

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
AGENDA OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 7, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.
VIA WEB CONFERENCING <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlbH0wbvThw>

Members Present:

Mayor:
Councillors:

Andrew Lennox
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 Transportation Services:	Dale Clark
Community Recreation Coordinator:	Mandy Jones
Manager of Recreation Services:	Tom Bowden
Human Resources Manager:	Amy Tollefson
Economic Development Officer:	Dale Small
Chief Building Official:	Darren Jones
Director of Fire Services:	Chris Harrow

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2022-077

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Agenda for the March 7, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, February 22, 2022

RESOLUTION: 2022-078

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 22, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

No business arising from previous meetings.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1b, 1c, 2a, 4a, 4b, 4c

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2022-079

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Yake

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 Arthur 150 Committee meeting held on February 9, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated March 1, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Grand River Conservation Authority 2022 Budget Package and the 2022 Summary of Municipal Levy.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2022-080

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Annual Meeting held on January 20, 2022.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-081

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable meeting held on February 24, 2022.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-082

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report EDO 2022-009 being an update on the Business Retention & Expansion Program and specifically the Wellington County BR+E Implementation Fund.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-083

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2022-008 being a report on the purchase of a sidewalk machine and grader;

AND FURTHER THAT Council award the supply of the new sidewalk machine to Premier Equipment Ltd. at a cost of \$70,629.90 plus applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council award the supply of the new grader to Brandt Tractor Ltd. at a cost of \$498,550.00 plus applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Director of Operations, or their designate, to sign any agreements necessary to make the purchase.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-084

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information the January 10, 2022 Blue Sky Energy Engineering & Consulting Inc. Review of the 2016 Arthur WWTP Class EA – Summary of the Basis of Development of the Design ADF of 2,300 m³/d.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-085

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2022-010 being a report on the award of the Township's 2022 Asphalt Program;

AND FURTHER THAT Council award the Township's 2022 asphalt program to The Murray Group Limited at a project cost of \$1,268,565.80 plus applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to increase the budget associated with the Township's 2022 asphalt program by an additional \$490,500 being funded from the Capital Infrastructure Reinvestment Reserve Fund (\$300,000), and unallocated 2022 OCIF Contributions (\$190,500);

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

DEFERRED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Yake (Ward 1):

- Update regarding Louise Marshall Hospital and surrounding hospitals
 - The number of patients being admitted with Covid continues to decrease within the region. Current occupancy at the three sites is about 97%. We continue to admit patients from Waterloo Regional partners; however, those requests have started to slow down. As of last week, there were fifteen staff that had tested positive for Covid and there were fifteen in self isolation. That represents about 5% of the overall staff and is not impacting the ability to provide care or services.
 - The Covid-19 assessment and vaccination centre in Harriston has been closed. PCR testing services for those who are eligible and vaccinations for anyone in need have been relocated to the Louise Marshall Hospital effective March 1st.
 - The three sites, Louise Marshall in Mount Forest, Palmerston Hospital and Groves Memorial in Fergus, have all resumed surgical and other procedures at about 70% capacity, as directed by the Province. Plans are being put in place with local specialists to deal with the backlog.
 - Physician recruitment, especially in Mount Forest, is a particularly high priority. The hospital has reassigned Alison Armstrong to lead these efforts once again.
 - In December 2021 the Ministry of Health announced that there would be base operating funds for fifteen new MRI machines as part of their Phase 2 Funding. Hospitals were invited to submit business cases, and on January 20th Wellington Health Care Alliance submitted a business case for MRI funding to be located at the Palmerston and District Hospital site. The review concluded there was no MRI machine within a 70 km radius of Palmerston and District Hospital and a space is available to support an MRI. The Ministry indicated that business cases approved for funding will receive notice no later than March 31st. Dale Small, EDO, advised that the Palmerston and District Hospital Foundation has fundraised for an MRI machine.
 - Board and Committee meetings continue to be held virtually. At the February 8th meeting three new board members were welcomed. The next Board meeting is March 29th where they will receive the results of a recently completed employee survey. It is hoped the Annual General Meeting will be held in person and is scheduled for June 21st.

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Committee met last week. They discussed events that they are hoping to host as things continue to open.
- The Mount Forest Fireworks Festival will happen this year, and with the Arthur 150th Anniversary it will be a busy summer.
- The Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation Gala will be held in June.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Stacy Stevenson has resigned as Administrator for Arthur Chamber of Commerce and BIA. They are looking to hire someone for the joint position with the Arthur BIA.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- A Physician Recruitment meeting was held at noon today, however Councillor McCabe was unable to attend but will be requesting an update later this week.
- Attended a SVCA Meeting.

Mayor Lennox:

- Update on meetings held in the past couple years with Mayors and CAO's across the County with the Medical officer of Health, paramedic service and police. This morning's meeting was declared the last meeting unless there is a reason to reconvene. There are still some vaccination clinics going on; however, the large-scale vaccination clinics will scale down for the time being. There is concern of a resurgence of Covid-19 in the fall so there may have to clinics held in the late summer.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 034-22 being a by-law to dedicate certain lands as part of the public highway (Eastridge Landing Phase 3)
- b. B-law Number 035-22 being a by-law to dedicate certain lands as part of the public highway (South Water Street)

RESOLUTION: 2022-086

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 034-22 and 035-22 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- A continuation of the February 22 cultural moment celebrating spinning wheels in the past and now

Spinning Fibre

As with any hobby or craft, nothing seems simple, as there are always so many facets to explore and enjoy. It's the same with spinning. Many decisions to make – starting with the end product. What are you planning on making? That decided, what type of fibre do you need? Blended or not? How thin or thick – how many plies will that be? What colour? A fleece from any animal will need to be cleaned. A hand-spinner will look for a fleece that is as clean as possible. When washing, the staples should not be agitated in order to avoid felting.

The staples can be spun from the actual staple, but most spinners either comb or card the staples, using hand carders or a drum carder, to separate the fibres. It's at this point, that more than one fibre is blended if desired. The advantage is that it can

enhance strength or durability to the yarn by blending shorter and longer fibres. Or it can reduce the cost by combining expensive fibres with less costly ones, such as Merino wool with Corriedale wool. The carded fibre is then known as a roving which is ready to spin.

The rovings' are then spun onto bobbins. If the yarn required is for a heavy sweater, then the single ply on each of the 2 or 3 bobbins will then be plied together to create a 2-ply or 3-ply yarn. When plying, the spinning wheel is turned in the opposite direction from when it was spun, in order to create and hold the twist. Whether the yarn is spun smoothly or bumpy for designer yarn, depends on the project for which it will be used. The yarn then is wound into skeins. And can be dyed by either using natural plants, chemicals, or even Kool-Aid makes wonderfully bright colours. When cooking with red cabbage, you would think it would make a great dye when looking at your purple fingers, but that dye is transient and not permanent in wool.

Now the wool is ready for any project for which it was intended. This toque is made from the fleece of 2 sheep with their natural colourings. It was spun as 3-ply yarn, is very warm, and has been used since 1993. The combination hood and scarf were created from roving which had been dyed before it was spun. The 2-ply yarn is warm, soft, and still durable since it was spun in 1994.

Submitted by Penny Renken Wellington North Cultural Roundtable; pictures of products made by local spinning group.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2022-087

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 036-22 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 March 7, 2022 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2022-088

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Regular Council meeting of March 7, 2022 be adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

CARRIED

CLERK

MAYOR