

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

August 8, 2016

A special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 7:00 pm on Monday, August 8, 2016.

Chaired by: Mayor David Nash

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

Staff in Attendance: Suzanne Jackman, Acting Deputy Clerk
Sheila Kehoe, Manager of Finance / Treasurer

Members of the public were in attendance.

Press in Attendance: None.

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

Additions to the Agenda:

Councillor Ireland added the Agricultural Society – Merrickville Fair under delegation.
Deputy Mayor Barr added information from James Campbell under Connie Adams.

Resolutions:

R-194-16 Moved by K. Weedmark, Seconded by V. Suthren

Be it hereby resolved that: The agenda of the special council meeting of August 8, 2016 be adopted as amended.

Carried.

Delegation: Tim Schaafsma, President, Merrickville Agricultural Society.

T. Schaafsma addressed Council respecting the gravel on the Fairground track. Although he saw the gravel on the track earlier this Summer, he did not realize until yesterday that the 5/8" gravel was not suitable for the major Friday night event of the Fair. It was not clear if the track was defined as a roadway. It was agreed to direct staff to have the gravel removed and replaced with stone dust in time for the Fair.

Presentations:

Michael Whittaker, Merrickville and District Historical Society.

The Society is going to undertake the same type of activities as in the past, in the form of a heritage festival. He will look into the option of moving the event to coincide with Canada Day, and of working in conjunction with the Legion.

Randy Stowell, Merrickville Legion, Branch 245.

The Legion is not asking for a financial grant but is prepared to work with Council in whatever manner is possible.

Carol Kelly, Merrickville Lions Club and Canalifest.

The Lions Club is planning the same kind of events as in the past but would prefer to make it bigger and better. She listed the items they wish to acquire.

Omar Simonyi, Theatre Night in Merrickville.

In reviewing the information provided, he noted that the work can not start until 2017, to be completed by March 2018. Because the Community Centre is the property of the Village, Council would need to enter into a lease agreement with TNIM for 10 years, to enable TNIM to apply for government funding. Other groups would be able to use the TNIM space, covered under the lease.

Connie Adams, Concert.

In the absence of Connie Adams, Deputy Mayor Barr spoke to the item; she noted that she was not able to line-up the proposal with the grant criteria. It was agreed to inform the application that the proposal did not fit the grant criteria but encouraged them to pursue developing the event as a private business.

Councillor Suthren, Potential elements.

He reviewed the list.

Discussion:

Sheila Kehoe noted that she would need detailed information before being able to proceed in submitting any formal application.

TNIM was encouraged to apply for funding. By show of hands, it was agreed to proceed with a lease-agreement with TNIM so as to enable them to apply for funding; and that Councillor Suthren and S. Kehoe would meet the next day regarding event application.

In-Camera:

R-195-16 Moved by K. Weedmark, Seconded by D. Snowdon

Be it hereby resolved that: This Council moves to "In Camera" at 8:30 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried.

R-196-16

Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by K. Weedmark

Be it hereby resolved that: the "In Camera" session rise and report, with staff being given direction, and the special council session resume at 9:38 p.m.
Carried.

R-197-16

Moved by A. Barr, Seconded by C. MacInnis

Be it hereby resolved that: This special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 9:40 pm until the regular meeting of council on Monday, August 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm, or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



David Nash, Mayor



Suzanne Jackman,