

The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Monday, January 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Chaired by:

Mayor Michael Cameron

Members of Council:

Councillor Margaret Gural
Councillor Stephen Ireland
Councillor Ronnie Maitland
Councillor Mark Oldfield

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-007-23

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 approve the agenda of the regular Council meeting of January 9, 2023, as amended.

Carried.

Note: The agenda was amended to include correspondence and a request from the Merrickville-Wolford & District Chamber of Commerce directly following the Finance items.

Minutes

R-008-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Oldfield, Seconded by Councillor Gural

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 December 20, 2022, as circulated.

Carried.

R-009-23

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 receive the Minutes of the Merrickville Library Board meeting of November 23, 2022 for information purposes.

Carried.

Finance

R-010-23

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Oldfield

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive Report FIN-01-2023 regarding the Interim Borrowing By-law for 2023; and

That Council does hereby give favourable consideration to By-law 03-2023, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of money to meet the 2023 expenditures of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford.

Carried.

R-011-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Oldfield, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-Law 03-2023, being a by-law to authorize the Municipality to borrow up to \$2,000,000 during January 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023 period and up to \$1,000,000 during October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 period in order to finance the Village's

Current Operating Expenditures on an interim basis, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 03-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

R-012-23

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-02-2023 regarding the Interim Tax Levy for 2023; and

That Council does hereby give favourable consideration to By-law 04-2023, being a by-law to authorize the 2023 interim tax levy and due dates.

Carried.

R-013-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 04-2023, being a by-law to impose an interim tax levy for the year 2023 on properties within all tax classes in the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 04-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

R-014-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Oldfield, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive report FIN-03-2023 regarding 2023 budget pressures for information purposes.

Carried.

R-015-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Oldfield, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the Administration budget and the Water & Wastewater budget presentation for information purposes.

Carried.

Correspondence

R-016-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Oldfield, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

Whereas on December 24, 2022 staff received correspondence from Robyn Eagle, President, Merrickville-Wolford & District Chamber of Commerce, regarding the plan to coordinate the Snowflake Festival in Merrickville on Family Day on Monday, February 20th;

And Whereas in 2022 there was a positive turnout for this event, with the support of both the business community and the municipality making it a successful day-long event;

And Whereas the Merrickville-Wolford & District Chamber of Commerce requests that the fees for the use of the Fairgrounds, rink and shack, and the Community Centre be waived for the 2023 Snowflake Festival, as well as the use of additional picnic tables, garbage/recycling receptacles, and that the public washrooms be open and functional;

And Whereas the total cost of this request would amount to the following: \$847.50 (including HST) for the cost of the rental of the Community Centre and the grounds for one day, \$162 for the cost of insurance fees, and \$330.06 for staff wages, for a total of \$1339.56 requesting to be waived for the event;

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that Council does hereby receive the request from the Merrickville-Wolford & District Chamber of Commerce;

And Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council does hereby approve the Chamber's requests and waiving of fees for the Snowflake Festival to be held on Monday, February 20th, or an alternate rain date should it be necessary.

Carried.

Notices of Motion

None.

Public Question Period

Robbies Giles submitted questions about the Rideau Valley Conservation Authority allotment in the proposed budget and the increase in the Fire Department training budget.

Yves Grandmaitre, 119 Cedar Gate Lane, submitted questions about budget comparisons to pre-Covid years, truck prices included in the budget for 2023, the format of budget discussions provided to Council and the public, and the status on the upgrades to the Community Centre.

Confirming By-Law

R-017-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 05-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting of January 9, 2023, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 05-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Adjournment


R-018-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Oldfield, Seconded by Councillor Gural

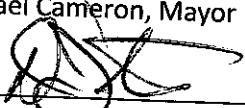
Be it hereby resolved that:

This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 8:55 p.m. until the next meeting of Council on Monday, January 23, 2023 or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



Michael Cameron, Mayor



Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk