

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 13, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION TO FOLLOW OPEN SESSION
VIA WEB CONFERENCING <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=in2GZRHu1YE>**

Members Present:

Mayor:	Andrew Lennox
Councillors:	Sherry Burke Steve McCabe Dan Yake

Member Absent:

Councillor:	Lisa Hern
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Staff Present:

Chief Administrative Officer:	Michael Givens
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk:	Karren Wallace
Deputy Clerk:	Catherine Conrad
Economic Development Officer:	Dale Small
Chief Building Official:	Darren Jones
Director of Operations:	Matthew Aston
Community Recreation Coordinator:	Mandy Jones
Planner:	Matthieu Daoust

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2020-293

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Agenda for the October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest declared.

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Andy Lennox, Mayor

The Solid Waste Services Committee recommendations for changes to the Solid Waste Program regarding leaf and yard waste were accepted and ratified at the County Council Meeting. There will be no drop off fee for yard waste at the Riverstown Landfill Site and the frequency of pickup dates of those items will be increased. Those are positive changes for our residents and will help to address concerns raised by Wellington North.

The County Roads Department is working on a Roads Master Plan, title "Road Map". The process will include a large-scale study looking at what the current and future needs of the roads network is and road safety, different users; balancing passenger and commercial traffic with safety, particularly safety through the urban areas regarding speed and sharing space with other users such as pedestrian and cyclists, and where is it appropriate to restrict traffic flow to facilitate other road users; with the first priority being to facilitate traffic flow. There will be virtual public consultations that Council was encouraged to participate in those discussions. Details and updates of various milestones will be posted on the County website.

RECESS TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLUTION: 2020-294

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the Regular Council Meeting of October 13, 2020 for the purpose of holding a Public Meeting under the Planning Act:

- 2738330 Ontario Inc., Minor Variance
- 2574574 Ontario Inc., Zoning By-law Amendment
- 2073022 Ontario Inc., Zoning By-law Amendment

CARRIED

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2020-295

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the October 13, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

PASSAGE OF BY-LAWS ARISING FROM PUBLIC MEETING

- a. By-law Number 085-20 being a by-law to amend By-law 66-01, being a Zoning By-law for the Township of Wellington North (Park Lot 3 S/S Birmingham St., Geographic Town of Mount Forest – 2574574 Ontario Inc.)

RESOLUTION: 2020-296

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT By-law Number 085-20 being a by-law to amend By-law 66-01, being a Zoning By-law for the Township of Wellington North be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted. (Park Lot 3 S/S Birmingham St., Geographic Town of Mount Forest – 2574574 Ontario Inc.)

CARRIED

- b. By-law Number 086-20 being a by-law to amend By-law 66-01, being a Zoning By-law for the Township of Wellington North (West Luther Conc 1 Pt Lot 1, Chadwick and Anderson's; Survey Plan 120 Lots 118 to 121 Pt Lots 110 to 113 122, 169 170 Pt Lorne Ave, Geographic Town of Arthur — 2073022 Ontario Inc.)

RESOLUTION: 2020-297

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 086-20 being a by-law to amend By-law 66-01, being a Zoning By-law for the Township of Wellington North be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted. (West Luther Conc 1 Pt Lot 1, Chadwick and Anderson's; Survey Plan 120 Lots 118 to 121 Pt Lots 110 to 113 122, 169 170 Pt Lorne Ave, Geographic Town of Arthur - 2073022 Ontario Inc.)

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, September 28, 2020

RESOLUTION: 2020-298

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 28, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

1. Resolution regarding support for fair and equitable assessment system for all aggregate resource properties

RESOLUTION: 2020-299

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

WHEREAS previous assessment methodologies for aggregate resource properties valued areas that were used for aggregate resources or gravel pits at industrial land rates on a per acre basis of the total site and such properties were formally classified and taxed as industrial lands; and

WHEREAS Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North supports a fair and equitable assessment system for all aggregate resource properties; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) determined, with the participation only of the Ontario Stone, Sand and Gravel Association, revised criteria for assessing aggregate resource properties; and

WHEREAS Council has concerns that the revised criteria does not fairly assess the current value of the aggregate resource properties;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North does not consider the revised criteria for assessment of aggregate resource properties as a fair method of valuation for these properties; and

AND FURTHER THAT Council believes there is a need to review the current assessment scheme for aggregate resource properties to address the inequity of property values; and

AND FURTHER THAT Council hereby calls upon the Province to work with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to address the assessment issue so that aggregate resource properties are assessed for their industrial value; and

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct the Clerk to provide a copy of this motion to the Ministers of Finance; Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Natural Resources and Forestry; and to AMO, ROMA, and all Ontario municipalities and local MPP(s).

CARRIED

2. Notice of Motion – Councillor Yake

a. London Road Concerns

RESOLUTION: 2020-300

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to prepare a report on London Road, including but not limited to pedestrians, speed, road condition, maintenance and future plans.

CARRIED

b. Wellington County Fall Leaf and Brush Pick Up Program

RESOLUTION: 2020-301

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to prepare a report on the County waste management program regarding fall leaf and brush pick up in Arthur and Mount Forest, including the communications strategy and effectiveness of the program.

CARRIED

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

3b, 4b, 5a, 5b, 5c

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2020-302

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the October 13, 2020 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 minutes of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority General Membership Meeting #6-20 held on June 17, 2020.

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Authority Meeting held on August 6, 2020.

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Summary of the General Membership Meeting of the Grand River Conservation Authority held on September 25, 2020.

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur Business Improvement Association Meeting held on September 16, 2020.

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting held on October 6, 2020.

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the landscaping plan for the Mount Forest Splash Pad, as recommended by the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee.

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Facility Reopening Plans, as recommended by the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North authorize staff to amend the reopening plans from time to time based on guidance from the Province of Ontario and Public Health.

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC2020-028 being a report on Consent Application (Severance) B63-20 known as Pt of Division 1 of Lot 33, Pt of Division 3 of Lot 32, Concession 1, Sligo Rd E.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North supports consent application B63-20 as presented with the following conditions:

- THAT the Owner satisfy all the requirements of the local municipality, financial and otherwise (included but not limited to Taxes paid in Full; a Fee of \$130.00 for Township Clearance Letter of conditions — or whatever fee is applicable at the time of clearance under the municipal Fees and Charges by-law) which the Township of Wellington North may deem to be necessary at the time of issuance of the Certificate of Consent for the proper and orderly development of the subject lands.*
- THAT the Owner satisfy the requirements of the Township of Wellington North in reference to parkland dedication of \$1,000.00 (or whatever fee is applicable at the time of clearance under the municipal Fees and Charges by-law) as provided for in the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990. THAT the Owner satisfy all the requirements of the local municipality, financial and otherwise for the proper and orderly development of the subject lands, including but not limited to outstanding taxes; and*
- THAT servicing can be accommodated on the severed and retained lands to the satisfaction of the local municipality.*

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Development Clerk to file with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning and Land Division Committee at the County of Wellington, a letter of clearance of these conditions on completion of same.

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2020-025 Community Improvement Program;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve grants as follows:

- \$1,112.00 Façade Improvement Grant for new signage at 274 Main Street South in Mount Forest, new home to Karolina of Canada.*
- \$ 273.91 Façade Improvement Grant for new signage at 183 Main Street South in Mount Forest, new home to Hybrid Hair & Detox Spa.*
- \$ 775.00 Façade Improvement Grant for new signage at 150 Georgina Street in Arthur, home of St. John the Evangelist Church.*

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Cheque Distribution Report dated October 5, 2020.

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence from the Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, Minister Responsible for Anti-Racism, dated October 2, 2020, regarding the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019.

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence, dated September 28, 2020 from Randy Pettapiece, MPP to Hon. Laurie Scott, MPP, Minister of Infrastructure and the correspondence, dated September 2, 2020, from Mayor Andrew Lennox to Randy Pettapiece, MPP regarding the Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP).

