

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

Monday, February 13, 2017

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2017.

**Chaired by:** Mayor David Nash

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

**Regrets:** Councillor Victor Suthren

**Staff in Attendance:** John Regan, CAO/Clerk  
Sheila Kehoe, Manager of Finance – Treasurer  
Christina Conklin, Deputy Clerk  
Randy Wilkinson, Chief Building Officer

**Press in Attendance:** One.

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof:** Councillor Weedmark disclosed a pecuniary interest with respect to by-Law 34-16 regarding the Garland Municipal Drain and indicated he would be leaving the table during that discussion.

**Additions to Agenda:** None.

**Resolutions:**

**R-031-17** Moved by Councillor MacInnis, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

**Be it hereby resolved that:** The agenda of the regular council meeting of February 13, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

**Approval of the minutes:**

**R-032-17** Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

**Be it hereby resolved that:** The minutes of the regular Council meeting held on January 23, 2017 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

**Delegations:**

**R-033-17** Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon

**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation of Rideau Community Health Services regarding the Canadian Index of Wellbeing.

Carried.

**R-034-17**

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis

**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation of Inge Vangemeren regarding Marinas in Merrickville.

Carried.

**Public Question Period to Council:**

Resident inquiry regarding the amount of dockage in Merrickville.

Resident inquiry regarding the 2017 tax increase.

Resident comment regarding article in the Phoenix regarding the public washrooms.

**Finance:**

**R-035-17** Moved by Councillor Snowdon, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the report FIN-02-2017 regarding reserves.

Carried.

**Boards and Committees:**

**Recreation:** M-W Trails Subcommittee Minutes of December 8, 2016

**Environment:** Environmental Advisory Committee Letter of Resignation received.

**Mayor:** The Mayor advised he spoke with the Premier about school closures. The Mayor also advised he is now on the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Board of Health.

**Correspondence:**

**R-036-17** Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby grant an exemption from By-Law 26-07 to "A Chance Animal Rescue Ltd." to allow it to operate an itinerant canteen on the grounds of the Merrickville LCBO between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on May 7, 2017, and between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on June 10, June 25, July 9, July 22, August 12 and August 26, 2017.  
Carried.

**By-Laws:**

**R-037-17** Moved by Councillor Snowdon, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** By-Law 14-17 being a by-law to rescind By-Laws 24-15 and 05-06, be read a first and second time and that By-Law 14-17 be read a third and final time and passed.  
Carried

Councillor Weedmark left the meeting due to his declared pecuniary interest at 8:23 p.m.

**R-038-17** Moved by Councillor Snowdon, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** By-Law 34-16, being a provisional By-Law regarding the Garland Municipal Drain, be read a third and final time and passed.  
Carried

Councillor Weedmark returned to the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

**Notice of Motion:** None.

**Public/Media Question Period:** None.

**Announcement to/from Council:**

Councillor Ireland will be attending OGRA and will be absent for the next Council meeting.

Councillor Snowdon advised that the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority is coordinating with trappers.

**In Camera:**

**R-039-17** Moved by Councillor Snowdon, Seconded by Councillor Weedmark  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** this Council moves to "In Camera" at 8:42 p.m. in order to address matters pertaining to:

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and

The subject matter relates to the consideration of a request under the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* if the council, board or commission or other body is the head of an institution for the purposes of that Act, 2001 c. 25, s. 239(3).

Carried.

**R-040-17** Moved by Councillor MacInnis, Seconded by Councillor 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 9:58 p.m.

Carried.

**Committee Appointments:**

**R-041-17** Moved by Deputy Ann Barr, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following member to the Industry/Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee: Terry Gilhen.  
Carried.

**R-042-17** Moved by Councillor Snowdon, Seconded by Councillor MacInnis  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following member to the Environmental Advisory Committee: Claire Sexton.  
Carried.

**General:**

**R-043-17**

Moved by Councillor MacInnis, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon

**WHEREAS** the Upper Canada District School Board (UCDSB) has commenced a Pupil Accommodation Review (PAR) study that may result in the closure of dozens of schools across the Board;

**AND WHEREAS** the aggressive timelines imposed by the UCDSB simply do not allow for sufficient time for adequate and reasonable public consultation and review by those impacted by the closures;

**AND WHEREAS** it is understood that no discussion is contemplated or has taken place between the UCDSB and the 3 other local school boards regarding sharing underutilized space;

**AND WHEREAS** schools are an essential element of the fabric of our rural communities;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford hereby unanimously demand that the PAR being undertaken by the UCDSB be immediately suspended for the period of one year to allow adequate time to complete the work necessary to chart the course ahead that is in the best interests of all UCDBS students;

**AND THAT** the policy issued by the Ontario Ministry of Education on March 26, 2015 deleting the requirement that local school boards take into consideration the social, economic or geographic implications of school closures be immediately reviewed given the devastating impact this policy has on rural schools.

**RECORDED VOTE:**

Mayor Nash: In favour  
Deputy Mayor Barr: In favour  
Councillor Snowdon: In favour  
Councillor Ireland: In favour  
Councillor MacInnis: In favour  
Councillor Weedmark: In favour  
Councillor Suthren: Absent

Carried.


**Adjournment:**

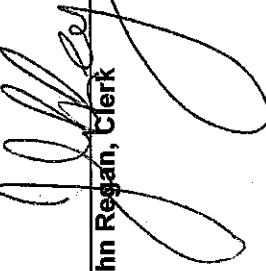
**R-043-17**

Moved by Councillor Weedmark, Seconded by Councillor Snowdon

**Be it hereby resolved that:** this regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 10:10 p.m. until the next regular meeting of council on Monday, February 27, 2017 at 5:00 p.m., or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.

  
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David Nash, Mayor

  
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John Regan, Clerk