

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH**

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, March 24, 2014

Following Public Meeting 7:14 p.m.

Members Present:

**Mayor: Raymond Tout
Councillors: Andy Lennox
Sherry Burke
Mark Goetz
Dan Yake**

**Also Present: Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk: Michael Givens
Deputy Clerk: Catherine More
Executive Assistant: Cathy Conrad
Director of Public Works: Deb Zehr**

The meeting was held in the Municipal Office Council Chambers, Kenilworth.

A. **CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Tout called the meeting to order.

B. **O' CANADA**

C. **PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**Moved by: Councillor Goetz
Seconded by: Councillor Burke**

THAT the Agenda for the March 24, 2014 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

Resolution Number: 1

Carried

D. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE
THEREOF**

None declared.

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E. MINUTES

1. Budget Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2014
2. Public Meeting, March 10, 2014
3. Regular Meeting of Council, March 10, 2014

Moved by: Councillor Goetz

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the minutes of the 2014 Budget Meeting, the Public Meeting and the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 10, 2014 be adopted as circulated.

Resolution Number: 2

Carried

F. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. March 10, 2014 Notice of Motion – Councillor Yake
Re: Resolution to direct staff to investigate installation of audible signals

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to investigate the cost of installing audible signals at the following intersections:

- *Main Street and Wellington Street, Mount Forest*
- *Main Street and Queen Street, Mount Forest*
- *George Street and Charles Street, Arthur*
- *George Street/Smith Street and Frederick Street, Arthur*

AND FURTHER THAT Staff investigate various suppliers and options, MTO guidelines and restrictions, and available funding possibilities.

Resolution Number: 3

Carried

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F. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES** (continued)

2. Councillor Lennox asked Council to consider the following resolution to enable Council to fulfil the commitment outlined in By-law 79-13 adopted on September 9, 2013, appointing a CAO, to complete a review to share feedback prior to 210 days in the job.

Moved by: Councillor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North appoint Nigel Bellchamber of N.G. Bellchamber and Associates as a knowledgeable outside party to assist the Mayor and one other Councillor, chosen by Council, to conduct a probationary review as outlined in By-law Number 79-13, being a by-law to appoint a Chief Administrative Officer;

AND FURTHER THAT Councillor Andy Lennox be appointed as the Council member assisting with this review.

Resolution Number: 4

Carried

G. **DELEGATIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS**

1. Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Terry Fisk, Township of Wellington North Representative
Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
Re: Update on Conservation Authority Activities

Terry Fisk, Township of Wellington North representative to both the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority and the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, appeared before Council to provide an update of conservation authority activities. Dr. Fisk stated that municipalities are the shareholders of the conservation authority. The conservation authorities are very efficient at spending the money allotted to them. They provide a tremendous amount of work with the money they are given.

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1. Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Terry Fisk, Township of Wellington North Representative
Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
Re: Update on Conservation Authority Activities (continued)

Phil Beard provided background on conservation authorities. Conservation Authorities were formed in the 1950's at the request of municipalities who wanted a way to deal with flooding beyond municipal boundaries. This provided a better way of looking after rivers and streams. The MVCA has natural assets of approximately 4,700 acres of farmland and forests.

Weather trends have changed in the past 50 years. In 2013 we experienced two ice storms. Severe weather trends cause increasing cost to municipalities, property owners and insurance companies. There have been extremes in weather in the past two years. 2012 was very dry and 2013 was extremely wet. Flooding can happen at any time. They are working with Minto regarding potential flooding this spring. They are using rain gauges that use satellites to send data to the conservation authority using a hydrometric website flood forecasting system to monitor flooding. Work is being done on clay bluffs along the Lake Huron shoreline. There are many cottage properties and farms affected by potential soil erosion. The conservation authority is working with land owners to create a stormwater management system.

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority is working to develop watershed resiliency. Wellington County is a leader in living snow fence. The MTO is starting to see benefits to living snow fence and is incorporating it into projects. Property owners are also encouraged to plant living snow fence. The MVCA is working at expanding reforestation through its tree planting programs. Conservation authority services are changing. Financial assistance has been provided for well decommissioning and manure storage.

