

The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Thursday, April 13, 2023, 6:00 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
Kirsten Rahm, Treasurer/Manager, Finance
Brad Cole, Manager, Operations/ Fire Chief

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

Mayor Cameron informed Council and the public that he hosted MPP Steve Clark over the Easter weekend and took him on a tour of the municipality with a focus on gravel roads and the rural area. He thanked MPP Clark for taking the time to visit on the holiday weekend.

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

Approval of Agenda

R-136-23 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 agenda of the special Council meeting of April 13, 2023, as circulated.

Carried.

Finance

Council reviewed and provided direction on the following Capital budget items:

1. Alternate EOC/EC Pavilion Wifi – put on hold for this year/take out
2. Emergency Auto Extrication Tools – put on hold for this year/take out
3. Kubota Implements – leave in the capital budget
4. Landfill Accessibility ramp and building skirting – leave in the capital budget
5. Reid Street widening and pedestrian walking lane – leave in the capital budget
6. Emergency Repeater – leave in the capital budget
7. RFP for competitive bidding for water/wastewater services – leave in the capital budget
8. Sander and Plow for 5500 Truck – leave in the capital budget
9. Gravel Road Needs Study – already approved
10. DC or Impost Study – already approved
11. Firefighter bunker gear decontamination washer – leave in the capital budget
12. Ball Diamond Lights – leave in the capital budget
13. Radar Sign (cost for 2) – put on hold for this year/take out
14. Accessible Doors for Community Centre, Eastons Corners and Rink – leave in the capital budget
(use out of cash in lieu fund if grant funding opportunity is not available)
15. Putnam Road resurfacing – take out of capital budget
16. Sidewalk - St. Lawrence Street (Alice Street to Sophie Lane) – put on hold for this year/take out
17. Snowdons Corners Road microsurfacing – take out of capital budget
18. Tablets/laptops for Council – direction for staff to come back with quotes on costing for this; intention of Council to include this in 2023, subject to costing.

Council directed staff to include a 1.9% tax increase in the final draft version of the budget.

Confirming By-Law
R-137-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Barr

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 23-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the special Council meeting of April 13, 2023, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 23-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Adjournment
R-138-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

This special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 8:04 p.m. until the next meeting of Council on Monday, April 24, 2023 or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



Michael Cameron, Mayor



Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk