

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 9, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION TO FOLLOW OPEN SESSION
VIA WEB CONFERENCING <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAjFHwBq4CY&t=143s>**

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

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| Chief Administrative Officer: | Michael Givens |
| Director of Legislative Services/Clerk: | Karren Wallace |
| Deputy Clerk: | Catherine Conrad |
| Director of Finance: | Adam McNabb |
| Economic Development Officer: | Dale Small |
| Human Resources Manager: | Chanda Riggi |
| Director of Fire Services: | Chris Harrow |
| Fire Prevention Officer: | Marco Guidotti |
| Director of Operations: | Matthew Aston |
| Manager of Transportation Services: | Dale Clark |
| Community Recreation Coordinator: | Mandy Jones |
| Manager of Recreation Services: | Tom Bowden |
| Manager, Environmental and Developmental Services: | Corey Schmidt |
| Senior Planner: | Michelle Innocente |
| Emergency Manager/CEMC: | Hurania Melgar |

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2020-335

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Agenda for the November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Lennox declared a potential pecuniary interest with the following as the property is immediate across the road from his property:

- Public Meeting – application for Zoning By-law amendment by Harry John Mulder.
- Council Meeting – By-law Number 095-20 being a by-law to amend By-law 66-01, being a Zoning By-law for the Township of Wellington North (Part Lot 3, Concession 6, geographic Township of West Luther, 8131 Line 6 – Harry John Mulder)

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Campbell Cork, County of Wellington Councillor, Ward 3

Riverstown landfill: The new cell will open next year and is the first engineered sanitary landfill site in the County. The original cell only has about a year left. Rivertown is the only landfill in Wellington County and serves the entire County. Cell two is basically ready to go. It has been excavated to fifteen feet down, which is well above the water table. When it is full, approximately 2043, maybe beyond 2050, the mound will end up about thirty feet above grade. The bottom liner

is an impermeable fabric liner with pipes on top of the fabric, similar to weeping tile. The pipes will collect any leachate that gets down that far to keep it out of the water table or surface water runoff. The plan is to construct a force main from Riverstown to move the collected leachate to the Mount Forest Wastewater Treatment Plant. There are many details to work out; but there is time for those negotiations as it will be a couple years before the material begins to produce leachate. Until that time the water runoff can be handled on site. Ontario landfill sites have an average of thirteen years left. One third of the waste goes to the United States. If that option closes Ontario landfill capacity drops to nine years. There is no plan to permit those outside of the County to use the Riverstown site. Wellington County's landfill is in a good position.

Traffic and Photo radar: There are a lot of concerns about traffic problems. The OPP report that the four big traffic problems are speeding, impaired driving, distracted driving, and seatbelts. The OPP have a cruiser equipped with an automated licence plate reader. Thirty-three hours of patrolling with this cruiser in August resulted in thirty-nine charges under the Highway Traffic Act. The OPP have fifty to sixty areas in the County where they are trying to address identified traffic problems. Each member of Council has submitted the areas they feel are problems, identified mainly by citizen calls. When the complaints come in, or an area is identified, they look at of how real the problem is that is being reported. That is where the use of Black Cat cameras come in. Wellington County has approved the purchase of seven Black Cat cameras at a cost of \$4,000 each. When the Black Cat is installed on a problem street, or potential problem street or area, the police will get full information on what is going on with the traffic. They will get read outs of the number of speeders, types of vehicles, time of day and direction of travel to give them a real picture of what is happening and can determine if the problem is legitimate or not. With this information they can consider various solutions such as lowering speed limits, installing four way stops, bollards in the middle of the road, digital speed sign read outs and possibly traditional cruisers with radar. We cannot afford to bring in police officers and cruisers doing traffic radar for every problem area. There are not enough officers or cruisers to be in every area, and if we did, we could not afford them. One of the possible solutions is a type of photo radar that might be brought on at a cost of \$50,000 per camera, which is less expensive than the estimated \$200,000 for an officer and car. Each Wellington municipality will need to decide if they want this type of automated speed enforcement in their municipality. Automated speed enforcement is only used in school zones and community safety zones where the speed limit is under 80 kilometers an hour on County roads and municipal roads, not on Provincial highways.

RECESS TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLUTION: 2020-336

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council for the purpose of holding a Public Meeting under the Planning Act:

- *Harry John Mulder*
- *John and Mary Beth Van Veen*

CARRIED

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2020-337

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the November 9, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council.

CARRIED

PASSAGE OF BY-LAWS ARISING FROM PUBLIC MEETING

Mayor Lennox left the meeting for this portion of the meeting, by muting his microphone and camera, as he had previously declared a potential pecuniary interest and Councillor McCabe assumed the chair.

- a. By-law Number 095-20 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. (Part Lot 3, Concession 6, geographic Township of West Luther, 8131 Line 6 – Harry John Mulder)

RESOLUTION: 2020-338

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 095-20 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. (Part Lot 3, Concession 6, geographic Township of West Luther, 8131 Line 6 – Harry John Mulder)

CARRIED

Mayor Lennox returned to the meeting and resumed the chair.

- b. By-law Number 097-20 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. (Part Lot 13, Concession 14 S with a civic address of 9569 Sideroad 13 - John and Mary Beth Van Veen)

RESOLUTION: 2020-339

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 097-20 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. (Part Lot 13, Concession 14 S with a civic address of 9569 Sideroad 13 - John and Mary Beth Van Veen)

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

1. Hurania Melgar, Emergency Manager/CEMC
 - Report EM2020-002 – 2020 Annual Emergency Management Programme Report

Ms. Melgar presented the 2020 Annual Emergency Management Programme Report. The report outlines how Wellington North met the municipal requirements set out in the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and Ontario Regulation 380/04. The Wellington North Emergency Management Programme Committee met virtually on June 18th to review the Township's Emergency Management Programme including its Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, Emergency Response Plan, training needs, proposed annual exercise and Public Education. A new Emergency Response Plan was presented for consideration and adopted at the September 14th Council meeting and will be submitted to the Office of the Fire Marshall and Emergency Management. Primary and alternate members of the Township's Municipal Emergency Control Group have satisfied the required prescribed training for 2020. Training on the new EOC software tool took place virtually on August 26th and September 10th. Municipalities are exempt from participating in the annual exercise requirement of Regulation 380/04 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. During the COVID-19 response for 2020 Emergency Management staff worked with Communications staff and Member Municipal

Communications staff to provide targeted education material to residents. Messages were delivered on all platforms including the Wellington Advertiser, local radio stations, websites, and social media. Staff worked closely with WDG Public Health to coordinate messages being delivered.

RESOLUTION: 2020-340

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT Council of the Township of Wellington North receive report number EM2020-002 – 2020 Annual Emergency Management Programme Report regarding the status of the Township's Emergency Management Programme for 2020 for information.

AND FURTHER THAT Council accepts the annual status report of the Township's Emergency Management Programme for 2020.

CARRIED

2. Adam McNabb, Director of Finance

- 2021 Budget Overview

The 2021 Budget Overview included:

- 2021 Operating Budget Changes since Meeting of October 26, 2020
- Operating Budget Comparison – 2020 Vs. 2021
- Operating Budget Summary Analysis by Segment (Same Transfers)
- Capital Considerations
- 2021 Capital Program (Draft)
- Draft Capital Program impact on Levy
- Direction Required

Changes to the Operating Budget since the October 26, 2020 meeting include an increase in the Conservation Authority levy based on discussion at the previous meeting, a decrease in group benefit costs based on revised negotiated rates from the plan administrator, and the incorporation of the 2021 OMPF Allocation announced into the 2021 operating budget. Updates since the prior meeting have been incorporated for comparison 2020 Vs. 2021 and include updated contributions to/from Reserves and Reserve Funds; does not include contributions to capital; revised Inter-functional Transfers have been implemented but no material differences identified. FIR categories of general government, protection services, transportation services, health services, recreation and cultural services, planning, economic development, and municipal drains were reviewed. The year over year increase of \$517,562 represents a 9.7% increase in the Operating Budget.

