

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 25, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.  
VIA WEB CONFERENCING - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxtKBSegnyM>

**Members Present:**

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

**Staff Present:**

**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  
**Director of Operations:** Matthew Aston  
**Community Recreation Coordinator:** Mandy Jones  
**Chief Building Official:** Darren Jones  
**Manager of Recreation Services:** Tom Bowden  
**Senior Planner:** Michelle Innocente

**CALLING TO ORDER**

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

RESOLUTION: 2021-014

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

*THAT the Agenda for the January 25, 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 County of Wellington is embarking on a Roads Master Plan, intending to look at needs for traffic requirements, intersection improvements, traffic volume, and places where speed or other safety issues are of concern. Now is the time, during the public engagement portion of the process, to encourage people to have their comments included in that Master Plan. The more participation we get the better the result will be when the plan is complete.

The Environmental Assessment process for the four bridges east of Arthur is ongoing. Anyone who has comments should get those put into the process. It is anticipated if staff have concerns they will comment to the County.

The Draft County Budget proposed a 2.5% increase. Recognizing the challenging times tax payers, residents and businesses are experiencing, Council asked staff to look for ways to bring the increase down to 1.25% or lower.

The proposed budget includes the shared works facility in Arthur. Once the budget is passed discussion will continue. The County is anticipating providing all the Capital for that project and then space would be leased to the Township of Wellington North. The expectation is that land acquisition will be completed in 2021 and construction completed in 2022.

#### **RECESS TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC MEETING**

RESOLUTION: 2021-015

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the January 25, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council for the purpose of holding a Public Meeting under the Planning Act:*

- *Keith Brubacher, Minor Variance*
- *John Welton Custom Homebuilding Ltd. o/a Sunvale Homes, Draft Plan of Subdivision and Zoning By-law Amendment*

CARRIED

#### **RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION: 2021-016

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the January 25, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:47p.m.*

CARRIED

#### **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING**

1. Regular Meeting of Council, January 11, 2021

RESOLUTION: 2021-017

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

*THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 11, 2021 be adopted as circulated.*

CARRIED

#### **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL**

No business arising from previous meetings of Council.

#### **IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

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#### **ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

RESOLUTION: 2021-018

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

*THAT all items listed under Items for Consideration on the January 25, 2021 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 minutes of the Mount Forest District Chamber of Commerce Directors Meeting held on December 8, 2020 and the December 31, 2020 Financials.*

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Saugeen Connects meeting held on January 13, 2021.*

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Safe Communities Wellington County Leadership Table Meeting held on November 18, 2020.*

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2021-01 being the Building Permit Review for the period ending December 31, 2020.*

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2021- 003 being a report on the Memorandum of Understanding with the Arthur and Mount Forest Chamber of Commerce.*

*AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk are authorized to sign the by-laws to enter the Memorandum of Understandings.*

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Cheque Distribution Report dated January 20, 2021.*

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Wellington North Fire Service, Quarter Four Update 2020.*

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report CLK 2021-002 being a report on Clerk's Department 2020 year end review.*

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Township of Larder Lake, resolution #6 dated January 12, 2021, support for the resolution of the Municipality of Charlton and Dack requesting that the Province of Ontario address municipal insurance cost.*

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the media release dated January 18, 2021 from PIN - The People and Information Network, Do. Give. Share. PIN Celebrates 20th Anniversary All Year Long! Celebrating the past and embracing the future.*

CARRIED

#### **CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION**

RESOLUTION: 2021-019

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2021-003 being a report on the award of the design and replacement of the OptiMrs Playground in Arthur;*

*AND FURTHER THAT Council award the request for proposal (RFP 2020-010) to Park N Play Design at a cost of \$120,000 plus applicable taxes.*

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-020

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2021-003 being a report on Restricted Parking on Mount Forest Drive;*

*AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the by-law to restrict parking on Mount Forest Drive.*

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-021

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to bring a by-law to the February 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting implementing a tow away zone on Mount Forest Drive.*

CARRIED

Council directed staff to give notice of the changes regarding no parking on Mount Forest Drive to adjacent businesses.

RESOLUTION: 2021-022

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information CLK 2021-004 being a report on Council Committee Appointments.*

CARRIED

It was noted that Councillor Yake was not shown as a member of the Wellington North Power Board and this will be amended.

## **NOTICE OF MOTION**

Councillor Burke requested that the following motion be brought to the February 8, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

“Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Wellington North request that staff include the “High, Healthy, Happy” motto, the altitude above sea level, along with the community name “MOUNT FOREST” in any painting or repainting of the Water Tower here in Mount Forest.”

## **COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT**

Councillor Yake (Ward 1):

- A Physician Recruitment Committee meeting was held last week. They continue to bring in new recruits. A couple are finishing their schooling. Recruitment needs to continue as doctors plan retirement.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- The Arthur BIA met last week with B.M. Ross to review the sidewalk extension plans. They will meet again next week for another review.
- The Arthur Chamber of Commerce and the Arthur BIA is planning a joint meeting.
- The Mount Forest Chamber of Commerce has a largely new board. A strategic planning session and a team building exercise are planned.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- There are currently four recruits working at Louise Marshall Hospital. Two are fairly local to Wellington North and hopefully they will stay after their schooling.
- The doctor's office in Arthur continues to be busy. One of the doctors assisting Dr. Jones may stay on.
- Congratulations to the Fire Department for the recruitment of eight new firefighters.
- The SVCA Annual Meeting was held last week. Councillor McCabe was elected as Second Vice Chair for a one-year term.

#### **BY-LAWS**

- a. By-law Number 006-21 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Mount Forest and District Chamber of Commerce
- b. By-law Number 007-21 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Arthur and District Chamber of Commerce
- c. By-law Number 008-21 being a by-law to amend By-law 5000-05 being a by-law to regulate the parking or stopping of vehicles on highways, public parking lots and in some instances, private property within the Township of Wellington North

RESOLUTION: 2021-023

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

*THAT By-law Number 006-21, 007-21 and 008-21 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.*

CARRIED

#### **CONFIRMING BY-LAW 009-21**

RESOLUTION: 2021-024

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

*THAT By-law Number 009-21 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 January 25, 2021 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.*

CARRIED

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION: 2021-025

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

*THAT the Regular Council meeting of January 25, 2021 be adjourned at 8:34 p.m.*

CARRIED

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CLERK

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MAYOR