

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MEETING MINUTES OF COUNCIL
JULY 8, 2019 @ 2:00 P.M.
CLOSED MEETING SESSION @ 1:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH

Members Present:

Mayor: Andrew Lennox
Councillors: Lisa Hern
Steve McCabe
Dan Yake

Members Absent:

Councillors: Sherry Burke

Staff Present:

Chief Administrative Officer: Michael Givens
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk: Karren Wallace
Deputy Clerk: Catherine Conrad
Director of Finance: Adam McNabb
Director of Operations: Matthew Aston
Human Resources Manager: Chanda Riggi
Community Recreation Coordinator: Mandy Jones
Economic Development Officer: Dale Small

CALLING TO ORDER - Mayor Lennox

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2019-187

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Agenda for the July 8, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Hern declared a pecuniary interest with closed item Report CBO 019-2019 follow up - [REDACTED] 9357 Highway 6 as she is a member of the Normal Farming Practices Appeal Tribunal.

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

The meeting is closed pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, specifically

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

RESOLUTION: 2019-188

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 1:31 pm that is closed to the public under subsection 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, specifically:

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

1. REPORTS

- a) Report HR 2019-002 Employee Remuneration
- b) Report CBO 019-2019 Follow up – [REDACTED] 9357 Highway 6
- c) OPS 2019-007 being a report on matters relating to an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and labour relations or employee negotiations
- d) CAO verbal update on [REDACTED]

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- May 27, 2019 –Council meeting

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2019-189

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session at 1:58 pm.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2019-190

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report HR 2019-002 being a report on Employee Remuneration;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential recommendation the report.

CARRIED

Councillor Lisa Hern left the meeting as she had declared a pecuniary interest with closed item Report CBO 019-2019 Follow up - [REDACTED] 9357 Highway 6 re: MDS as she is a member of the Normal Farm Practices Appeal Tribunal.

RESOLUTION: 2019-191

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 019-2019 Follow up – [REDACTED] 9357 Highway 6 and correspondence related to this matter;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

Councillor Hern returned to the Council meeting.

RESOLUTION: 2019-192

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2019-007 being a report on matters relating to an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and labour relations or employee negotiations;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential recommendation to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2019-193

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of May 27, 2019 –Council meeting

CARRIED

O ' CANADA

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE – Campbell Cork, Councillor, Wellington County Ward 3

Councillor Cork provided updates on transportation, communications and environment.

The County of Wellington is launching its ride sharing program in October. Ride Well is a county wide, demand based, public transit service that will be available to all residents and will accommodate disabilities and handicaps. A parallel system will include employers subsidizing arrangements to get employees without transportation to work.

Wellington County was chosen as a pilot for the SWIFT internet initiative to offer rural high-speed internet. They are working to get providers on board with looking after sections of the County, or alternatively a group of neighbours could act as the provider.

Recycling and garbage pick up will continue to be done by Waste Management. Green bins for kitchen waste and organics will be added in July of 2020. Recycling boxes and organics bins will be picked up weekly. Garbage will be picked up bi-weekly with pick up changing to both sides of the road in rural areas. The County believes the additional cost of the program will be a worthy expenditure.

There has not been a lot of uptake on home composting by residents. It is hoped that by providing weekly pick up of recycling and green bins and reducing garbage pick up to bi-weekly residents will be encouraged to divert more waste from the landfill. Currently the Riverstown Landfill site is estimated to have 25 years left. Riverstown is the only landfill in Wellington County. It is critical to support the diversion of organics from the landfill to prevent leachate from travelling off the site and protect the ground and water.

Recycling is paid for by the County. The Province is moving to a system where producers will pay for the disposal. Tires are already covered by producers. This could save the County \$1 million a year. When producers become responsible for disposal they will take over the system we have in place and will keep the weekly pick up.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

- Public Meeting, June 24, 2019
- Regular Meeting of Council, June 24, 2019

RESOLUTION: 2019-194

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting and the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 24, 2019 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

None

COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

- Volunteer Recognition

Council discussed what their role in volunteer recognition should be and agreed that volunteers are integral to the municipality's success and as such the Township needs to have a role in promoting their importance.

Discussion included: generational diversity, demographic changes, method of recruitment, project recognition versus individual recognition.

Council directed staff to give consideration to a volunteer recognition program and report to council with costing and ideas regarding how we can support a recruiting process.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1a, 2a, 2b, 3c

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2019-195

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT all items listed under Items for Consideration on the July 8, 2019 Council agenda, with the exception of those items identified for separate discussion, be approved and the recommendations therein be adopted.

