

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRARY 22, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION TO FOLLOW OPEN SESSION
VIA WEB CONFERENCING <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drBMPEdWcXg>**

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
Director of Operations:	Matthew Aston
Manager of Environment and Development Services:	Corey Schmidt
Community Recreation Coordinator:	Mandy Jones
Manager of Recreation Services:	Tom Bowden
Economic Development Officer:	Dale Small
Chief Building Official:	Darren Jones
Director of Fire Services:	Chris Harrow
Manager of Development Planning:	Curtis Marshall
Senior Planner:	Jessica Rahim
Planner:	Matthieu Daoust

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2022-051

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Agenda for the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest disclosed.

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Campbell Cork, County of Wellington Councillor, Ward 3

Wellington County is initiating a new project called “Welcoming Newcomers” to help those new to the community to fit in and understand how the community works. This is a joint effort between Wellington County Libraries and Wellington County Economic Development. Economic Development is providing specific information to assist newcomers in finding resources in the community. The libraries, as community

centres, will provide the location and skills to get the information out. The fourteen library branches spread across the County are an obvious location for newcomers to access the information and staff are skilled at providing this information. They are planning to make available prominent links on the library and County of Wellington websites, host community events aimed at providing information and assist with the distribution of welcome packages. Economic Development will actively promote the fourteen libraries as key information centres to newcomers and residents.

The Wellington County Museum and Archives has two new exhibits. One is entitled Feathers and Fossils and the other is entitled For Old Time Sake: The Clock Collection of the Hon. Rob Black. The clock exhibit explores timekeeping, antique clocks, and the history of clocks. That show runs until May 22. The Feathers and Fossils exhibit features life size, robotic dinosaurs, alongside authentic and replica fossils from the middle Jurassic to the late Cretaceous Epoch. The exhibit features dinosaur skulls, bones, teeth, eggs, and fossilized dinosaur poop. The Feathers and Fossils exhibit closes March 20, 2022.

The Wellington County Library and the Wellington County Museum and Archives is celebrating writers from our community. Local writers and writers of books relevant to Wellington County will be part of the first annual Wellington County Writers Festival, which opens Saturday, April 23rd at the Wellington County Museum and Archives, and closes Saturday, June 25th at the Hillsburgh Library.

RECESS TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLUTION: 2022-052

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council for the purpose of holding a Public Meeting under the Planning Act:

- James Martin, Minor Variance
- Phares and Mary Martin, Minor Variance
- Mike and Sarah Saunders, Minor Variance

CARRIED

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2022-053

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the February 22, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:23 p.m.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, February 7, 2022
2. Special Council Meeting, February 10, 2022

RESOLUTION: 2022-054

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 7, 2022 and the Special Meeting of Council held on February 10, 2022 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

2a, 2c, 2d, 3a, 4a, 6a, 6b, 6c, 7a, 8a, 8b, 9a, 9b

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2022-055

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT all items listed under Items for Consideration on the February 22, 2022 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 Business Improvement Association meeting held on February 8, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee held on February 8, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North, as recommended by the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee, award the contract for the Brent Barnes Memorial Skatepark to Canadian Ramp Company at a cost of \$170,294.00 plus applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve a 4' half pipe and a 3' quarter pipe;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Director of Operation, or designate, to sign any necessary agreements with the successful bidders to execute this project.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Mount Forest District Chamber of Commerce meeting held on December 14, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive minutes of the Arthur Chamber of Commerce, Directors Meeting held on January 12, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Planning Report, prepared by Matthieu Daoust, Planner, County of Wellington, dated February 4, 2022, regarding Phase 4 – Eastridge Landing (23T-3001), Arthur, removal of Holding (H) Provision;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to sign the by-law.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2022-009 being a report on Maple Hill Estates Inc. (Phase 2) Development Agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Corporation enter into a Development Agreement with Maple Hill Estates Inc. in the form, or substantially the same form, as the draft agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk of the Corporation be authorized and directed to sign a by-law to enter into the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to register the by-law on title.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated February 10, 2022

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report TR 2022-002 being a report on Payment in Lieu of Taxes for Federal Properties;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to continue to monitor the lobbying efforts of AMO and the Provincial government, and report back with any future developments impacting the Township of Wellington North.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report TR 2022-003 being a report on 2021 Council Remuneration.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2022-009 being a report on Municipal and School Board Elections procedures including:

Municipal and School Board Election Voting Procedures Policy AND
Municipal and School Board Election Vote Counting Procedures Policy

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the by-law to authorize the Municipal and School Board Elections procedures Policies.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive email correspondence from RoseAnne Desmarais and Bruce Chapman, dated February 9, 2022, regarding Bentley Street Zoning Amendment.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive email correspondence from Rick and Judy Brownrigg, dated February 3, 2022, regarding Zoning By-law Amendment 66-01.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive correspondence from Brad and Cathy Schwindt, dated February 14, 2022, regarding Bentley Street Subdivision.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive correspondence from Bob and Jaime Radojcin, dated February 14, 2022 regarding development of Bentley St. Subdivision.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the County of Wellington, Notice of Completion, issued February 10, 2022, regarding Wellington County Road Master Action Plan.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive correspondence from Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated February 7, 2022, regarding Ontario-Municipal Housing Affordability Summit and the Rural Housing Affordability Roundtable.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2022-056

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Planning Report, prepared by Jessica Rahim, Senior Planner, County of Wellington, dated February 16, 2022, regarding Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA 25/21) Avila Investment Inc. (Subdivision 23T-13002).

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-057

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report DC 2022-007 being a report on development updates in the Village of Arthur.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-058

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2022-008 being a report on development updates in the Town of Mount Forest.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-059

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2022-02 being the Building Permit Review for the period ending January 31st, 2022.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-060

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report EDO 2022-008 being an update on our Saugeen Connects Advancing Women Economically (A.W.E.) Program.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-061

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report FIRE 2022-01 being a report on the award for purchase of a 2022 pick-up truck;

AND FURTHER THAT Council award the purchase to Leslie Motors Ford at a cost of \$46,709.00 plus applicable taxes.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-062

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report FIRE 2022-02 being a report on the new minimum firefighter certification standards under the Fire Prevention and Protection Act.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-063

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Wellington North Fire Service Annual Report 2021.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-064

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2022-007 being a report on a housekeeping update to by-law 036-16 with respect to the maintenance agreement between the County of Wellington and Township of Wellington North;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign any amending by-laws where, as determined by staff the amendments are minor, without need of a Council resolution or report.

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the amended by-law.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-065

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2022-007 being a report on Advance Voting Days for the October 24, 2022 Municipal and School Board Elections;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the Advance Voting Days by-law.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-066

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2022-008 being a report on the Council meeting schedule for 2023.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the Council meeting schedule for 2023.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-067

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

Whereas Municipalities across this province collectively spend millions of dollars of taxpayer money and municipal resources developing Official Plans that meet current Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas an Official Plan is developed through months of public consultation to ensure, “that future planning and development will meet the specific needs of (our) community”; and

Whereas our Official Plan includes zoning provisions that encourage development of the “missing middle” or “gentle density” to meet the need for attainable housing in our community; and

Whereas our Official Plan is ultimately approved by the province; and

Whereas it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of County of Wellington Official Plan; and

Whereas it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that do not better the community or do not fit within the vision of the County of Wellington Official Plan; and

Whereas municipal planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT; formerly the Ontario Municipal Board or “OMB”), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of the Township of Wellington North; and

Whereas the OLT has the authority to make a final decision on planning matters based on a “best planning outcome” and not whether the proposed development is in compliance with municipal Official Plans and Provincial Planning Policy; and

Whereas all decisions—save planning decisions—made by Municipal Council are only subject to appeal by judicial review and such appeals are limited to questions of law and or process; and

Whereas Ontario is the only province in Canada that empowers a separate adjudicative tribunal to review and overrule local decisions applying provincially approved plans; and

Whereas towns and cities across this Province are repeatedly forced to spend millions of dollars defending Official Plans that have already been approved by the province in expensive, time consuming and ultimately futile OLT hearings; and

Whereas lengthy, costly OLT hearings act as a barrier to the development of attainable housing;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That the Township of Wellington North requests the Government of Ontario to dissolve the OLT immediately thereby eliminating one of the most significant sources of red tape delaying the development of more attainable housing in Ontario; and
2. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Leader of the Opposition, the Leaders of the Liberal and Green Party, all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario, the Small Urban GTHA Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION: 2022-068

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive email correspondence from Lorraine Dennis, dated February 7, 2022, regard the Bentley St. Subdivision.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Cultural Roundtable meeting scheduled for this week
- Attended Mount Forest and Arthur Chamber of Commerce meetings last week. They are collaborating on and Easter Egg Hunt. Plans for the Mount Forest Fireworks Festival and the Arthur 150th Anniversary were discussed.
- The Lions BBQ is this Thursday
- The Arthur BIA is considering doing a poppy painting for Arthur's 150th Anniversary

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Attended the SVCA quarterly meeting
- The public meeting for the Mount Forest pool concepts will be held on March 23 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in person

Mayor Lennox:

- The Wellington North Power Annual Meeting will be held in May. The conservative efforts have resulted in a record breaking bottom line this year, along with maintaining the excellent service quality characteristics.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 025-22 being a by-law to amend Bylaw 036-16 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the County of Wellington and the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North (Roads Maintenance Agreement)
- b. By-law Number 026-22 being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 66-01 being the Zoning By-law for the Township of Wellington North (Eastridge Landing, Arthur, Coffey)
- c. By-law Number 027-22 being a by-law for the imposition of Development Charges
- d. By-law Number 028-22 being a by-law to adopt the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election Voting Procedures Policy
- e. By-law Number 029-22 being a by-law to adopt the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election Vote Counting Procedures Policy
- f. By-law Number 030-22 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Development Agreement Part of Park Lots 1 and 2 South of Clyde Street Plan Mount Forest, Part 6, 61R21657; Township of Wellington North with Maple Hill Estates Inc.
- g. By-law Number 031-22 being a by-law to provide for advance votes to be held prior to voting day
- h. By-law Number 032-22 being a by-law to amend By-law 66-01, being a Zoning By-law for the Township of Wellington North (Avila)

RESOLUTION: 2022-069

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 025-22, as amended, be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-070

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 026-22, 027-22, 028-22, 029-22, 030-22, 031-22, and 032-22 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating Spinning Wheels in the Past and Now

In the past, spinning fibres was a necessity to provide warm clothing, or household items. If a flax or cotton fibre was spun fine enough, it could be knitted or crocheted into cloths, tablemats, curtains, or lace. Spinning with wool, llama, alpaca, goat, or dog fibre could produce warm coats, sweaters, hats, mitts and even underwear.

Before spinning wheels were invented, fibre was spun on drop spindles over 10,000 years ago. A spindle provides a twist that turns fibre into yarn in a process known as drafting. Like spinning wheels, they come in a variety of designs; unlike spinning wheels they are more time consuming to produce yarns. Many men in third-world countries still use this method.

We may associate spinning wheels with our pioneers, but they were actually invented in China about 1000 AD. The idea later spread to Iran, then to India and finally to Europe. Mahatma Gandhi used a spinning wheel, called a Charkha, during his struggle for India's independence and economic self-sufficiency from British colonial rule. In a pioneer home, a great or walking wheel was common. It was invented in the 14th century to spin wool into yarn and was approximately 5 feet high. Known as the walking wheel because a person walked back and forth beside the wheel and could walk up to 20 miles a day, albeit inside their cabin, while feeding the unspun yarn into the orifice of the wheel. The right hand spun the wheel, and the left hand manipulated the fibre so that it twisted evenly.

Today, spinning wheels, are used as a popular handicraft. They are obsolete in commercial manufacturing as they now use industrial spinners however there are farms who have home-businesses specializing in either the raw fibre or finished products. There are also groups whose sole purpose is to socialize while spinning and sharing information. One group is called the Queen's Bush Guild of Fibre Artisans. This group has 20+ members from Mount Forest, Conn, Williamsford, Hanover, and Mildmay and pre-Covid, met once a month in a member's home. The spinning wheels that these ladies use are as various as the many makes & models of automobiles and are modifications of those used through the centuries.

Submitted by Penny Renken Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

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;

RESOLUTION: 2022-071

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 9:20 p.m. that is closed to the public under subsection 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, specifically:

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

CARRIED

1. REPORTS

- Verbal Report, Chief Administrative Officer, personnel matters

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- February 7, 2022

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2022-072

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session at 9:36 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-073

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the verbal report from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding personnel matters.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-074

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the February 7, 2022 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2022-075

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 033-22 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 February 22, 2022 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2022-076

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Regular Council meeting of February 22, 2022 be adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

CARRIED

CLERK

MAYOR