

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

August 22, 2016

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 6:30 pm on Monday, August 22, 2016.

Chaired by: Deputy Mayor Aine Barr

Members of Council: Councillor Stephen A. Ireland
Councillor Kim Weedmark
Councillor Victor Suthren (who joined at 6:45 p.m.)
Councillor Chuck MacInnis
Councillor David Snowdon

Regrets: Mayor David Nash

Staff in Attendance: Arie Hoogenboom, Interim CAO/Clerk
Sheila Kehoe, Manager of Finance – Treasurer
Randy Wilkinson, Chief Building Official

Members of the public were in attendance.

Deputy Mayor Barr opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

Press in Attendance: None.

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

Additions to the Agenda:

Councillor Snowdon added an item under Public Works.

By-Laws 20, 21 and 22-16 were deleted as the necessary information had not arrived, and the resolution on Merrickville Estates was moved up to follow the delegation from Charles Fournier.

Resolutions:

R-198-16 Moved by K. Weedmark, Seconded by D. Snowdon
Be it hereby resolved that: The agenda of the regular council meeting of August 22, 2016 be adopted as amended.

Carried.

Approval of the minutes:

R-199-16 Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by S. Ireland
Be it hereby resolved that: The minutes of the regular council meeting of July 25, and of the special Council meeting on August 8, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

Delegation:

Ross Markell and Ian Murphy, of Craig, Keen, Despatie & Markell LLP.

Mr. Markell and Mr. Murphy attended to present the 2013, 2014 and 2015 draft financial statements. Mr. Markell thanked the current treasurer, the past treasurer and the CAO/Clerk for their support and input. He reviewed for Council the changes to municipal accounting that came about with PSAB in 2009 and the work done with our previous auditor. He provided a clear opinion on our 2013, 2014 and 2015 operations. He noted that, overall, Council and staff did an excellent job in staying close to budget with small surpluses in each year. The 2015 actual surplus was \$82,960. He further related to Council the Village's relative position on reserves, debt, grants, and taxes receivables. Our taxes receivables at 19% need to come down. The auditor also noted the need to move towards full cost recovery on our water and waste-water treatment system, and that in fact the municipality had over borrowed for the construction project. Mr. Markell responded to various questions and noted that a management letter could be expected in the future. Staff will ensure that the final statements are sent on to the Province.

R-200-16 Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by C. MacInnis
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive and approve the financial statements for the years 2013, 2014 and 2015, dated August 22, 2016, from our auditors, Craig, Keen, Despatie & Markell.

Carried.

Charles Fournier, Merrickville Estates.

Mr. Fournier, the developer, attended and provided a PowerPoint on the status of all phases of the development. At this point, all lots in Phases I and II are sold with 18 of 22 built on in Phase I, and 10 of 31 built in Phase II. He noted that he is seeking a 5-year extension on the development agreement for Phase III which is set to expire this October. He would further request Council to pave H.F. McLean Road and develop the municipal park on Lot 72. Both of these actions will support continued development of new homes. Mr. Fournier responded to questions including his belief that no trail development on his part was expected and that the layout did not accommodate any trail connectivity. Council opted to agree to the extension without conditions.

R-201-16 Moved by K. Weedmark, Seconded by D. Snowdon
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby:

- receive the reports from the Chief Building Official, dated July 25 and Aug 9, 2016, and;

- agree to the request of Charles Fournier, Developer, Merrickville Estates, for a 5-year extension to the development of the roads and associated works in Phase 3 of the Merrickville Estates subdivision.

Carried.

Public Question Period:

Robbie Giles, 120 Merrick Drive.

He asked if recreation considerations would be part of the current strategic planning process. Deputy Mayor Barr responded that recreation has been identified as a priority and would be considered.

Boards and Committees:

No questions on Police Services Board minutes.

In response to a question on granny suites, it was noted that our By-Laws allow these in residential zones. Staff were asked to determine why we have a gate at Colburn and Church streets on municipality owner property.

The Strategic Planning group continues to work towards a first draft by December and plans for public consultation are underway.

No questions on Signage Committee minutes.