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Grand River Conservation Authority, Summary of General Membership Meeting held on June 28, 2019.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of Township of Wellington North receive the Cheque Distribution Report dated July 2, 2019.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of Township of Wellington North receive Report TR2019-011 being a report on electronic funds transfer capabilities for the Township be received; AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North endorse the finance department proceeding with the implementation EFT, and fraud detection solutions for the Township of Wellington North.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of Township of Wellington North receive the Crime Stoppers Guelph Wellington, newsletter, The Informant, Summer 2019 – 2nd Quarter.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence from the Ministry of the Solicitor General, dated June 24, 2019, compliance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS IDENTIFIED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2019-196

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the amended minutes of the Recreation & Culture Committee meeting held on May 28, 2019.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2019-197

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the in-year capital addition for the proposed IT works recommended in Report TR2019-009 being a report on Pool Facility Communication Tool Requirement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to incorporate the proposed IT works into the previously approved 2019 IT initiatives capital program, and fund project via the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2019-198

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT Council of the Corporation of Township of Wellington North receive the Economic Development Officer report EDO 2019-015 dated July 8th, 2019 being a report on Youth Partnership Programs.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2019-199

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT Council of the Corporation of Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2019-017 being a report on the Community Improvement Program;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve grants totaling:

- *totaling \$3,771 for the improvements made at 273 Main Street South in Mount Forest the new home of The Old Hound;*
- *totally \$4,000 for the improvements made at 238 George Street South in Arthur, home to The Plumbers Wife;*
- *\$360.00 for Blade Signage at 157 Main Street North in Mount Forest, home to Sherry's on Main;*
- *totaling up to \$10,000 for the planned improvements to 170 Elgin Street North in Mount Forest, previous home to a Doctor's Office;*
- *amount of \$896.00 for Signage at 480 Smith Street in Arthur, home to Coffey Plumbing*

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2019-200

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT Report TR2019-012 being a revisited report on debentures and debt servicing costs be received by council;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse staff recommendation to budget the 2020 debenture payment, and debt servicing costs as detailed herein.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION - none

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor McCabe reminded everyone of the Recreation & Culture Committee meeting being held on July 9, 2019

Mayor Lennox informed everyone that the Arthur Horticultural Society had concerns with the legalistic wording of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding and is proposing alternate working. It is anticipated to be received by the next meeting of Council.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 063-19 being a by-law to levy the cost of work undertaken on the Arthur Drain 6, in the Township of Wellington North
- b. By-law Number 064-19 being a by-law to levy the cost of work undertaken on the Hogg Drain Arthur, in the Township of Wellington North

RESOLUTION: 2019-201

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Numbers 063-19 and 064-19 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- West Luther's Mountain

Submitted by Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Member Bonny McDougall:

Over 100 years ago the Luther established hamlet of Mount View boasted a sawmill, a store and a Methodist Church. The location of Mount View is Concession 4 and Sideroad 13 where the only surviving evidence is the one room school converted to a residence. It was built in 1882 by trustees, John Shaw, John McGivney and Charles Gilder.

The community of Mount View received its name because of a small mountain of a natural gravel deposit. In later years it was used to supply gravel to most of the rural roads in the area. As a result, the "mountain" has almost disappeared. The Jones Mill was built about 1873 on the north side of Concession 4 and supplied the lumber for most of the local houses and barns powered by steam boilers supplied by the water from 4 Mile Creek. In 1906 The Hollis Mill was built on the site of the Jones Mill. This new mill not only sawed lumber but also made shingles and chopped and rolled grain which was revolutionary to the local farmers who previously had to take their oats and wheat to Fergus to process it. Next to the mill was the general store which also served as the post office.

One of the most significant landmarks at Mount View was the wooden tower that was built on the highest spot on the mountain on the farm of J.H. White. It is believed to have been built around 1880 as a survey tower. The view from the top platform of the tower was really something. Arthur Village could be plainly viewed through a telescope which was mounted on the platform as well as Grand Valley, Fergus and Dundalk. The rickety wooden structure succumbed to too many windstorms and finally met its match in the 1940's.

Over time the Mount View community gave way to boundaries, the Luther Marsh and the Damascus Lake as well as the motor car which contributed to the demise of many of the old hamlets of the early 1900's.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW NUMBER 065-19

RESOLUTION: 2019-202

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 065-19 being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council Corporation of the Township of Wellington North at its Regular Meeting held on July 8, 2019 be First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2019-203

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Regular Council meeting of July 8, 2019 be adjourned at 3:10 pm.

CARRIED

DEPUTY CLERK

MAYOR