lakes, 1439 County Road 8, Delta, Ontario.

CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF EASTERN ONTARIO

English Language Catholic School Board Trustee - ONE (1) to be elected at large to represent the County of Grenville including the Town of Prescott and the Township of Elizabethtown-Kitley. Nominations in the prescribed form will be received by Cahl Pominville, Clerk/Returning Officer for the Municipality of North Grenville, 285 County Road 44, Kemptville, Ontario.

FRENCH LANGUAGE PUBLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD (le Conseil des écoles publiques de l'Est de l'Ontario)

French Language Public School Board Trustee, Zone 2 - ONE (1) to be elected at large to represent the Counties of Frontenac, Hastings, Leeds & Grenville, Prince Edward and Lennox & Addington. (Conseiller(ère) scolaire - UN (1) élu pour le secteur 2 qui comprend les comités de Frontenac, Hastings, Leeds et Grenville, Prince Edward et Lennox et Addington) Nominations in the prescribed form will be received by Kevin Arjoon, Returning Officer for the City of Kingston, 216 Ontario Street, Kingston, Ontario.

FRENCH LANGUAGE CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD (le Conseil des écoles catholiques de langue français du Centre-Est)

French Language Catholic School Board Trustee, Zone 2 - ONE (1) to be elected at large to represent the Counties of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville including the City of Brockville, the Town of Prescott, the Town of Gananoque and the Town of Smiths Falls. (Conseiller(ère) scolaire - UN (1) élu pour le secteur 2 qui comprend les comités de Lanark, de Leeds et Grenville, ainsi que de la ville de Brockville, et Smiths Falls et Prescott, et Gananoque) Nominations in the prescribed form will be received by Cahl Pominville, Clerk/Returning Officer for the Municipality of North Grenville, 285 County Road 44, Kemptville, Ontario.

Voting Day for the Municipal Elections is *Monday, October 27th, 2014.*