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1. Phil Beard, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Terry Fisk, Township of Wellington North Representative
Maitland Valley Conservation Authority
Re: Update on Conservation Authority Activities (continued)

The conservation authority faces many financial challenges. Revenues are still at 1993 levels; however, expenses are at 2014 levels. Consideration has to be given to the shift in assessments. Farmland assessments have increased to reflect higher land values. MVCA is giving priority to flood and erosion safety services for land in flood prone areas. They are working with municipalities to develop rural storm water management systems.

Mayor Tout commented that there is a high risk of flooding this year and asked specifically about the risk in Wellington North. Mr. Beard stated that there is between 6 and 7 inches of water content sitting in the snow and ice. If we get warm days and colder nights it will melt slowly and the risk of flood will be reduced. Many warm days with rain could produce flooding. The main channel of the Maitland River is still ice packed.

2. Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Terry Fisk, Township of Wellington North Representative
Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority
Re: Update on Conservation Authority Activities

Wayne Brohman has been with the SCVA for one year. He is a chartered accountant who previously worked in the private sector.

The role of the conservation authority has changed since they were created. In the 50's, 60's and 70's the focus was on buying land. Now properties are acquired mostly through donation. In the 80's the focus moved to flood control, mostly in Walkerton, Paisley and Durham. Now they have to be mindful of maintaining those structures and the need to keep people out of flood plains. Currently the emphasis is on water quality for both drinking water and recreational water. The SVCA is trying to encourage more people to come out and enjoy conservation areas.

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2. Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Terry Fisk, Township of Wellington North Representative
Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority
Re: Update on Conservation Authority Activities (continued)

SVCA is promoting their 50 million tree program. In 2012 there were 9,000 trees planted in Wellington North. No trees were planted in 2013 as there was no interest by land owners. There has been some interest this year. Wellington North has not seen an infestation of Emerald Ash Borer yet. Work has taken place in Owen Sound to protect trees from the borer.

Ground water in Wellington North is rated as A and surface water is rated as a C. Sampling sites are used to collect information for the watershed report card. The SVCA does some work on the dam in Mount Forest, such as checking the sluice gate. They work with the MVCA and the GRCA in regards to rural water.

Recent changes at the SVCA include the retiring of three managers, two of whom won't be replaced, and personnel policy changes, such as increased work week hours and reducing banking of sick days. Another change is partnering. The SVCA is working with other groups and using each other's resources.

Mayor Tout commented that it was encouraging to hear that the conservation authority is being pro-active with changes to administration budget. It is nice to have communication with the conservation authority. Mr. Brohman stated that they are using more of a businesslike approach.

Mayor Tout inquired what kind of shape the Mount Forest Dam is in. Mr. Brohman commented that he hasn't heard of anything serious but he will check with staff and get back to Council. Mayor Tout expressed concern with the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer and asked if the -20°C temperatures for a span of five days or more will slow the progress of the borer. Mr. Brohman commented that the colder weather should help reduce the spread of the borer. The borer is more commonly spread by moving firewood from one area to another. The average cost of treating a tree is \$230. The treatment is guaranteed for two years.

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2. Wayne Brohman, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
Terry Fisk, Township of Wellington North Representative
Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority
Re: Update on Conservation Authority Activities (continued)

Councillor Lennox asked if the SVCA is involved with the Trees for Wellington North group that is working on Trillium funding. The GRCA is taking the lead on this project. Mr. Brohman stated that a SVCA staff member had attended the meeting regarding this project.

3. Laura Campbell, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health
Re: Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces Survey Results

Laura Campbell, Health Promotion Specialist and Rita Sethi, Director of Community Health and Wellness appeared before Council to present the Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces Survey Results.

Creating healthy smoke-free outdoor spaces would reduce exposure to second hand smoke and allow for more positive role modeling. There is no safe level of second hand smoke. Cigarettes contain more than 7,000 chemicals. Exposure causes heart disease, cancer and SIDS. Every year 4.4 billion is spent on smoking related health care.

Many Ontario municipalities already have smoke free outdoor spaces by-laws. Orangeville implemented a by-law in 2012.

Respondents to the 2013 survey included 45% from Guelph, 24% from Wellington County and 22% from Dufferin County. The age of respondents ranged from 17 to over 65 with the majority of respondents being between the ages of 25 and 64. The majority of respondents agreed that:

- exposure to second hand smoke can cause serious health problems;
- banning smoking in outdoor spaces can help protect people from second hand smoke;

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3. Laura Campbell, Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health
Re: Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces Survey Results

- cigarette butts are a significant source of litter;
- cigarette butt pollution can lead to health problems
- children and youth who see people smoking are at a greater risk of using tobacco products; and
- most smokers begin smoking before the age of 18.

It was suggested that Council consider a by-law customized to reflect areas that residents of Wellington County support having as smoke free spaces. Enforcement would be complaint driven. The more education there is regarding smoke free spaces the less enforcement will be needed. Bill 131 was introduced on November 13, 2013 and would prohibit smoking on playgrounds, sports fields and patios. Where there is a by-law the more restrictive legislation prevails. Citizens in Wellington County are interested in more restrictive laws.

Recommendations to municipalities include:

- a comprehensive smoke free outdoor spaces by-law;
- a complete ban rather than a partial ban
- a process for special events and/or businesses to opt into;
- public education;
- positive messaging; and
- appropriate signage.

Public Health can work with municipal staff to gather additional research and can deliver presentations. They also offer cessation support for those who wish to quit smoking.

Mayor Tout commented that smoking is on the decline. More youth are becoming educated to the risks of smoking. A lot of enforcement will come down to courtesy.

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4. Mount Forest Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation
Re: Update Regarding the Redevelopment at Louise Marshall Hospital

Murray Calder, Dr. Chris Rowley and Dr. Bob McFarlane appeared before Council to provide an update on the hospital project.

Mr. Calder commented that the project has been in the planning stages for four years. The Ministry of Health has already advanced 1.5 million. The local community has to be part of the fundraising. Fundraising has been successful so far. We need to raise \$5 million. Municipal financial support is of the utmost importance. Surrounding communities are considering support because many of their residents use the hospital. The project must continue as the future of health care in Wellington North depends on the success of the campaign. The hospital is a key economic generator that attracts businesses, families and doctors. The hospital was built in 1954; this project is for the next fifty years.

Dr. Rowley stated that doctors and nurses work in a fifty year old emergency area. It was state of the art then but many changes have taken place. Currently they manage by working around the limitations of the building. The emergency room renovation will make a big difference to patients and nurses and doctors who work in the very small area. Rooms currently serve three purposes. Larger, safer washrooms and more patient privacy are needed. Specialists come to the hospital to see patients, which keeps patient care in town. This also helps the specialists as they do not always have available space in the larger hospitals. The foundation is looking to meet modern standards to provide the best patient care and attract future physicians.

Dr. McFarlane thanked Mr. Calder and Dr. Rowley for their presentations. The mandate has not changed and they are forging forward with the project. It is at the architectural drawing stage and has to go to the Ministry for approval. The Foundation is asking for Council's help and consideration in this project. Wellington North financial assistance is needed on side to help promote the project. Fundraising will be on going for a few years. The Foundation is asking Council to consider providing \$1 million to put toward the project over the next 5 to 10 years.

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4. Mount Forest Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation
Re: Update Regarding the Redevelopment at Louise Marshall Hospital
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Mayor Tout thanked the delegation for their presentation. Council has to remember how important health care is in our community. We are privileged to have ambulatory care and a helicopter pad. Our hospital is being used and is in demand. Having visiting specialists makes our hospital attractive and maintains doctors. It is important to residents to be able to receive treatment locally. We have an aging population and not all residents can afford to travel to larger hospitals. Our hospital is often used by those passing through Wellington North. County Council has recommended consideration for financial support go to AFP Committee. A possible Provincial election could change funding. Mayor Tout would like to see Council help out as best they can with what they can afford.

Dr. McFarlane stated that the hospital has a catchment of 15,000 people. With ambulatory care visits it works out to more than one visit per person per year.

Councillor Goetz commented that he is concerned about other hospitals in surrounding areas. Will we be asked by other hospitals for funding? There is talk that Wellington North won't be approached by other hospitals but he is concerned that residents will expect Council to support the others. It would be nice to have a chance to present this to the public at the open house budget meeting.

