

The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Monday, January 30, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Chaired by: Mayor Michael Cameron
Members of Council: Councillor Margaret Gural
Councillor Stephen Ireland
Councillor Ronnie Maitland

Staff in Attendance: Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk
Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Deputy Clerk
Kirsten Rahm, Treasurer/ Manager, Finance

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This meeting was held in person and was open to the public in the Council Chambers. It was recorded and livestreamed electronically on the "Village of Merrickville-Wolford" YouTube Channel accessible by clicking [here](#).

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

Approval of Agenda

R-019-23 Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the agenda of the special Council meeting of January 30, 2023, as amended.

Carried.

NOTE: The agenda was amended to include an in-camera session following the Deferred Items section, a budget discussion following the Finance section, and a Notice of Motion brought forward by Councillor Ireland about the Procedural By-law.

Minutes

R-020-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the Minutes of the special Council meeting of January 9, 2023, as circulated.

Carried.

R-021-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby approve the Minutes of the regular Council meeting of January 9, 2023, as circulated.

Carried.

R-022-23

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Minutes of the Merrickville Public Library Board meeting of December 14, 2022 for information purposes.

Carried.

Correspondence

R-023-23

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General regarding the Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere (R.I.D.E.) Grant Allocation dated December 21, 2022; and

That Council does hereby direct the Mayor and the CAO to execute the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement associated with same.

Carried.

Finance

R-024-23

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FIN-04-2023 regarding the 2023 water and wastewater rates; and

That Council does hereby give favourable consideration to By-law 07-2023, being a by-law to amend By-law 24-03, to adopt the 2023 Water and Wastewater Rates at an increase of 3%.

Carried.

R-025-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 07-2023, being a by-law to amend By-law 24-03 to adopt the 2023 Water and Wastewater Rates, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 07-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Council discussed the budget process and how it will be presented. Council directed staff to provide proposed dates for scheduling special working meetings of Council for the purpose of reviewing the budget line by line.

Kirsten Rahm left the meeting at approximately 7:40 p.m.

CAO

R-026-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford received Report CAO-09-2022 at the special meeting of Council on December 20, 2022, being a report to provide options regarding the structure of Council's non-legislated advisory committees for the 2022-2026 term of Council;

AND WHEREAS Council approved the recommendation for Option A as included in the report and gave direction to staff to bring back draft Terms of References for the proposed Committees for consideration;

AND WHEREAS Council does hereby receive the proposed Terms of Reference for the Community Wellness & Environmental Advisory Committee;

NOW THEREFORE Council does hereby approve the Terms of Reference, subject to any changes from a legal review by the Village lawyer;

AND NOW THEREFORE Council does direct staff to bring forward a by-law to establish the Committee to the regular meeting of Council scheduled on February 13, 2023;

AND NOW THEREFORE Council does hereby direct staff to put out a call for volunteers for the Community Wellness & Environmental Advisory Committee.

Carried.

NOTE: Council directed staff to slightly re-order the list of Objectives included in the Terms of Reference.

R-027-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford received Report CAO-09-2022 at the special meeting of Council on December 20, 2022, being a report to provide options regarding the structure of Council's non-legislated advisory committees for the 2022-2026 term of Council;

AND WHEREAS Council approved the recommendation for Option A as included in the report and gave direction to staff to bring back draft Terms of References for the proposed Committees for consideration;

AND WHEREAS Council does hereby receive the proposed Terms of Reference for the Heritage & Planning Advisory Committee;

NOW THEREFORE Council does hereby approve the Terms of Reference, subject to any changes from a legal review by the Village lawyer;

AND NOW THEREFORE Council does direct staff to bring forward a by-law to establish the Committee to the regular meeting of Council scheduled on February 13, 2023;

AND NOW THEREFORE Council does hereby direct staff to put out a call for volunteers for the Heritage & Planning Advisory Committee.

Carried.

R-028-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS Section 259(1)(d) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, indicates that the office of a member of council of a municipality becomes vacant if the member resigns from his or her office and the resignation is effective under section 260;

AND WHEREAS Section 260(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, indicates that a member of council of a municipality may resign from office by notice in writing filed with the Clerk of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk and Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford received written correspondence from Mark Oldfield on January 25, 2023 resigning from the office of Councillor, effective immediately;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby declare the Council seat of Councillor – Merrickville Ward held by Mark Oldfield, as vacant, effective immediately.

Carried.

Deferred Items

R-029-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS at the special meeting of Council on December 20, 2022, Council deferred By-law 51-2022, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 21-96, a By-law to prescribe regulations governing the construction, height and description of fences of any type;

NOW THEREFORE By-law 51-2022, being a by-law to amend By-law No. 21-96, a By-law to prescribe regulations governing the construction, height and description of fences of any type, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 51-2022 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Notices of Motion

Councillor Ireland brought forward a Notice of Motion to amend the Procedural By-law.

In-Camera

R-030-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby move to an "In-Camera" session at 8:07 p.m. under Section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to address matters pertaining to:

1. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried.

Julia McCaugherty-Jansman left the meeting prior to the In-Camera session at approximately 8:08 p.m.

Rise and Report

R-031-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby rise

and report from the "In-Camera" session of the special Council meeting, with staff being given direction, at 10:00 p.m.

Carried.

Confirming By-Law

R-032-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 06-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the special Council meeting of January 30, 2023, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 06-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Adjournment

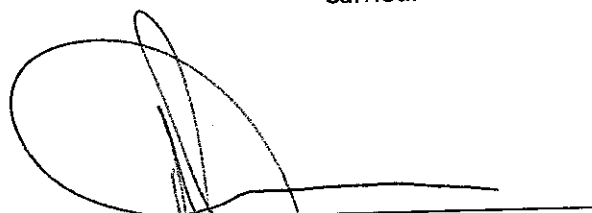
R-033-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

This special meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 10:02 p.m. until the next meeting of Council on Monday, February 13, 2023 or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



Michael Cameron, Mayor



Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk