

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

July 25, 2016

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 25, 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: Arie Hoogenboom, Interim CAO/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:

Under Public Works, added Report re: Acceptance of hauled septage.

Resolutions:

R-174-16 Moved by K. Weedmark, Seconded by V. Suthren

Be it hereby resolved that: The agenda of the regular council meeting of July 25, 2016 be adopted as amended.

Carried.

Approval of the minutes:

R-175-16 Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by S. Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: The minutes of the regular council meeting of June 27, 2016 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

Delegation: Doug Pettit, Pumper Tour Boat.

Mr. Pettit addressed Council respecting his desire to partner with the Municipality on the restoration and operation of his 1903 pumper/steamer vessel. He noted the vessel had operated as a tourist attraction in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Ottawa. He responded to a number of questions from members of Council including a request for a business case. Mr. Pettit is to provide additional information to the CAO/Clerk.

Public Question Period: None.

Boards and Committees:

It was noted that the Environmental Bill of Rights being worked on will be resubmitted to Council. Additional diversion recycling numbers to come.

It was noted that more robust recreation committee minutes would come in the future. Volleyball nets for the beach area is still being worked on. Council was pleased to receive the results of the survey taken in 2014. Staff asked to post results on our website. The Committee was commended for providing an annual report to the end of 2015. Council received the Recreation Committee guidelines and directed staff to massage the document so that no continuous amendments would be required once it is added to the Procedural By-Law. An amendment to the By-Law is to await receipt of the other committees' Terms of Reference. It can be added to the Action List.

R-176-16 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 receive the Terms of Reference – Guidelines of the Recreation Advisory Committee, and does direct staff to prepare an amendment to the Procedural By-Law.

Carried.

Council indicated some level of initial support for the concept of adding a roof over the outdoor rink. Staff is to undertake some initial cost estimating.

R-177-16 Moved by D. Snowdon, Seconded by S. Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the outdoor rink proposal from the Recreation Advisory Committee, and does direct staff to carry-out an initial costing for potential future grant application.

Carried.

It was noted that the monthly policing statistics are available in the Office.

Discussion on the Signage Committee was deferred until the arrival of the Deputy Mayor.

Councillor MacInnis responded to several questions on the Parking Committee minutes. An opportunity for public input on the proposals is being planned for September 20th. The Public Works Manager is to investigate the parking at the Medical Centre. The resignation of Beverley Bryant from the Committee was acknowledged.

The revised Terms of Reference for the Strategic Planning Committee were discussed and approved.

R-178-16 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 adopt the terms of reference for the Ad hoc Committee on the Strategic Plan, revising the terms of reference adopted on February 8, 2016, R-22-16.

Carried.

Property, Finance and Administration:

The Treasurer spoke to her report recommending a deferral of the water/sewer rates for a granny flat. This would be an interest free deferral rather than a grant.

R-179-16 Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by D. Snowdon

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the report from the Manager of Finance - Treasurer, dated July 19, 2016, and does direct staff to proceed with a deferral program for current water sewer user fee charges for granny flat units for residential properties.

Carried.

With the attendance of A. Barr, Council considered the Ad hoc Signage Committee minutes. She noted that a full report with recommendations would be coming and that while complex issues existed, there was a lot of common ground.

Staff was commended for the budget report. The Soccer Club needs to be invited to speak to their needs.

The CAO/Clerk responded to inquiries on the quarterly reports. Council seeks more detail on the By-Law enforcement role (# of infractions, tickets, hours worked). The Council inquired as to the completion of the wild parsnip spraying and cutting program for this year.

Several questions asked by Councillor Snowdon and responded to by staff. Treasurer to follow-up any outstanding.

R-180-16 Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by A. Barr

Be it hereby resolved that: The list of accounts of July 19, 2016 for the month of June 2016 be approved as circulated, in the amount of \$560,099.72.

Carried.

It was noted that the Open Spaces Ad hoc Committee would commence soon.

Protection to persons and property:

It was confirmed that any PTSD action plan would be done on a County-wide basis.

R-181-16 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 receive the report, dated July 18, 2016, from the Fire Chief, and does direct staff to meet with other fire departments to develop a PTSD prevention action plan.

Carried.

Council received the Fire Chief's report on open air burning and indicated that the public would need to be consulted on this issue. The existing guidelines need to be on our website.

