

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 6, 2022 at 2:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION TO FOLLOW OPEN SESSION
VIA WEB CONFERENCING <https://youtu.be/N4gSYoRd5Kc>**

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Interim Chief Administrative Officer/Chief Building Official: Darren Jones
Deputy Clerk: Catherine Conrad
Director of Finance/Treasurer: Farhad Hossain
Community Recreation Coordinator: Mandy Jones
Human Resources Manager: Amy Tollefson
Economic Development Officer: Dale Small
Director of Fire Services: Chris Harrow
Manager of Development Planning: Curtis Marshall
Senior Planner: Jessica Rahim

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

Council observed a moment of silence to pay tribute to those that lost their lives on June 6, 1944 in Normandy.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2022-200

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Agenda for the June 6, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest disclosed

PRESENTATIONS

1. Al Dam, Provincial Poultry Specialist, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Mr. Dam presented to Council regarding the pros and cons of urban poultry, resources available regarding backyard flocks, and Avian Influenza. He noted poultry is a supply managed commodity in Ontario with several poultry farms in Wellington North, including chicken, layer, turkey, broiler and breeder.

Pros of urban chickens include the local food movement, education component of where food comes from, and a mental health component.

There are several cons to urban poultry including urban vermin, rodents, foxes, coyotes, skunks, raccoons, dogs, or raptors. The food safety component must be considered. Unlike pets, such as a puppy or kitten, with chickens you are eating something that comes from the animal. It is not recommended to have many hens as numbers are always going to be an issue when dealing with the challenge of what to do with surplus eggs. Extra eggs would have to be farmgate sales as they cannot be sold to stores or restaurants. Issues of management, nutrition and disease can be challenging to track if people should get sick from the eggs. Whatever goes into the hen comes out in the egg. If you give antibiotics to the hen, you can't consume the eggs. Deadstock is another issue the municipality would have to deal with. If you have livestock, you have deadstock. Proper disposal is necessary. In agriculture there is the Nutrient Management Act with a dead animal disposal component. In town it would be up to the municipality to manage. It is technically a bio hazard and cannot be placed in the garbage. Odour and flies are nuisance complaints. Dealing with manure is a nutrient challenge, especially in a well head protection area. Manure needs to be composted before it can be used in gardens. Regarding healthcare issues, you need a veterinarian that can do food animal practice. The biggest challenge with urban poultry is education. The Poultry Industry Council has a raising backyard chickens course every March.

Mr. Dam reviewed information regarding some of the challenges around Avian Influenza (AI). Mapping showing where cases are in Ontario was reviewed. There are currently 26 premises infected with AI; one of the zones is near Arthur. Within the zones there are limitations of what you can do as a commercial operator or backyard flock with permitting required. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) oversees permitting with OMAFRA providing support. This disease has been devastating throughout North America with commercial poultry, backyard flocks, wild birds and wild mammals being affected. OMAFRA has several resources available to help people recognize AI and prevention tips. The CFIA response to an infection is the same for commercial and backyard flocks and includes quarantine, ordering the animals destroyed, setting up zones, premises clean up and disinfection. If a backyard chicken coop cannot be disinfected it is destroyed. Nothing can be exported from an infected zone and impacts trade, such as genetics, which impacts farmers and everyone in a 10 km area around the infected premises.

RECESS TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLUTION: 2022-201

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the June 6, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council for the purpose of holding a Public Meeting under the Planning Act at 2:24 p.m.

- Marvin and Lorna Gingrich

CARRIED

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2022-202

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the June 6, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council at : .

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, May 24, 2022

RESOLUTION: 2022-203

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 24, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Mount Forest Pool Replacement

- Report CAO 2022-03 Mount Forest Pool Replacement

At the May 24, 2022 Council meeting, Council approved approaching neighbouring municipalities for contributions towards the replacement of the pool; however, timing was not discussed.

Council directed that a letter from Council be sent to neighbouring municipalities explaining the project in general terms, making a formal request for assistance with the capital project, and offer to make a presentation to their Councils.

Council discussed the scope of the project, budgetary cap, and possibly inviting the architect to review the project and to see if there are areas where there may be some cost savings opportunities. Council directed staff to invite the architect to a future Council meeting.

The debenture schedule and payment schedule was reviewed.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

2a, 2d, 3a

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2022-203

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT all items listed under Items for Consideration on the June 6, 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 Chamber of Commerce Directors Meeting held on May 11, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur Business Improvement Association meeting held on May 18, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting held on May 19, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Authority Meeting, held on March 17, 2022.

