

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

April 23, 2014

A special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford re: Reserves, 2014 budget discussions (Library part-time employee/cost sharing Montague; Community fund; Recreation user fee), and 2014 Environment budget, was held on Monday, April 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

**Chaired by:** Mayor, J. Douglas Struthers

**Members of Council:** Deputy Mayor David Nash  
Councillor Don Halpenny  
Councillor Timothy Molloy  
Councillor Anne Barr  
Councillor David Snowdon  
Councillor Victor Suthren

**Staff in Attendance:** Jill Eagle, CAO/Clerk

**Public in Attendance:** +/- 15

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

**Additions to the Agenda:** None.

**Delegation:** None.

**Resolutions:**

**R-040-14** Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by D. Nash

**Be it hereby resolved that:** The agenda of the special council meeting of April 23, 2014 be adopted as circulated / amended.

Carried.

**Open Question Period:**

John Harris, 605 Main Street.

He heard about the meeting at 3:00PM today; staff told him that Canada Post may have identified the Meeting Notice as Ad Mail; he preferred meetings to be held at 7:00PM.

Pat Watson, 423 Brock Street East.

Regarding the increase in requests on the Community Grants, what criteria are been used to decide what grants will be given? Mayor Struthers indicated that staff would bring a memo to Council.

Jamie Smith, 355 Kilmarnock Road.

Is it not up to Council to provide a healthy active lifestyle for residents? Is Smiths Falls Council open to negotiations with Merrickville-Wolford township? Is Merrickville-Wolford Council open to negotiating with Smiths Falls? If no, why? Will there be more funds allocated to this budget amount? Will Council form a committee with residents for assistance in gathering information with Smiths Falls for user fees? With the increase in taxes paid by the residents, why are there not more funds allocated for the user fees? Is it not up to Council to find a viable solution? Mayor Struthers indicated that questions are captured at the meeting and answers might be available at this Monday night's Council meeting. (April 28, 2014)

Chris Balicki, 118 Bruce Street East.

Regarding user fees, is Council only talking about the Memorial Community Centre in Smiths Falls? Would the "aqua-size" program at the Gailpeau Centre be excluded from the user fees discussion? Are user fees limited exclusively to municipality owner facilities, particularly very physically active sports? The CAO replied that the user fees agreement applies to users of the Youth Arena and Memorial Community Centre, specifically the winter minor and adult ice program. Mayor Struthers indicated that Council has not yet discussed whether other activities would be included.

Kirsten Hanna, 2027 County Road 16.

Is it possible for Council to provide answers to Jamie Smiths' questions before 5:00PM of next Monday? As the early bird cut-off date will eventually come to a close, they add another \$100 or \$200 to the registration fee; will Council make a decision before the cut-off date or will parents have to pay the additional fee? Mayor Struthers answered no, it is not possible to have the answers by 5:00PM; the questions were asked to this Council; staff may have some answers to provide to Council at its next meeting; and Council may have to discuss the questions to make a decision. He indicated that the next Council meeting is on Monday and does not know if definitive answers will be provided at that time.

**R-041-14**

Moved by T. Molloy, Seconded by V. Suthren

**Be it hereby resolved that:** The special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 8:20 pm until the regular meeting of council on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 pm, or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



**J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor**



**Jill Eagle, CAO/Clerk**