

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

November 23, 2015

A regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford was held at 7:00 pm on Monday, November 23, 2015.

Chaired by:

Mayor David Nash

Members of Council:

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

Regrets:

Jill Armstrong, CAO/Clerk
Shawn Mason, Treasurer

Staff in Attendance:

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

Public in Attendance: +/- 10

Press in Attendance: None.

Additions to the Agenda:

Mayor Nash noted that the 6:00 p.m. special council meeting on the strategic plan was postponed to a later date.

Resolutions:

R-208-15

Moved by V. Suthren, Seconded by K. Weedmark

Be it hereby resolved that: The agenda of the regular council meeting of November 23, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

R-209-15

Moved by A. Barr, Seconded by S. Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that: The minutes of the regular council meeting of November 9, 2015, be adopted as circulated.

Carried.

Delegation:

Dr. Paula Stewart & Lois Dewey, Health Unit, Healthy Community Vision.
Lily and David Corewyn, bridge on Roses Bridge Road.

Open Question Period:

Wendy Earl, 130 William Street

She asked if, when and where there was going to be public consultation on the train whistle. Mayor Nash indicated that, at this time, the process was nowhere near that stage but he is certain that there will be an opportunity for public input; there are 8 steps in the process, one of which is public consultation.

Gordon Weber, 136 William Street.

He repeated his past questions which have remained unanswered: if there are no legal judgements to stop Council resolution to repatriate Water Street, what circumstances are causing a Council resolution to be stopped; what is the legal issue that has arisen; under what circumstances can Council overturn past Council resolution from completion; how much has been spent on the issue pertaining to closing Water Street (legal, survey, public advisory committee, staff time, and any other costs); and what is a reasonable length of time for me to receive an answer to questions asked at Council meetings. Given that questions from the floor aren't answered by Council or staff, what is the purpose of inviting questions from the floor? Mayor Nash indicated that it is important to give the public an opportunity to ask questions. Jill Armstrong stated that staff try to answer questions within two weeks but it depends on work load and priorities set by Council.

Brian Kerr, 13484 County Rd

He asked if Council had seen the "60 Minutes" presentation on collapsible guardrail. Mayor Nash indicated that the Manager of Public Works would be requested to prepare a report on whether the guardrails are closed.

R-210-15

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 hereby appoint Cheri Kemp-Long to the Merrickville-Wolford Industry / Economic Development and Tourism Advisory Committee for the term 2014-2018.

Carried.

R-211-15

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 hereby recognize having received an expression of interest for whistling cessation, being step 1 of Transport Canada whistle cessation procedure, and does direct staff to consult with the railway company, being step 2.

Carried.

R-212-15

Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by K. Weedmark

Be it hereby resolved that: The list of accounts of November 19, 2015

for the month of October 2015 be approved as circulated, in the amount of \$228,002.02.

Carried.

R-213-15

Moved by A. Barr, Seconded by V. Suthren

Be it hereby resolved that: By-Law 28-15, being a By-Law to amend By-Law 1-98 (Procedural By-Law) and By-Law 2-98 (Municipal Code), re: submitting petitions to Council, be read a first and second time and that By-Law 28-15 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried

R-214-15

Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by V. Suthren

Be it hereby resolved that: By-Law 29-15, being a By-Law to stop up, close and sell/transfer parts of the unopened road of Water Street, be read a first and second time and that By-Law 29-15 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried

Open Question Period:

Leslie Way, 106 Brock Street East.

She asked: who she should contact regarding delivery trucks idling and blocking her lane way; if there was a designated OPP officer for the municipality; and if it was possible to install a cigarette butt-out container at the Post Office. Jill Armstrong suggested that she contact the By-Law Enforcement Officer regarding delivery trucks and Canada Post regarding smoking. Mayor Nash indicated that Council had just recently agreed to remove the downtown designated OPP parking space.

Gordon Weber, 136 William Street.

He clarified one of his questions in that he did not request information on the legal issue that has arisen, not who raised the issue. Jill Armstrong indicated that she relies heavily on the recording in order to get the proper wording of questions.

R-215-15

Moved by C. MacInnis, Seconded by V. Suthren

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-216-15

Moved by K. Weedmark, Seconded by V. Suthren

Be it hereby resolved that: the "In Camera" session rise and report, with staff being given direction, and the regular council session resume.

Carried.

Open Question Period:

None.

R-217-15

Moved by A. Barr, 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 9:50pm until the regular meeting of council on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm, or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



David Nash, Mayor



Jill Armstrong, CAO/Clerk