R-182-16 Moved by A. Barr, Seconded by D. Snowdon

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the report, dated July 15, 2016, from the Fire Chief, and does direct staff to prepare a new By-Law on Open Air Burning.

Carried.

The CBO report on EIS requirements was received and it is to be shared with PAC.

R-183-16 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 report from the Chief Building Official, dated July 14, 2016, regarding the authority for requiring environmental impact studies.

Carried.

The request for a 5-year extension to the development of Phase 3 of Merrickville Estates was deferred to the August meeting. The developer and CBO are to be asked to attend to respond to inquiries. Council was interested in knowing how many lots in Phase 2 have been developed, not just sold. A copy of the subdivision agreement is to be circulated to all of Council. Council was also advised that the developer is seeking our acceptance of Phase 2 services.

The CAO/Clerk's report on Acceptance of hauled septage was received and Council commended staff on pursuing the new revenue source.

R-184-16 Moved by A. Barr, Seconded by V. Suthren

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the report from the Interim CAO/Clerk, dated July 22, 2016, and does direct staff to prepare the necessary amendment(s) to By-Law 24-03 to include policies, procedures and rates for accepting septage at the Merrickville Wastewater Treatment Plant, subject to input from the Ontario Clean Water Agency.

Carried.

The Manager of Public Works provided a tender summary report for the proposed scales at the landfill.

R-185-16 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 accept the low tender from GTR scales for the sum of \$49,150 plus applicable taxes, regarding the truck weigh scale for the landfill site.
Carried.

General:

R-186-16 Moved by K. Weedmark, Seconded by V. Suthren

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the 2016 business plan from the Smiths Falls and District Aquatic Recreation Centre.

Carried.

The Treasurer noted that our 2016 OCIF grant would be \$25,000 and \$50,000 in 2017. There is also top up funding of up to 90% of \$1.9 million on an application basis. Staff will need to research our next infrastructure priority and get it shovel ready.

The request from Connie Adams for a major concert grant application under Ontario 150 was discussed, along with a similar follow-up from TNIM. The Ad hoc 150 Committee has a number of ideas that would require grant support as well. Council determined that all input should be collected by August 4th to allow for consideration by Council on August 8th.

R-187-16 Moved by S. Ireland, Seconded by K. Weedmark

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby forward the correspondence from Connie Adams, dated July 12, 2016, to the next Special Council meeting on August 8th, 2016.
AND FURTHER THAT all submissions for inclusion in the 150 grant applications be submitted by August 4th, 2016.

Carried.

Correspondence from the OPP regarding our ATV By-Law was received and Council agreed to amend the By-Law.

By-Laws:

R-188-16 Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by V. Suthren

Be it hereby resolved that: By-Law 17-16, being a By-Law to adopt a property tax billing and collection policy and procedure, be read a first and second time, and that By-Law 17-16 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

R-189-16 Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by A. Barr

Be it hereby resolved that: By-Law 18-16, being a By-Law to amend By-Law 09-16 regulating Off-Road Vehicles, be read a first and second time, and that By-Law 18-16 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Public/Media Question Period:

Eric Monkman, 109 Charlotte Street.

He inquired about the strategic planning process and the Deputy Mayor responded that public input would be sought. He further inquired about the OCIF grant and suggested Council consider a water and sewer upgrade project.

In-Camera:

R-190-16 Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by K. Weedmark

Be it hereby resolved that: This Council moves to "In Camera" at 10:35 p.m. in order to address a matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried.

R-191-16 Moved by A. Barr, Seconded by V. Suthren

Be it hereby resolved that: the "In Camera" session rise and report, with staff being given direction, and the regular council session resume at 10:40 p.m.

Carried.

R-192-16 Moved by K. Weedmark, Seconded by V. Suthren

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following member to the Ad hoc Committee on the Strategic Plan for the term of Council 2014-2018: Anne de Gobeo.

Carried.

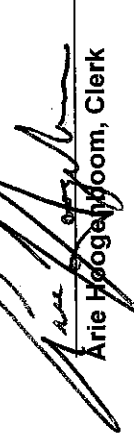
R-193-16 Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by A. Barr

Be it hereby resolved that: This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 10:45 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



Arrie Hoogeboom, Clerk