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 March 9, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors Meeting, #3-2022, held on March 16, 2022 and the Members Meeting, #4-22, held on April 2, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Maitland Source Protection Authority Meeting, #1-22, held on March 16, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence from Kim Courts, Deputy Clerk, County of Wellington, dated May 27, 2022 regarding Official Plan Amendment 119 Recommendation Report and By-law 5760-22.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Planning Report from Asavari Jadhav, Junior Planner and Jessica Rahim, Senior Planner, County of Wellington, dated May 31, 2022, regarding 391055 Grey Road 109, Mount Forest, Removal of Holding (H) Provision

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated May 26, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence from Infrastructure Canada regarding the Township of Wellington North application to Infrastructure Canada's Green and Inclusive Community Buildings (GICB) program.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2022-204

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Take

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the memorandum from Curtis Marshall, Manager of Development Planning, County of Wellington, dated May 20, 2022, regarding Bill 109: More Homes for Everyone Act 2022.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-205

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2022-016 regarding the Final Approval of the Clayton and Alison Robertson Site Plan Agreement

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-206

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2022-021;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the following Letters of Support:

- New Growth Family Centre, to support an application to the CW Community Foundation
- Mount Forest Curling Club, to support an application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion declared.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Yake (Ward 1):

- Hospital Gala will be held on June 17th.

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- The "You've Been Flocked" fundraising campaign for the pool is going well. \$3,000 was raised last week. This week is sold out. The birds may reappear in the fall.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Arthur 150 Committee is meeting tonight. The location for Council to meet for the parade has been changed to the Farmer's Plus parking lot.
- Concrete pad has been poured for the skate park.

- New planters provided by the BIA are in place in downtown Arthur and the ferns look wonderful.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- SVCA Meeting attended recently
- Presented Susan Trivers and Dr. Alex Goytisolo with a cheque in the amount of \$10,000. for recruitment efforts.
- Arthur Opti-Mrs are having a grand opening for the playground beside the pool on June 25th.

Mayor Lennox:

- Attended an awards presentation at the Silver Fox Distillery on Friday, June 3rd. The chairman for the U.S. Open Spirits Competition was on hand to present 6 medals and an award plaque for 2022 Grand National Championship.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 064-22 being a by-law to appoint a Director of Finance/Treasurer for the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North and repeal 042-22
- b. By-law Number 065-22 being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 66-01, being the Zoning By-law for the Township of Wellington North (Remove Holding - EGREMONT EGR Concession 1 Division 1, Part Lot 31, RP17R387, Part 2 and municipally known as 391055 Grey Road 109, Mount Forest – Robertson)

RESOLUTION: 2022-207

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT By-law Number 064-22 and 065-22 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating the Arthur Barn Quilt Trail Project

The response in Arthur and area to the Arthur Area Barn Quilt Trail Project this year has been amazing. More than sixty barn quilts will be in the area for tourists to seek out any day of the year. But not everyone knows much about barn quilts.

Barn quilts are quite simply a painted depiction of a quilt square on wood or signboard which is then installed on a barn or other building. The modern versions are often posted on houses, garages, garden sheds or used as garden décor. They often tell you something about the owners; a story, an interest, a group they support, like this Guelph Junior Gryphons Barn Quilt on Schmidt Street.

Modern Barn Quilts have a relatively short history according to the internet. A Small Farms Canada article from 2018 describes their beginning in 2001 with Donna Sue Grover of Ohio who began to use these paintings to brighten up her tobacco farm

buildings and to pay homage to her mother who loved to quilt. This symbolic Arthur Since 1872 Barn Quilt can be seen on Clarke Street in Arthur.

Barn hex signs have been around a lot longer. They were brought to North America in the 17th century by the Pennsylvania Dutch who interestingly are mostly German. The German word for German is Deutsch, so that may explain that apparent misnomer. The name Hex may have come from the German word for six (sechs) because the hex signs were often six pointed stars. There are commonly recognized hex signs that welcome or that wish for abundant crops or good health.

The Silver Fox in Arthur made this Mariner's Compass design into their own by adding their silver fox in each corner and the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable barn quilt is proudly mounted at the entrance into the Arthur Community Centre. Whether it is a barn quilt or a hex sign or a cave painting, people will always try to decorate their homes in some way. It is evidence that creativity and the appreciation of art is a part of the human makeup.

For more information on the Arthur Barn Quilt Trail, you can go to <https://www.facebook.com/BQArthurArea> and for the Wellington County Barn Quilt Trail Association. <https://www.facebook.com/wcbqta>

Submitted by Doris Cassan, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

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

- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations
- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

RESOLUTION: 2022-208

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 3:37 p.m. that is closed to the public under subsection 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, specifically:

- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations
- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

CARRIED

1. REPORTS

- HR 2022-005 Employee Remuneration
- HR 2022-006 Acting Assignment Pay CAO

2. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2022-209

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 4:12 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-210

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report HR 2022-005 Employee Remuneration;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-211

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report HR 2022-006 Acting Assignment Pay CAO;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2022-212

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 066-22 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 June 6, 2022 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2022-213

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Regular Council meeting of June 6, 2022 be adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

DEPUTY CLERK