

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

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

**Chaired by:** Mayor Michael Cameron  
**Members of Council:** Councillor Anne Barr  
Councillor Margaret Gural  
Councillor Stephen Ireland  
Councillor Ronnie Maitland

**Staff in Attendance:** Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk  
Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Deputy Clerk  
Brad Cole, Manager, Operations/ Fire Chief  
Kirsten Rahm, Manager, Finance/ Treasurer

**Guests:** Mark Lauzon, Senior Operations Manager, OCWA  
Barb Tobin, Beth Donovan Hospice  
Forbes Symon, Senior Planner, Jp2g Consultants Inc.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** This meeting was held in person and was open to the public in the Council Chambers. It was recorded and livestreamed electronically on the "Village of Merrickville-Wolford" YouTube Channel accessible by clicking [here](#).

Mayor Cameron announced that MPP Steve Clark attended the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville meeting earlier in the day to announce funding for homelessness and housing initiatives in Leeds and Grenville. He acknowledged the break-in that occurred at the landfill over the long weekend and noted that the debit machine was stolen, therefore there would be no debit payment options on Wednesday, April 13 at the landfill, but that cash and invoicing options were still available. CAO/Clerk Doug Robertson acknowledged the work of Brad Cole and the Fire Department and Operations staff for the work they did in the clean up following the freezing rain storm on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Approval of Agenda**

**R-119-23**

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the agenda of the regular Council meeting of April 11, 2023, as circulated.

Carried.

**Minutes**

**R-120-23**

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the Minutes of the regular Council meeting of March 27, 2023, as circulated.

Carried.

**R-121-23**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the Minutes of the special Council meeting of March 30, 2023, as circulated.

Carried.

**Public Works**

**R-122-23**

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report PW-02-2023, being an information report to explain a purchasing issue that has been brought to staff's attention and rectified by the supplier; and

**That** Council approves Report PW-03-2023 and directs staff to purchase the 2023 John Deere 320P for the sum of \$216,000 plus tax from Brant Tractor instead of the 2023 310 SL that is no longer available and to negotiate an appropriate delivery date as necessary; and

**That** Council approves the rental of a used machine at \$2500/month to be recovered from the municipality's insurer until the delivery date for the new 2023 John Deere 320P.

Carried.

R-123-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Gural

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the notice for the 2023 Pitch-In Campaign for information purposes.

Carried.

R-124-23

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

**WHEREAS** a severe weather event with extensive freezing rain and rain occurred on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 resulting in significant downed trees and broken branches within the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** brush amnesty days were previously approved by Council for Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, allowing residents to deposit one half-ton truck or on 4x8 utility trailer load at no charge;

**AND WHEREAS** there is expected to be a large need from residents over the coming two weeks to deposit increased amounts of brush;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council does hereby direct staff to add an additional brush amnesty day on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and to double the allowable load capacity deposited by residents on the Brush Amnesty days on April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Note: The resolution was amended to include Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> as part of the brush amnesty days.*

Carried as amended.

#### Delegations

R-125-23

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation of Barb Tobin, Beth Donovan Hospice, regarding the programs that Beth Donovan Hospice offers to the residents of Merrickville-Wolford, for information purposes.

Carried.

#### CAO

R-126-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive Courtesy Report – Site Plan Control Application (Moderna Homes) from Forbes Symon, Senior Planner for Jp2g Consultants Inc., dated April 6, 2023, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-127-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive for information purposes and endorse the Operational Plan presentation for the Merrickville Drinking Water System from Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA); and

**That** Council does hereby direct the CAO/Clerk and the Mayor to sign the plan.

Carried.

**R-128-23**

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Annual Reports for 2022 from Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA), for information purposes.

Carried.

**R-129-23**

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report CAO-03-2023, being a report to update the Committee recruitment process for the 2022-2026 term of Council, for information purposes.

Carried.

**Finance**

**R-130-23**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Gural

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FIN-05-2023, being a report regarding the 2023 Community Grant Program, for information purposes; and

**That** Council allocates the funds from the Community Grant Line item of \$10,000 to be distributed as follows:

1. Merrickville Scouts – In-Kind \$510.00
2. Christmas in Merrickville – In-Kind \$400.00
3. Merrickville Heritage Classic – In-Kind \$400.00
4. Senior Exercise Group – In-Kind \$3060.00
5. United Way Leeds Grenville – In-Kind \$53.50
6. Merrickville Day Nursery – None.
7. Merrickville Soccer Club – In-Kind \$700.00
8. Merrickville Public School – In-Kind \$400.00
9. Merrickville Agricultural Society – Cash \$4095.00 & In-Kind \$125.00
10. Merrickville Organization for Culture & the Arts – Cash \$3780.00 & In-Kind \$300.00
11. Merrickville Artists' Guild – Cash \$1575.00
12. Chamber of Commerce – In-Kind \$1000.00
13. Theatre Night in Merrickville – In-Kind \$1500.00
14. Merrickville Trails Society - Cash \$498.00

Carried.

**R-131-23**

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the 2022 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for information purposes.

Carried.

**Correspondence**

**R-132-23**

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive correspondence from Nick Previsich, President, Merrickville Arts Guild, dated March 28, 2023 regarding a signage by-law exemption request; and

**That** Council does hereby exempt the Merrickville Arts Guild from Sign By-law 24-10 for the purpose of placing A-Frame directional signs at the specified locations as included in the request letter to promote the MAG Spring Fling Show and Sale on April 15 and 16, 2023.

Carried.

**Notices of Motion**

**R-133-23**

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

**WHEREAS** the Merrickville and District Historical Society and its volunteers have run the Museum at the Blockhouse and provided support in training and supervision of summer students;

**AND WHEREAS** the Merrickville and District Historical Society has been requesting more support from the Municipality in the area of training and supervision, as it is no longer able to do so;

**AND WHEREAS** if that support is not provided the Merrickville and District Historical Society will not be able to open the doors for this coming tourist season and need to consider closing the Museum permanently;

**AND WHEREAS** this would be a tremendous loss as the Museum hosts up to 10,000 visitors per season and is a large draw in tourism dollars which support local businesses;

**AND WHEREAS** the Blockhouse is listed as a National Historic site and should be celebrated and showcased;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council direct staff to work with and provide the extra support that the Merrickville and District Historical Society is requesting to ensure that the Blockhouse Museum remain operational and provide that support until a more structured model can be put in place.

*Note: Clarification on the motion was given to include that Deputy Mayor Barr will work with the CAO/Clerk to set up a meeting with Jane Graham, President of the Merrickville & District Historical Society, to determine next steps to support the Blockhouse Museum.*

Carried.

**Deferred Items**

None.

**Public Question Period to Council**

None.

**Confirming By-Law**

**R-134-23**

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

By-law 22-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular Council meeting of April 11, 2023, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 22-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

**Adjournment**

**R-135-23**

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

**Be it hereby resolved that:**

This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 9:16 p.m. until the next meeting of Council on Monday, April 24, 2023 or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.

  
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Michael Cameron, Mayor

  
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Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk