

The Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Monday, June 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

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

Staff in Attendance: Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk
Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Deputy Clerk

Guests: Arie Hoogenboom, Mayor, Rideau Lakes
Lesley Todd, Long-Term Care Fundraising Coordinator, UCLG
Andrew Cinnamon, Park View Homes
Ken Shelley, Park View Homes
Brian Whitehead, Jp2g Consultants Inc.

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-191-23 Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, 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 June 12, 2023, as amended.

(Note: The agenda was amended to include a Notice of Motion for the July 10, 2023 regular meeting from Councillor Ireland regarding the formation of a Finance Committee).

Carried as amended.

Minutes

R-192-23 Moved by Councillor Ireland, 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 regular Council meeting of May 8, 2023.

Carried.

Delegations

R-193-23 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 receive the delegation of Arie Hoogenboom, Mayor of Rideau Lakes, regarding the Maple View Landings Redevelopment Project, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-194-23 Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Gural
Be it hereby resolved that:
The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby receive the delegation of Ken Shelley and Andrew Cinnamon, Park View Homes, regarding the Park View Homes development plans for Merrickville Grove and McLean's Landing, for information purposes.

Carried.

Planning

R-195-23 Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Maitland
Be it hereby resolved that:
By-law 33-2023, being a by-law for a lifting of holding zone for Merrickville Grove

Subdivision, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 33-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

Correspondence

R-196-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, 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 Town of Lincoln, dated May 10, 2023, being a resolution passed by Town of Lincoln regarding the Municipal Heritage Register, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-197-23

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 correspondence from the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry, dated May 15, 2023, being a resolution passed by SDG Council regarding Bill 97, for information purposes.

Carried.

R-198-23

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 receive correspondence from North Grenville District High School; and

That Council does hereby approve the Village of Merrickville-Wolford graduation bursary in the amount of \$200.00.

Carried.

R-199-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, 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 Dennis Hanley, Lions Club of Merrickville, regarding a request to use the Community Centre for the Christmas Hamper Program with the request for all fees to be waived; and

That Council does hereby approve the request to use the Community Centre for the purpose of the Christmas Hamper Program on the available dates with all rental and associated fees to be waived.

Carried.

CAO

R-200-23

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Maitland

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS at the regular meeting of Council on Monday, April 24, the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford appointed members to the Community Wellness & Environmental Advisory Committee;

AND WHEREAS Council directed staff to put out a secondary call for volunteer members to receive more applications to fulfill the composition of the Committee as included in the Terms of Reference for a total of nine members;

AND WHEREAS staff posted the renewed call for the Committee both on the Village website and Village social media with a set deadline of Friday, June 2;

AND WHEREAS staff have provided Council with the application packages that were received within the extended timeline;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appoint the following members to the Community Wellness & Environmental Advisory Committee for the 2022-2026 term:

1. Amanda Bellefeuille
2. Jan Fitzpatrick
3. Maureen O'Halloran
4. Mary Kate Laphen

Carried.

R-201-23

Moved by Councillor Maitland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS on May 8, 2023, Council authorized Deputy Mayor Anne Barr to attend the upcoming Chamber of Commerce meeting on behalf of Council pending her formal appointment as Council Liaison anticipated to occur on the June 12th regular meeting of Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby appointed Deputy Mayor Anne Barr as Council Liaison to the Chamber of Commerce for the 2022-2026 term of Council.

Carried.

Notices of Motion

R-202-23

Moved by Councillor Gural, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

WHEREAS the goal of increasing housing supply and reducing barriers in planning processes as set out in the recent legislative, regulatory, and policy changes, including new provisions from Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act is welcomed; and

WHEREAS the proposed Provincial Planning Statement (sections 2.6 and 4.3) would dramatically remove municipal power and render aspects of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford Official Plan and other official plans throughout Ontario inoperative, terminate some local planning autonomy, and directly interfere with municipalities' ability to meet local variation and unique community needs; and

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes that would allow proliferation of lots with protection restricted to specialty crop areas only diminishes the purpose, use and integrity of rural and agricultural lands, thereby removing protection and restricting future uses of those lands; and

WHEREAS the proposed PPS changes encourage sprawl and rural roadway strip development, rather than more fiscally and environmentally sustainable practices like intensification in established settlement areas; and

WHEREAS the province has announced changes to be proposed to natural heritage (section 4.1) that have yet to be published;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford urges the province to:

- Pause proposed changes to the PPS, particularly regarding natural heritage (section 4.1) and agricultural lands (section 2.6 and 4.3)
- Reinvest trust in the local planning authority of all 444 municipalities, recognizing that each one has unique landscapes, housing needs and visions for local planning matters

AND THAT our fellow municipalities be urged to voice their concerns regarding the proposed undermining of local planning authority;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to all 444 municipalities, The Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP for Leeds-Grenville-Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes, The Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, The Hon. David Piccini, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of

Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Received.

Councillor Ireland addressed the Notice of Motion that he would provide for inclusion on the July 10, 2023 regular meeting of Council regarding the formation of a Finance Committee.

Deferred Items

None.

Public Question Period to Council

None.

In-Camera

R-203-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

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 8:47 p.m. under Section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to address matters pertaining to:

1. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.
2. A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization.
3. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried.

Councillor Maitland left the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

Rise and Report

R-204-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

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 regular Council meeting, with staff being given direction at 10:35 p.m.

Carried.

R-205-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Ireland

Be it hereby resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does hereby direct the CAO to communicate to Voltari that Council is 100% fully committed to completing the full process to stop, close and convey ownership of the lands under discussion.

Carried.

Confirming By-Law

R-206-23

Moved by Councillor Ireland, Seconded by Councillor Gural

Be it hereby resolved that:

By-law 34-2023, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the regular Council meeting of June 12, 2023, be read a first and second time, and that By-law 34-2023 be read a third and final time and passed.

Carried.

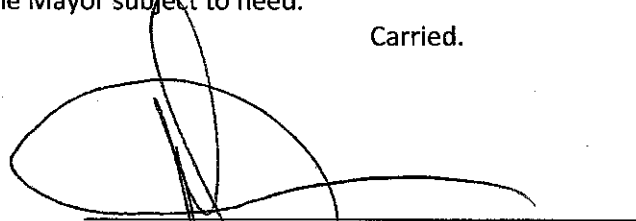
Adjournment
R-207-23

Moved by Deputy Mayor Barr, Seconded by Councillor Gural

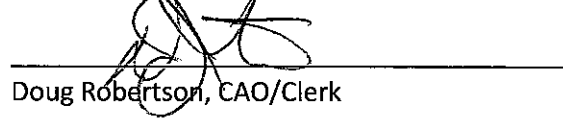
Be it hereby resolved that:

This regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford does now adjourn at 10:40 p.m. until the next meeting of Council on Monday, July 10, 2023 or until the call of the Mayor subject to need.

Carried.



Michael Cameron, Mayor



Doug Robertson, CAO/Clerk