The Capital contributions levy trend since 2018 has been just over \$2,000,000. To maintain a 1.52% levy increase for 2021 (equal to estimated in-year organic growth) the levy capital program contributions will have to be cut from \$2,347,967 to \$1,947,005. The Capital Program in draft form reviewed project costs and funding models including Council directed projects, 20 in 20 initiatives, development driven projects, departmental projects, and projects identified for deferral. The current 2021 Draft Capital Program would suggest a requirement of contributions from levy amounting to \$2,546,980. Council directed projects, while identified, remain unfunded.

To maintain a modest levy increase Council direction is required to prioritize Council directed projects for 2021; identify funding sources for Council directed projects, such as debt, additional deferral of staff recommended projects, and utilization of reserve/reserve funds; and identify areas of opportunity for the utilization of reserves to fund staff identified projects to decrease reliance on levy.

Council discussed prioritizing Council directed projects and funding sources. Options regarding the Queen Street East, Mount Forest project were discussed and determined to continue applying for Connecting Link funding. Council members will review the budget information and discuss with staff to provide insight into projects to include in the budget. Consideration was given to the possibility of extending the budget deadline previously set and the notice provisions for passing the budget and timing of a public meeting.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Special Meeting of Council, October 26, 2020
2. Regular Meeting of Council, October 26, 2020

RESOLUTION: 2020-341

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council and the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 26, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

No business arising from previous meetings of Council.

DEPUTATIONS

1. Dr. Stephanie Sobek-Swant and Dr. Tom Woodcock
rare Charitable Research Reserve
 - rare's Land Securement Strategy

Dr. Sobek-Swant and Dr. Woodcock appeared before Council to introduce the rare Charitable Research Reserve, and the raresites land securement strategy, and determine how they can be a community partner with the Township to ensure more land is protected for conservation in Wellington County, including north Wellington. rare is a land trust and is an environmental institute with conservation being a priority since the organization was founded in 2001. The organization currently owns 989 acres of conservation land in Waterloo Region and Wellington County and their environmental education programs continue to grow. They are finalizing a five-year strategy and plan and implementing the raresites land securement strategy. Wellington County is home to more than 90,000 people and expected to grow by 85% over the next 30 years. There are a number of other organizations in the area that have an environmental focus that relates to the protection of land; however, many are not actively acquiring new lands for conservation or their focus is different, i.e. the Ontario Farmland Trust is focused on farming easements. Many of the organizations have become partners in their efforts and are also members of the raresites land securement team. The purpose of a land securement strategy is to identify parcels of interest for conservation. In this case it meant applying a watershed perspective as natural lands and ecosystems do not end at municipal boundaries and protecting the tributaries and headwaters of the Grand will have a positive impact on ecosystems downstream as well. The main criteria being applied included ecological significance, connectivity, and size of parcels. They determined desirable characteristics of conservation land, such as wet lands, woodland and flood plains and their proximity to existing secured land; and was followed by considering the threat of urbanization, the potential for funding, the geographic dispersion to ensure they can serve every lower tier municipality within the Region of Waterloo and Wellington County, and limit to a reasonable number of landowner contacts that can be approached within a five year program. This allowed for a modelling process called the rare score that was undertaken in a geographic

information system (GIS) to identify desirable conservation land. They identified 17 target areas with 365 properties. In Wellington North the Luther Marsh was identified. The GRCA also has properties in that area. rare identified 13 additional properties that could be of potential interest for conservation and further protection, which adds up to just over 1,000 acres that could be potentially protected in this area. The goal of the strategy is 400 ha of additional land protected in the next five years. They are currently working with several land owners with properties that are under consideration. Most landowners only know of two disposition options for their land: sell it or leave it to their children. Depending on the conservation mindset of the owners, and often they feel very strongly about protecting their property for future generations, neither of these options are the best long-term option. Many of the lands come to rare as a land donation but there are other methods of land securement such as split receipt, conservation severance, bequest, life interest agreement and conservation easement agreement. rare is certified to receive land as ecogift donations under the Federal Ecogifts Program.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1e, 2b, 6a, 6b, 7a, 8a

