

**THE CORPORATION OF THE**  
**TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH**  
  
**INAUGURAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**Monday, December 1, 2014**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

**Mayor: Andy Lennox**  
**Councillors Sherry Burke**  
**Mark Goetz**  
**Steve McCabe**  
**Dan Yake**

**Also Present:** **Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk: Michael Givens**  
**Deputy Clerk: Catherine More**  
**Executive Assistant: Cathy Conrad**  
**Treasurer: Paul Dowber**  
**Chief Building Official: Darren Jones**  
**Director of Recreation, Parks & Facilities: Barry Lavers**  
**Fire Chief: Dave Guilbault**  
**Fire Prevention Officer: Jason Benn**  
**Water and Sewer Superintendent: Barry Trood**  
**Road Superintendent: Dale Clark**  
**Tourism, Marketing, Promotion Manager: April Marshall**  
**Business Economic Manager: Dale Small**  
**Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector: Mary Jo Marshall**  
**Bookkeeper: Paula Epoch**  
**Admin-Support: Michelle Stone**

The meeting was held in the Municipal Office Council Chambers, Kenilworth.

A. **CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Michael Givens, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk, called the meeting to order.

B. **SINGING OF O' CANADA**

C. **DECLARATION OF OFFICE BY MAYOR**

Administered by Michael Givens, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk.

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**D. PRESENTATION OF CHAIN OF OFFICE**

Michael Givens, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk presented Mayor Lennox with the Chain of Office.

**E. DECLARATION OF OFFICE BY THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

Administered by Michael Givens, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk.

**F. INTRODUCTION OF 2014 – 2018 COUNCIL**

Michael Givens, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk introduced the 2014 – 2018 Council.

**G. INAUGURAL ADDRESS MAYOR LENNOX**

Good evening ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the 2014 Inaugural meeting of Council. It is my great honour to stand before you tonight to represent your interests from Metz to Mount Forest, from Seven Bridges road to the Luther Marsh.

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, the people of Wellington North took the time to question, to deliberate and to decide our collective future. And tonight, we gather together to mark the beginning of an important journey for our community and our people. It was a privilege to participate in this election and I thank the people of Wellington North for their support.

I also want to thank the outgoing Mayor Ray Tout for his service to our community. Politics can be tough, and putting your name on a ballot is not an easy thing to do. Whether it was his involvement with the Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Fireworks Festival, or in this chamber, Ray has been a tireless contributor to his community. He deserves our sincere gratitude for his years of service.

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G. **INAUGURAL ADDRESS MAYOR LENNOX** (continued)

To municipal staff here tonight and throughout the Township, thank you for your professional and dedicated work. I look forward to working with you in the coming years as you continue to serve our strong and proud community.

I would also like to recognize the families of our Councillors. Their sacrifice should not go unnoticed. I know at our house, I am blessed to have Suzan, who tolerates my ever changing schedule and who listens patiently as I sometimes have to talk through an issue.

I would like to welcome back to the table my colleagues from the last term, Dan Yake, Sherry Burke and Mark Goetz. Joining us this time, brimming with his energy and enthusiasm is Steve McCabe. Welcome Steve. To you, the members of Council, I say congratulations on your victory and thank you for stepping forward to serve your community. The voters of Wellington North have assembled a strong team and I look forward to working with your in the coming years.

Tonight, we gather here to launch anew.

The voters have sent us here with the message that they want us to take action on the major challenges facing our community. During the election the message I heard repeatedly was that we need to focus on three major areas.

1. Maintaining our infrastructure
2. Building our community – both economically and culturally
3. Financial management

In recent years it has become increasingly clear that we are falling behind on maintaining our infrastructure, such as roads and bridges. These are key pieces of infrastructure that are critical to our daily lives and businesses. While it seems like an immense task we must continue to build our Asset Management Plan to include all of our assets and tackle the most difficult part of it...How to finance their maintenance and replacement. This is a key document that we need to demonstrate to other levels of government of the depth of our need for their assistance. When an opportunity to participate in funding programs knocks, we must be prepared to answer.

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**G. INAUGURAL ADDRESS MAYOR LENNOX (continued)**

When it comes to activities related to community building, we need to ask the question, are we employing our scarce resources on the most important things? I am reminded of one of my favourite quotes by Peter Drucker. He said “Management is doing things right, Leadership is doing the right things”. It is time for us to evaluate our activities not against what we have done in the past, or against what others are doing, but instead to ask the question. Are we doing the things that accentuate our community’s strengths and reflect the things we need? Given our limited resources we must also look for ways to partner with community groups and continue to ask what can we do to facilitate others’ efforts?

A discussion about the things we need is not complete until we discuss how we will pay for it. With Christmas on the doorstep, this is often a common topic in many households. Based on my past performance on this Council, perhaps that is why some have called me “Uncle Scrooge”. I will make no apologies for my careful spending of your dollars. I believe the spending of your money needs to be held to a higher standard than that of an individual household. My commitment to you is that any major expenditure of this Council will be accompanied by a plan to pay for it. I would remind you, that even the reformed Uncle Scrooge, knew where the money was coming from before he spent it.

These challenges may seem insurmountable but by working together in a step by step process we can meet these challenges.

I often find inspiration in a saying my father picked up during his time in the service. “The difficult we do immediately. The impossible may take a little longer.”

