

The Corporation of the  
Village of Merrickville-Wolford

April 28, 2014

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held on Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 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

**Regrets:** Councillor Victor Suthren

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

**Public in Attendance:** +/- 5

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

**Additions to the Agenda:**

Mayor Struthers added Leadercast under General, and Handicap Parking Space under Notice of Motion.

**Delegation:** None.

**Open Question Period:**

Vicki Ogilvie, 39 Ogilvie Lane

Why was it not brought to our attention that the user fee agreement with Smiths Falls was a 3-year proposal? She indicated that the agreement was \$11,000 this year, \$16,000 for next year, \$21,000 for the next and \$27,000 for the next; was Council prepared to sign the agreement? Is Council prepared to compensate the residents? Is Council prepared to negotiate with Smiths Falls? Mayor Struthers noted that: all the staff reports indicated it was for 3 years; Council reviewed the agreement and decided not to sign it; Council discussed compensation at its last meeting and gave very specific direction to staff to contact Smiths Falls as Council understood that Smiths Falls might be revisiting its user fees, and when such information is received, staff will prepare a memo for Council; there is nothing to negotiate because the proposal from Smiths Falls was "take it or leave it".

Kirsten Hanna, 2027 County Road 16

Where do my taxes go to? When will we have an answer about user fees? Will Council budget an increase from \$9,000 to \$11,000 over the next 2 years? Has Council ever granted similar amounts to other groups in the Village? Mayor Struthers indicated that: at the next meeting, there will be a list of everything the Municipality provides every resident in Merrickville-Wolford, except water and sewerage which is not part of the tax bill; there is an amount currently in the budget and Council gave direction to staff to contact Smiths Falls as Council understood that Smiths Falls might be revisiting its user fees, and when such information is received, staff will prepare a memo for Council; upon receiving that information, Council will be able to decide how to proceed regarding a program. Councillor Snowdon indicated that the agreement is for multiple years, not just the next 2 years. Councillor Barr noted that residents who use Kemptville's facilities do not receive a subsidy while those who have used Smiths Falls' facilities have received a subsidy for years.

**Resolutions:**

**R-042-14** Moved by D. Halpenny, Seconded by D. Snowdon  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** the agenda of the regular council meeting of April 28, 2014 be adopted as amended. Carried.

**R-043-14** Moved by D. Snowdon, Seconded by A. Barr  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The minutes of the regular council meeting on April 14, and of the special council meeting of April 23, 2014, be adopted as circulated. Carried.

**R-044-14** Moved by A. Barr, Seconded by T. Molloy  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby accept the recommendation of the Property/Finance Committee to accept the Operating Budget for 2014. Carried.

**R-045-14** Moved by D. Nash, Seconded by A. Barr  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby accept the recommendation of the Property/Finance Committee to accept the Environment Budget for 2014. Carried.

**R-046-14** Moved by D. Nash, Seconded by D. Halpenny  
**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville – Wolford does hereby direct staff to prepare an agreement

to be signed by the Merrickville Soccer Club for the use of the second floor office at the Merrickville Community Centre as equipment storage.  
Carried.

**R-047-14**

Moved by A. Barr, Seconded by D. Nash

**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville – Wolford does hereby direct staff to prepare documents required to provide Theatre Night in Merrickville with permanent space at the Merrickville Community Centre.

Carried.

**R-048-14**

Moved by D. Snowdon, Seconded by A. Barr

**Be it hereby resolved that:** The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby grant an exemption to A Chance Animal Rescue from By-Law 26-07 to allow it to operate an itinerant canteen on the grounds of the Merrickville LCBO on Saturday, May 3, 2014 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Carried.

**R-049-14**

Moved by D. Halpenny, Seconded by D. Nash

**Be it hereby resolved that:** By-law 07-14, being a By-law to adopt the 2014 Operating Budget, be read a first and second time and that By-law 07-14 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

**R-050-14**

Moved by A. Barr, Seconded by D. Snowdon

**Be it hereby resolved that:** By-Law 08-14, being a By-Law to adopt the 2014 Environment Budget, be read a first and second time and that By-Law 08-14 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

**R-051-14**

Moved by T. Molloy, Seconded by D. Nash

**Be it hereby resolved that:** By-Law 09-14, being a By-Law to adopt the 2014 water rates, be read a first and second time and that By-Law 09-14 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

**R-052-14**

Moved by D. Nash, Seconded by D. Halpenny

**Be it hereby resolved that:** By-Law 10-14, being a By-Law to authorize the execution of an agreement with regard to Federal Gas Tax be read a first and second time and that By-Law 10-14 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

**R-053-14**

Moved by D. Snowdon, Seconded by A. Barr

**Be it hereby resolved that:** this Council moves to "In Camera" in order to address a matter pertaining to personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried.

**R-054-14**

Moved by D. Snowdon, Seconded by D. Halpenny

**Be it hereby resolved that:** the "In Camera" session rise and report and the regular council session resume.

Carried.

**Open Question Period:       None.**

Ken Janes, 418 Montague Road

Regarding the 9-1-1 numbering Railroad/Montague street, he indicated that, at his request to then Village Clerk Wayne Kirby, the road signage was change to Montague. He agreed to provide information to the Village.

Pat Watson, 423 Brock Street East

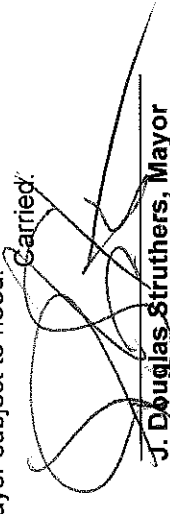
Is it normal procedure for Council to read By-Laws first, second and third time without the Clerk reading out loud the entire By-Law before Council adopts it? Mayor Struthers indicated that the Clerk will provide an answer at a later Council meeting.

**R-055-14**

Moved by D. Snowdon, Seconded by A. Barr

**Be it hereby resolved that:** This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 8:50 pm until the regular meeting of council on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:00 pm, or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.

  
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J. Douglas Struthers, Mayor

  
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Jill Eagle, CAO/Clerk