

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

July 27, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 27, 2015.

Chaired by: Mayor David Nash

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

Staff in Attendance: Jill Armstrong, CAO/Clerk.

Delegation: Jim Bonfield and Doug Struthers, Car Show committee.
MPP Steve Clarke.
Heddy Sorour, Development/Building fees deferral,
re: 117 Drummond Street West.

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

Public in Attendance: +/- 12.

Press in Attendance: None.

Additions to the Agenda:

Councillor Ireland added the minutes of the Environment Committee of July 2015 under Boards and Committees.

Resolutions:

R-143-15 Moved by K. Weedmark, Seconded by D. Snowdon
Be it hereby resolved that: The agenda of the regular council meeting of July 27, 2015 be adopted as amended. Carried.

R-144-15 Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by A. Barr
Be it hereby resolved that: The minutes of the regular council meeting of July 13, 2015, be adopted as circulated. Carried.

Open Question Period: None.

R-145-15 Moved by A. Barr, Seconded by V. Suthren
WHEREAS the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) announced in May that it is ending the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit (OSEB) program;

WHEREAS the OSEB program was designed to provide unemployed individuals who are or recently have been eligible for Employment Insurance with income and entrepreneurial support while learning to operate a small business;

WHEREAS the program has an 83% completion rate in Leeds-Grenville over the past 5 years and 63% of the businesses launched remain open, well above Industry Canada's reported 5-year survival rate for small businesses;

WHEREAS the 197 new businesses launched by OSEB graduates in Leeds-Grenville in the past 5 years sustain 204 jobs, demonstrating it is successful in giving participants a pathway to self-employment and is also an important rural economic development tool;

WHEREAS OSEB programs from rural regions across Ontario have reported similar statistics; and

WHEREAS MTCU's position that entrepreneurial support is available from other service providers overlooks the fact it has not replaced the essential income support component.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford recognizes the value of the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit program to rural communities and requests the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities immediately reinstate the program until a formal evaluation – which must include input from delivery agencies and participants – is completed.

AND FURTHER that the Ministry ensure any changes to the OSEB program retain both the entrepreneurial and income-support components that have made it successful.

Carried.

R-146-15 Moved by A. Barr, Seconded by C. MacInnis
Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village

of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following members to the Trails Sub-Committee of the Recreation Advisory Committee for the term 2014-2018: Terry Gilhen, Jan Fitzpatrick (1st backup), and Don Halpenny (2nd backup).

Carried.

R-147-15

Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by S. Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following member to the Environment Advisory Committee for the term 2014-2018: Silvia Blanchard.

Carried.

R-148-15

Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by K. Weedmark

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does exempt the Merrickville Agricultural Fair from By-Law 23-03 (Noise By-Law) from:

6:00 a.m. on Friday, August 7, until 2:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 8;
7:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 8, until 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 9; and
7:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 9, until 8:00 p.m. that day.

Carried.

R-149-15

Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by A. Barr

Be it hereby resolved that: By-Law 24-15, being a By-Law to appoint Shawn Mason as Treasurer, be read a first and second time, and that By-Law 24-15 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

R-150-15

Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by C. MacInnis

Be it hereby resolved that: The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does exempt the Merrickville Agricultural Society from By-Law 24-10 (Sign By-Law), as per the attached staff memo, dated July 24, 2015, provided the applicant can satisfactorily complete all of the deficiencies noted in said staff memo.

Carried.

Open Question Period: None.

R-151-15

Moved by K. Weedmark, 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 9:00 pm until the regular meeting of council on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm, or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



David Nash, Mayor



Jill Armstrong, CAO/Clerk