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2020-303

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report EDO 2020-026 Wellington North Farmers Market.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-304

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report TR 2020-15 being a report on remote work resources for members of Council;

FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to establish an allocation of \$1,500 per member of Council from the Safe Restart Agreement funding to the 2020 operating budget for the purposes of offsetting costs associated with IT enhancements presented by working remotely during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-305

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2020-025 being a report to grant sewage allocations for 187 King Street East in Mount Forest;

AND FURTHER THAT Council commit to allocating ten (10) sewage allocation units to King's Court Apartments Inc. at 187 King Street East in Mount Forest;

AND FURTHER THAT the sewer allocation units to King's Court Apartments Inc. for ten (10) units at 187 King Street East in Mount Forest have an expiry of thirty-six (36) months from the date of passage of this resolution, after which period the allocations expire;

AND FURTHER THAT the sewer allocation units be granted consistent with the provisions of Township policy #012-19 – Sewage Allocation Policy;

AND FURTHER THAT Council waive clause #5 of the Procedure of Township Policy #012-19.

DEFERRED

RESOLUTION: 2020-306

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor *Burke*

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the report from CIMA+ regarding the Arthur Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project: Contract 1, Quarterly Report Q3 2020.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-307

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2020-027 being a report on the Arthur Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase 1 upgrade financial update.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Yake announced his intention to bring a motion to the October 26, 2020 Regular Council Meeting that Council consider an enhanced loose leaf pick up by directing Township staff to complete a loose leaf pick up in the urban areas during the second week of November 2020.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting was held on October 6. The ice is in and there have been conversations with the biggest users to coordinate ice schedules.
- Remembrance Day Services inquiry. Deputy Clerk is in contact with the Legions regarding arrangements.

Mayor Lennox:

- He and the CAO sat in on a call last week with some of our local health professionals regarding the second wave of Covid 19 and an update from Medical Officer of Health Dr. Mercer and other hospital administration. They are trying to implement health measures rather than shut down our economy; however, if things take a turn for the worse we may have to shut down again. Dr. Mercer commented that a vaccine likely won't be available for another year and there will probably be a third wave. A mental health professional commented that they are still dealing with the first wave of mental health challenges that people experienced. We need to help our community members to adapt and set an example to help prevent the spread of the virus. There will be an update meeting with Dr. Mercer, County Mayors and CAOs.

Councillor McCabe assumed the chair at 9:05 p.m. as the Mayor lost connectivity.

Councillor Yake (Ward 1):

- Thanked Mayor Lennox for the information. He inquired how a decision will be made regarding Halloween. Will it be dealt with at the County, Provincial or local level. CAO suggested that as long as people are people are physical distancing, hand wiping, using hand sanitizer and wearing masks there won't be restrictions. He anticipates that Dr. Mercer will issue a statement just prior to Halloween.

Councillor Burke

- Mount Forest BIA meeting to be held October 20 at 8:00 a.m.
- Mount Forest Aquatic Ad Hoc Advisory Committee meeting to be held October 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Lennox rejoined the meeting and assumed the Chair at 9:09 p.m.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 087-20 being a by-law to authorize assumption of and declare lands as part of a public highway (being Part Lot 18, Concession 4 Formerly Arthur Township shown as Part 2 on 61R-8986)

RESOLUTION: 2020-308

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT By-law Number 087-20 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

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

- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

RESOLUTION: 2020-309

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 9:11 p.m. that is closed to the public under subsection 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, specifically:

- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

CARRIED

1. REPORTS

- EDO 2020-024 Municipal Land Sale

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- September 28, 2020

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2020-310

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session at 9:44 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-311

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2020-024 being a report on land sale;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-312

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the September 28, 2020 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2020-313

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 088-20 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 October 13, 2020 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2020-314

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Regular Council meeting of October 13, 2020 be adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

CARRIED

CLERK

MAYOR