Dr. McFarlane explained that the Foundation is aware that not all Wellington North residents use Louise Marshall Hospital. They realize and appreciate the border situation. This is the only hospital in Wellington North borders.

Councillor Yake has been involved with the hospital board, physician recruitment and Council. He has seen how passionate this group is and hope that Council will take a long, hard look at the projects and give serious consideration to support as it is the only hospital in our community. Council has the ability to work out a plan.

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4. Mount Forest Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation
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Councillor Lennox stated that he would like to see Council move to a proposal as they need to move quickly. This decision may have budget implications.

Councillor Burke would like to see Council support this project but did not feel they could come up with a number right now. She suggested that this request be discussed at the next budget meeting.

Dr. McFarlane explained that there is some urgency as the Foundation must prove to the Ministry of Health that there are commitments to raise the required funds. They need to present to the Ministry where they are in the process. The Foundation realizes that \$1 million is a hefty request and that it is tax payer dollars. Mr. Calder added that they need to have things in place should a Provincial election be called.

Councillor Lennox stated that Council wants to see the project proceed and that they have a clear leadership role ensuring we are helping to build the community for the future. Council must consider other issues. There are two other primary care hospitals that serve our residents that are also embarking on major capital campaigns. Residents may wish to have their tax dollars directed towards those projects. Any donation Council considers must be financed as there are no uncommitted dollars readily available. Any donation is still tax dollars being taken out of taxpayers' pockets. Alternatively, there are no major capital projects that council can continue to defer to pay for this. By making a donation on taxpayers' behalf we reduce the amount of dollars coming from outside of the community to pay for this project. Residents and businesses making donations have access to income tax credits equaling nearly 40% of the donation. Council's donation would take that advantage away from them. Some individuals may feel the donation was made without their input and may step back from making a personal donation.

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4. Mount Forest Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation
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In light of these issues and wanting the project to move forward Councillor Lennox suggested a donation of an amount equivalent to services we could provide to the project, such as building and demolition permit fees and perhaps aggregate from township gravel pits to assist with the project costs. Given the choice, he would prefer to make a donation personally and is prepared to pledge a significant portion of his pay as a member of council for a period of 5 years to hospital capital projects.

Mayor Tout stated that there are municipal elections this year. He wants to be able to help but doesn't want to commit the next Council. Residents may choose to have their tax dollars used for other hospitals. Are there boundaries from which hospitals can seek donations? Larger hospitals have been asking residents for donations.

Jerome Quenneville, CEO, North Wellington Health Care, informed Council that Groves Memorial Hospital has mentioned that their campaign plan does not include asking Wellington North.

Dr. McFarlane explained that there is a tremendous amount of cross over. Statistically usage by Wellington North residents accounts for 58 to 60% of ambulatory or emergency services. Specialists coming here provide quality care locally.

Councillor Goetz questioned how Council's decision would affect a new Council. Mike Givens suggested that Council would need to pass a strongly worded resolution regarding donation. Things could change at the municipal level; however, he would encourage a new Council to stay with the decision.

It was decided to discuss the donation further at a future budget meeting and respond to the Foundation by the May 13 Council meeting.

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H. **STANDING COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS, MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Report from Deb Zehr, Director of Public Works
 - 2013 Annual Report for the Arthur WWTP and
 - 2013 Annual Report for the Mt. Forest WWTP

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North accept and approve the following Annual Wastewater Treatment Reports received from both the Ontario Clean Water Agency and the Director of Public Works:

- 2013 Annual Report for the Arthur WWTP
- 2013 Annual Report for the Mount Forest WWTP

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to submit these reports as required to meet the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) 2013 Annual Wastewater Reporting requirement.

Resolution Number: 5

Carried

2. Report from Deb Zehr, Director of Public Works
 - 2014 Gravel Crushing Tender

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the 2014 Gravel Crushing Tender report as information from the Director of Public Works;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves awarding the tender for the Gravel Crushing to B & B Custom Crushing for a cost of \$1.70 per tonne plus HST for a total cost of \$42,500 plus HST;

AND FURTHER THAT this cost be funded from the maintenance gravel budget.