The Public Information Session on September 20th was announced and is being published. Member C. Adams has withdrawn her resignation. The Committee intends to conclude its work by December.

Property, Finance and Administration:

CAO/Clerk A. Hoogenboom explained the need for a non-exclusive lease with TNIM and circulated a draft. Any concerns are to be forwarded to the CAO/Clerk well prior to the next Council meeting.

R-202-16 Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by C. MacInnis

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has announced an Ontario 150 Community Capital Program with an application deadline of September 14, 2016;

AND WHEREAS Theatre Night In Merrickville (TNIM), a non-for-profit organization, has undertaken significant advance planning to carry out second floor renovations at the Merrickville Community Centre at an estimated cost of \$93,100;

AND WHEREAS, once grants of 75% and TNIM share are applied, the municipal share is estimated at \$5,500 to \$6,500;

AND WHEREAS TNIM is the primary user of the area to be renovated and requires a long-term lease in order to qualify for the grant,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby agree to partner with TNIM and commits to entering into a 10-year non-exclusive lease for the second floor space at the Merrickville Community Centre, AND FURTHER will include in their 2017 capital budget a municipal contribution of up to \$6,500 towards this community project, contingent on a successful grant application.

Carried.

Councillor Snowdon questioned progress on the Right to a Healthy Environment resolution and was advised by others on Council that this would be coming forward. He further indicated a desire to see firm dates on the "TBD" designations on the Action List.

Public Works:

Councillor Snowdon passed on concerns expressed by citizens over the resurfacing work done at Snowdons Corners. The Public Works Manager is to provide a report to Council on the various road projects for the next meeting.

General:

Council questioned a full ban on polystyrene and suggested we seek input from the Environment Committee.

R-203-16 Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by V. Suthren

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the Front of Yonge Township passed a resolution on July 18th calling on the Province to ban the use of polystyrene in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS more environmentally friendly alternatives exist,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby support the resolution, and direct staff to so inform the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change, our local MPP Steve Clarke, and the Front of Yonge Township.

Defeated.

R-204-16 Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by K. Weedmark

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby direct the polystyrene resolution to our Environment Committee for review.

Carried.

The Treasurer briefly explained the issue of potential risks to our drinking water being addressed by Mississippi Source Water Protection (RVCA, expansion of risk management) and noted that all costs are covered by a grant.

The OCWA variance report was commented on by staff, noting we are within budget. Staff is to explore options to cover the deficit overall with our excess borrowing. It was cautioned that the lawsuits over the plant remains outstanding and may have a financial impact.

By-Laws:

R-205-16 Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by S. Ireland
Be it hereby resolved that: By-Law 19-16, being a By-Law to amend By-Law 24-03, municipal utilities, for the purpose of receiving septage at the Water-Wastewater Treatment Plant and of setting rates, be read a first and second time, and that By-Law 19-16 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

By-Law approved, CAO/Clerk to advise haulers and OCWA.

Public/Media Question Period: None.

In-Camera:

R-206-16 Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by D. Snowdon
Be it hereby resolved that: This Council moves to "In Camera" at 9:17 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried.

R-207-16 Moved by K. Weedmark, Seconded by D. Snowdon
Be it hereby resolved that: the "In Camera" session rise and report, with staff being given direction, and the regular council session resume at 9:21 p.m.

Carried.

R-208-16 Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by S. Ireland
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby agree to the minutes of settlement between the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and Brian Billings.

Carried.

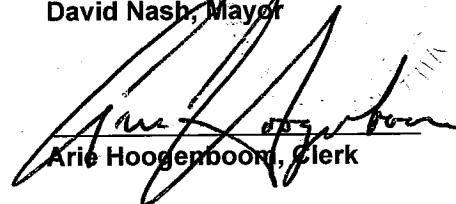
Deputy Mayor Barr acknowledged receipt of a plaque from the Car Show and thanked the organizers for helping put the Village on the map.

R-209-16 Moved by S. Ireland, Seconded by V. 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 9:25 pm until the regular meeting of council on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm, or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



David Nash, Mayor



Arie Hoogenboom, Clerk