The Corporation of the
Village of Merrickville-Wolford

April 13, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 7:00 pm on Monday, April 13, 2015.

Chaired by: Mayor David Nash

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

Staff in Attendance: Jill Armstrong, CAO/Clerk, and Jeff Bush, Treasurer.

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

Public in Attendance: +/- 20.

Press in Attendance: None.

Additions to the Agenda:

Mayor Nash added Rail Safety Week under Correspondence.

Delegation: Dan Black and Mark Urquart, Run Merrickville.
Leanne Mundy and Michael Venables, House and Garden tour.
Pamela Mullins and Jennifer Heale, Canadian Blood Services.

Resolutions:

R-058-15 Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by D. Snowdon
Be it hereby resolved that: the agenda of the regular council meeting of April 13, 2015 be adopted as amended.
Carried.

R-059-15 Moved by A. Barr, Seconded by C. MacInnis
Be it hereby resolved that: The minutes of the regular council meeting of March 23, 2015, be adopted as circulated.
Carried.

Open Question Period:

Gord Weber, 136 William Street
He asked that, assuming there are no legal judgment/writ to stop last Council's resolution to repatriate Water Street, what circumstances can allow for the stopping of proceedings within this current Council's mandate. Mayor Nash indicated an answer will be brought forward once staff have contacted our legal counsel.

Pat Watson, 423 Brock Street East
She asked this Municipality to do something to let people know that they are not permitted to ride ATVs on municipal streets. Mayor Nash indicated that the Municipality would get back to her.

Eric Monkman, 109 Charlotte Street
Regarding the layout of the agenda, he questioned the placement of the 2nd Open Question Period, in that it should be positioned after the In Camera session; would Council be opened to hear a question from the gallery after the In Camera session. Deputy Mayor Barr indicated that the previous Council discussed this matter and it decided that it would be a better use for the gallery to put it beforehand because, quite often, In Camera session can extend; it was simply a matter of convenience; she indicated that, after the In Camera session, Council does rise and report, and would certainly take a question from the gallery on the report.
Regarding the management position being advertised, he asked if the new employee will be required to be bonded. Mayor Nash indicated that staff will report to Council.

Tim Molloy, 105 Water Street
He asked what is the projected timeframe to complete the review of the Sign By-Law. Also, he asked if the Municipality is enforcing the current Sign By-Law. Mayor Nash indicated that staff will report to Council on the timeframe; he suggested that Mr. Molloy contact the By-Law Enforcement Office to complain about specific infractions.

R-060-15 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 approve the severance application B-07-15 from 1048416 ON LTD, recognizing that the sights, sounds and smells of agriculture may be present as a result of neighbouring properties.
Carried.

R-061-15 Moved by S. Ireland, Seconded by C. MacInnis
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does approve the severance application B-08-15 from 1048416 ON LTD, recognizing that the sights, sounds and smells of agriculture may be present as a result of neighbouring properties.
Carried.

R-062-15 Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by A. Barr
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville – Wolford does hereby direct staff to forward a copy of application B-01-15 and the March 2015 PAC minutes to Doug Grant, Planner, requesting his comments.

Carried.

R-063-15 Moved by D. Snowdon, Seconded by V. Suthren
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville – Wolford does hereby direct staff to provide Council with a written report on the appointment process.

Carried.

R-064-15 Moved by D. Snowdon, Seconded by V. Suthren
Be it hereby resolved that:
WHEREAS social housing providers in Ontario are currently required to purchase natural gas and insurance through the Housing Services Corporation (HSC) or pay a fee to purchase elsewhere;

WHEREAS social housing providers should have the right to obtain natural gas and insurance at the lowest cost to provide value to those in need of affordable housing and all taxpayers; and,

WHEREAS the HSC should be subject to the same level of accountability and oversight as government agencies,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford supports the Housing Services Corporation Accountability Act introduced by Oxford MPP Ernie Hardeman which would remove the mandatory requirement for social housing providers to purchase gas and introduce through the HSC, require HSC to report salaries over $100,000, and give the Provincial Auditor General the authority to audit HSC.

Carried.

R-065-15 Moved by S. Ireland, Seconded by C. MacInnis
Be it hereby resolved that: By-Law 14-15, being a by-law to rescind By-Law 6-89, of the former Village of Merrickville, a By-Law for licencing, regulating and governing brokers, owners and drivers of taxi-cabs and cartage vehicles, be read a first and second time and that By-Law 14-15 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Open Question Period:

Tim Molloy, 105 Water Street
He asked Council to expedite the process to close Water Street, and to inform the respective property owners. Mayor Nash indicated an answer will be brought forward once staff have contacted our legal counsel.

Eric Monkman, 109 Charlotte Street
He asked if the Department Heads use a template when providing their budget information. Mayor Nash indicated an answer will be provided.

R-066-15 Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by C. MacInnis
Be it hereby resolved that: This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 10:22 pm until the special meeting of council on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 6:00 pm, or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.

David Nash, Mayor

Jill Armstrong, CAO/Clerk