Resolution Number: 6

Carried

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H. **STANDING COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS, MINUTES AND
RECOMMENDATIONS** (continued)

3. Report from Deb Zehr, Director of Public Works
- Winter Road Maintenance Guidelines

Moved by: Councillor Goetz
Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Winter Road Maintenance Guidelines report as information from the Director of Public Works;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to distribute this information to staff and the public as a guideline for winter road maintenance information.

Resolution Number: 7

Carried

4. Report from Deb Zehr, Director of Public Works
- Frederick St. Project MOE and Design Approval

Moved by: Councillor Goetz
Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Fredrick St. Project MOE and Design Approval report as information from the Director of Public Works;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes staff to direct Triton Engineering to proceed with obtaining approvals from the Ministry of the Environment for the sanitary, gravity sewer and force main prior to proceeding to final design to allow for tendering of the Frederick St. project.

Resolution Number: 8

Carried

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I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION

1. Town of Petrolia
Re: Request for support of resolution regarding Action on Bill 69 –
The Prompt Payment Act, 2013
– Received as information
2. Susan O'Neill, Volunteer of #GITFH Committee & Arthur OptiMrs.
Re: Request for Approval for a 1 & 5 Kilometer Run in memory of
Steven Hutchison (#GITFH)

Moved by: Councillor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North grant permission to Susan O'Neill to conduct a 1 and 5 Kilometer Run in memory of Steven Hutchison (#GITFH) on June 28, 2014 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Arthur in conjunction with the Optimist Canada Day celebrations.

Resolution Number: 9

Carried

J. BY-LAWS

1. 18-14 Being a by-law to permit fundraising activities by a charitable organization on a roadway under the Safe Streets Act, S.O. 1999 in the Township of Wellington North. (Mount Forest Kin Club Spring Road Toll – Main Street, Mount Forest)

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor Lennox

THAT By-law Number 18-14 being a by-law to permit fundraising activities by a charitable organization on a roadway under the Safe Streets Act, S.O. 1999 in the Township of Wellington North be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed. (Mount Forest Kin Club Spring Road Toll – Main Street, Mount Forest)

Resolution Number: 10

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J. **BY-LAWS** (continued)

2. 19-14 Being a by-law to temporarily close a portion of King Street East in the former Town of Mount Forest for a weekly Farmers' Market

**Moved by: Councillor Yake
Seconded by: Councillor Lennox**

THAT By-law Number 19-14 being a by-law to temporarily close a portion of King Street East in the Former Town of Mount Forest for a weekly Farmers' Market be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.

Resolution Number: 11

Carried

3. 20-14 Being a by-law to appoint a Treasurer for the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North.

**Moved by: Councillor Lennox
Seconded by: Councillor Yake**

THAT By-law Number 20-14 being a by-law to appoint a Treasurer for the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.

Resolution Number: 12

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K. **OTHER/NEW BUSINESS**

None

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L. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION

Cheque Distribution Report dated March 20, 2014

AMO Watch File

- March 6, 2014
- March 13, 2014
- March 20, 2014

Grand River Conservation Authority

- Minutes, General Membership/Election of Officers Meeting, January 24, 2014

Randy Pettapiece, MPP, Perth-Wellington

- News Release, Pettapiece urges minister to stop blocking Highway 7/8 review

M. NOTICE OF MOTION

None.

N. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Yake commented that the Municipal Hockey Tournament was very successful. There were twelve teams participating and Ingersoll was the winning team. Approximately \$3,500 was raised.

Mayor Tout participated in the Meals of Wheels - Mayors for Meals program on Friday, March 21. He reminded everyone that the public portion of Wellington North Showcase will be held on Tuesday, March 25. The Business Retention and Expansion Report will be presented at the Wellington County Museum on April 4. The Mount Forest Kin Club will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary on April 5 at the Mount Forest Sport Complex Leisure Hall.

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O. **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

Moved by: Councillor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 21-14 being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North at its Regular Meeting held on March 24, 2014 be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.

Resolution Number: 13

Carried

P. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor Lennox

THAT the Regular Council meeting of March 24, 2014 be adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

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Carried

CLERK

MAYOR