While talking about the challenges ahead we should make no mistake. Those who have come before us have left us the legacy of a strong community. We have the strength of a diversified stable economy and good arterial transportation routes. We enjoy an enviable rural/small town atmosphere with vibrant volunteer participation. The strength of our volunteer participation was singled out in our recent cultural planning effort as a unique characteristic of our community. This is just one example of how the people make this place so special.

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G. **INAUGURAL ADDRESS MAYOR LENNOX** (continued)

Along with my fellow members of Council I look forward to building on the strong legacy we have been given.

H. **COUNCILLORS' INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

**Ward 1 – Councillor Yake**

Thank you for taking the time to be here tonight. I would like to thank my wife Kim and my kids Greg and Jenna. They have provided me with 20 years of continuous support, practical help and advice. They are a constant reminder of what is important in life and the lives of Wellington North residents.

I met with Andy two weeks ago and told him that he is the fifth mayor I have worked under. I was encouraged when he told me that I would be working with him, not under him.

I always look at the start of a new Council term as an opportunity. It's an opportunity to start a new page in Wellington North's short history. It's an opportunity to bring forward new ideas, and make changes. It's an opportunity to put a vision and plan for the future on the table. It's an opportunity to focus on making lives a little more affordable, not more expensive for the people of Wellington North.

And finally, it's an opportunity to develop a partnership with our community. A partnership is defined as a co-operative relationship between people or groups who agree to share responsibility for achieving a specific goal.

There's an old saying that says "The wars of this world were not won by individuals, they were won by united, well structured teams."

I am positive that we will move forward with a united, well structured team with Mayor Lennox's leadership and a mix of new and experienced council members.

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H. **COUNCILLORS' INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS** (continued)

**Ward 2 – Councillor Burke**

Thank you to everybody for coming out. It's an honour and a privilege to represent the residents of Ward 2 for another term as your councillor.

I look forward to working with Township staff and this Council to continue to build Wellington North as a strong vibrant community.

Thank you to my family and friends for your support. This would be difficult to do without you. Thank you to all Wellington North residents for your trust and support. We will continue moving forward together.

**Ward 3 – Councillor Goetz**

Thank you for joining us for the Wellington North inauguration.

I look forward to the next four years as being part of this Wellington North Council and thank you to my constituents who re-elected me to this position and for the support that I have received from my family and the whole Township of Wellington North.

Being in this position over the past four years has given me great respect for the people who sat on our Wellington North Council in the past.

Our greatest asset is you, the people of Wellington North. It is vital that the Wellington North staff, various groups, people and council continue to work along side of each other to bring the Township of Wellington North closer together which will benefit us all.

Wellington North has faced in the past, and will continue to face, many challenges to maintain the level of service that one expects from their Township. In most cases with these challenges to maintain the level of service that is delivered, it requires some change. We know that change itself has challenges as well for the Wellington North staff and the residents that it affects.

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H. **COUNCILLORS' INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS** (continued)

With saying that I believe that with the assistance of the residents and staff of Wellington North we will achieve success over the next four years and beyond.

Once again I look forward to working with the community, staff and fellow Council members of Wellington North. Thank you.

**Ward 4 – Councillor McCabe**

Good evening,

I stand here tonight as your Ward 4 Councillor, humbled, but ready to work. I am ready to take guidance from Dan, Sherry, Mark, Mayor Lennox, the staff of Wellington North and you, the public. You have placed your trust in me. I will build upon this trust.

As the newest voice on Council, I will bring a new perspective to discussions. We have tough decisions ahead of us, but in order to grow, they must and will be made.

I expect to hear from you, good or bad, because I am here for you and because of you. I want to thank my wife Kaylyn for her support and patience through the campaign and in the next four years, I will need it.

There is a lot of work ahead of us. It will take time and money to complete these needed projects, but let us begin tonight. Thank you.

I. **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST(S) AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None declared.

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**J. STANDING COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS, MINUTES AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Report from Michael Givens, CAO  
- CAO 2014-27 2015 Council Meeting Schedule

**Moved by: Councillor Goetz**

**Seconded by: Councillor Yake**

**THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information CAO Report 2014-27;**

**AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North approve the 2015 Council Meeting Schedule as presented.**

**Resolution Number: 1**

**Carried**

**K. BY-LAWS**

1. 96-14 Being a by-law to constitute and appoint a Committee of Adjustment for the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North

**Moved by: Councillor Yake**

**Seconded by: Councillor Goetz**

***THAT By-law Number 96-14 being a by-law to constitute and appoint a Committee of Adjustment for the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.***

**Resolution Number: 2**

**Carried**



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**K. BY-LAWS**

2. 97-14 Being a by-law to constitute and appoint a Court of Revision for the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North

**Moved by: Councillor Goetz**

**Seconded by: Councillor Yake**

**THAT By-law Number 97-14 being a by-law to constitute and appoint a Court of Revision for the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.**

**Resolution Number: 3**

**Carried**

**L. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**Moved by: Councillor Yake**

**Seconded by: Councillor Goetz**

***THAT By-law Number 98-14 being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North at its Inaugural Meeting held on December 1, 2014 be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.***

**Resolution Number: 4**

**Carried**

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M. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by:** Councillor Goetz

**Seconded by:** Councillor Yake

*THAT the Inaugural Council meeting of December 1, 2014 be adjourned at 7:31 p.m.*

**Resolution Number: 5**

**Carried**

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**CLERK**

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**MAYOR**