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2020-342

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the November 9, 2020 Council agenda, with the exception of those items identified for separate discussion, be approved and the recommendations therein be adopted:

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Grand River Conservation Authority Summary of the General Membership Meeting held on October 23, 2020 and the 2021 Board Meeting Schedule.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur Chamber of Commerce Directors Meeting held on October 14, 2020.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Mount Forest Business Improvement Association meeting held on October 20, 2020.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable meeting held on October 22, 2020.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive DC Report 2020-029 being a report on Consent Application (Severance) B76-20 known as Part Lot 18, Concession 2 in the former Township of West Luther.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North supports consent application B76-20 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 enter into an agreement apportioning future maintenance costs on the Mainland Municipal Drain; and the owner shall provide a \$500.00 deposit to cover the cost of the re-apportionment of the above mentioned drain.*
- *THAT driveway access can be provided to the retained lands to the satisfaction of the local municipality; and*
- *THAT the retained lands be rezoned to restrict the residential development to the satisfaction of the Local Municipality and the County of Wellington Planning and Development Department.*

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 the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2020-031 being a report on Consent Application (Severance) B79-20 known as Part Park Lot 3, s/s Wellington St., Plan Town of Mount Forest.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North supports consent application B79-20 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 applicant enters into a development agreement with the local municipality for the servicing of both the severed and retained lands to the satisfaction of the local municipality; and,*
- *THAT safe driveway access is provided to the severed 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 the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2020-032 being a report on Consent Application (Severance) B80-20 known as Part Park Lot 3, s/s Wellington St., Plan Town of Mount Forest.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North supports consent application B80-20 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 applicant enters into a development agreement with the local municipality for the servicing of both the severed and retained lands to the satisfaction of the local municipality; and,*
- *THAT safe driveway access is provided to the severed 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 the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2020-33 being a report on Consent Application (Severance) B81-20 known as Part Park Lot 3, s/s Wellington St., Plan Town of Mount Forest.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North supports consent application B81-20 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 applicant enters into a development agreement with the local municipality for the servicing of both the severed and retained lands to the satisfaction of the local municipality; and,*
- *THAT safe driveway access is provided to the severed 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 the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2020-13 being the Building Permit Review for the period ending September 30th, 2020.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2020-14 being the Building Permit Review for the period ending October 31st, 2020.

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2020-028 being an update on the Industrial Land Sale to OK Construction,
AND FURTHER THAT Council approve a six-month extension to the start and completion dates for development as contained in the Agreement of Purchase and Sale.*

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report TR2020-16 being a report on the status of Tax Arrears.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2020-343

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Recreation, Parks & Leisure Committee meeting held on November 3, 2020.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North appoint Larissa Lamont as a member of the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee, as recommended by the Recreation, Parks & Leisure Committee.

CARRIED

Council directed the Recreation, Parks & Leisure Committee to bring a recommendation back to Council endorsing the trail upgrades to support active transportation.

RESOLUTION: 2020-344

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive DC Report 2020-030 being a report on Consent Application (Severance) B78-20 known as Part Lot 3, Concession EOSR, Divisions 3 & 4 in the former Township of Arthur.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North does not support consent application B78-20 as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT; should the Planning & Land Division Committee approve the consent as proposed on application B78-20, the following matters are to be addressed as conditions of approval:

- *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 site servicing can be accommodated on the site to the satisfaction of the local municipality;*
- *THAT the retained lands be rezoned to remove the second dwelling permission; and,*
- *THAT the severed lands be rezoned to Agricultural (A) zone.*

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.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-345

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DFC 2020-005 being a report on Northern Wellington Fire Services Partnership Agreement.

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the four-year agreement between Minto and Wellington North for a shared fire services partnership for the term January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-346

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Wellington North Fire Services Update June – October 2020.

CARRIED

Council provided direction to Wellington North Fire Service to provide a report every second month.

RESOLUTION: 2020-347

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2020-032 being a report on the Township of Wellington North's Water and Wastewater Rate Study;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve a 0% rate increase for water and wastewater rates for the fiscal year 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to bring a revised water and wastewater rate study and O.Reg 453/07 Water System Financial Plan No.113-301A (2021-2026) and Wastewater System Financial Plan to a future meeting of Council for final approval.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-348

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CAO 2020-008 being a report on AMO Board of Directors 2020-2022;

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports Chief Administrative Officer Mike Givens pursuing the Rural Caucus vacancy on the AMO Board of Directors for the term 2020-2022.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Mount Forest Chamber of Commerce and Arthur Chamber of Commerce meetings to be held the evening of Tuesday, November 10

- Arthur BIA Annual General meeting to be held the evening of Wednesday, November 18
- Arthur Lions Chicken BBQ will be held on November 26
- Tree lighting at the Arthur cenotaph on November 27
- Christmas market in Arthur planned for November 28

Mayor Lennox:

- Remembrance Day services have been modified to limit attendance
- The Christmas season is coming up and the pandemic will make things like parades challenging.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 078-20 being a Provisional Drain By-law to provide for the repair of the Vos Drainage Works

RESOLUTION: 2020-349

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 078-20 being a Provisional Drain By-law to provide for the repair of the Vos Drainage Works be read a Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

- b. By-law Number 093-20 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an Agreement for Fire Chief Services between the Corporation of the Town of Minto and the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North
- c. By-law Number 096-20 being a by-law to authorize the termination of a Joint Use Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North and Upper Grand District School Board (formally the Wellington County Board of Education)

RESOLUTION: 2020-350

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 093-20 and 096-20 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

Remembrance Day 2020, Remembering Nursing Sister Alice Cook

Alice Cook of Mount Forest was the only female from Wellington County to die while serving in World War I.

She was born in 1893, the daughter of JJ and Annie Cook, prominent businesspeople in the town.

On deciding to enter nursing, Alice trained at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. She was called on almost immediately to serve her country when war was declared in 1914. As the fighting advanced, many injured soldiers returned home to Canada for treatment in such institutions as the Hospital for Invalid Soldiers on Isabella Street in downtown Toronto.

Alice Cook volunteered for service at this hospital where her compassion and skills as a nurse eased the suffering of the severely wounded soldiers. Unhappily, as the influenza pandemic grew in the winter of 1918, Alice contracted it in the hospital and developed pneumonia. A week later, on New Year's Eve, two days after her 25th birthday, she died.

For her heroic work, Nursing Sister Alice Cook was awarded a medal by Mount Forest citizens. It reads: "Presented to N.S. A. Cook by the citizens of Mt. Forest for gallant services, Great War 1914-1918." Her nephew, Bill Cockburn, gathered information about her in later years and located the medal which, with a photo of Alice, he donated to Mount Forest Legion Branch 134. Copies hang in Mount Forest Archives and the Wellington County Museum and Archives.

Submitted by Gail Donald; Wellington North Cultural Roundtable with special thanks to Campbell Cork. The information and some of the wording for this Cultural Moment were taken from his article on Alice Cook in Homer XVIII, 2011.

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: 2020-351

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 9:45 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;

1. REPORTS

a. EDO 2020-030 Municipal Land Wells Street, Arthur

b. EDO 2020-029 Industrial Land Sale

c. CAO 2020-009 Joint County/Township Operations Facility - Arthur

d. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

a. October 13, 2020

b. October 26, 2020 Special Meeting

2. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-352

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session at 10:48 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-353

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2020-030 Municipal Land Wells Street, Arthur;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-354

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2020-029 Industrial Land Sale;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-355

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CAO 2020-009 Joint County/Township Operations Facility – Arthur;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-356

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the October 13, 2020 Council Meeting and the October 26, 2020 Special Council Meeting.

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2020-357

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT By-law Number 098-20 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 November 9, 2020 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2020-358

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Regular Council meeting of November 9, 2020 be adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

CLERK

MAYOR