

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 26, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.
HYBRID MEETING WITH COUNCIL IN PERSON AND OTHERS VIA WEB CONFERENCING**

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Chief Administrative Officer: Brooke Lambert
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk: Karren Wallace
Deputy Clerk: Catherine Conrad
Chief Building Official: Darren Jones
Director of Operations: Matthew Aston
Director of Finance: Farhad Hossain
Economic Development Officer: Dale Small
Director of Fire Services: Chris Harrow
Deputy Fire Chief: Marco Guidotti

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2022-312

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Agenda for the September 26, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Lennox declared a conflict with the item under Awards/Declaration/Recognition – Presentation of Congratulatory Certificate to Fall Fair Ambassador Kelsey Lennox as she is his daughter.

Council Burke declared an indirect pecuniary interest with Item 2a under the heading Items for Consideration – Planning – Report DC 2022-043, 350 Cork Inc., Site Plan Agreement, 350 Cork Street Mount Forest, as some of the attachments were prepared by her employer.

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

Council reported out

(d) labour relations or employee negotiations

1. REPORTS

- HR 2022-011 Market Check Policy and Pay Equity Review
- Ward & Uptigrove 2022 Market Check & Pay Equity Review

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- July 25, 2022

RESOLUTION: 2022-313

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report HR 2022-011 Market Check Policy and Pay Equity Review.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-314

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Ward & Uptigrove 2022 Market Check & Pay Equity Review;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-315

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the July 25, 2022 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

AWARDS / DECLARATION / RECOGNITION

Mayor Lennox left the meeting as he had previously declared a conflict with this agenda item.

Councillor Hern presented a congratulatory certificate to Kelsey Lennox, Arthur Fall Fair Ambassador 2022, recognizing the importance of the role of Ambassador.

Mayor Lennox returned to the meeting.

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Andy Lennox, Mayor

Mayor Lennox provided an update on the changes coming to the Blue Box Program. The province has moved the program from municipal responsibility, (the County) to producer responsibility. The producers of packaging goods will be responsible for paying for the recycling program; much like the tire program. Implementation will occur over the next three years across the province, with Wellington County being phased in 2025. Mayor Lennox sits on the AMO taskforce that is encouraging the province to add some new items to the recycling program; but that is not likely to happen until this transition is well under way. Waste Management in Mount Forest contracts with the County for blue box, landfill waste and green bins and processes the recycling products in their facility. Producer organizations may decide to work with them to continue processing and perhaps be able to contract the pickup. This is

important from a municipal perspective and from one of our major employers. The same level of service will be required or enhanced.

Councillor McCabe inquired if the new program is to be a cost saving measure and will the County still be responsible for the green bin program. Mayor Lennox confirmed it will be a savings for the County. Recycling will no longer fall on the taxpayers. The green bin, yellow bag and leaf and yard waste pick up will still be provided by the County.

PRESENTATIONS

a. Wellington North Power Inc.

- 2022 Promissory Note Agreement Presentation
- Correspondence from Raymond Petersen, Interim CEO, Wellington North Power Inc., dated September 26, 2022 regarding formal postponement of principal payments on Promissory Note
- Correspondence from TD Commercial Banking, dated August 10, 2022 regarding amending agreement
- TD Canada Trust Postponement and Assignment of Creditors Claim and Postponement of Security Agreement

Mr. Peterson was present to request postponement of the repayment of the Wellington North Power Inc. indebtedness prior to further bank loans being given to place the bank higher on the loan repayment hierarchy. In 2013 the Township agreed to Infrastructure Ontario's new loan requirement that principal payments on the Promissory Note be suspended. On December 29, 2020, an equipment loan was finalized with TD Bank and another TD loan is likely to be arranged in 2022. It would be beneficial to both them and Wellington North Power Inc. for a non-repayment agreement on the promissory note signed by Wellington North Power, TD Bank, and the Township of Wellington North.

RESOLUTION: 2022-316

Moved: Councillor

Seconded: Councillor

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Wellington North Power Inc. 2022 Promissory Note Agreement presentation;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North hereby postpone the repayment of the Wellington North Power Inc. indebtedness, in full, to the prior repayment of the bank indebtedness;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign any necessary documents.

CARRIED

b. Bobby De Hertre, Emergency Manager / CEMC

- Report EM 2022-001 – 2022 Annual Emergency Management Programme

Due to scheduling a conflict, Mr. De Hertre was not available to present his report.

RESOLUTION: 2022-317

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EM 2022-001 Annual Emergency Management Programme Report regarding the status of the Township's Emergency Management Programme for 2022 for information.

AND FURTHER THAT THE Council of the Township of Wellington North accepts the annual status report of the Township's Emergency Management Programme for 2022.
CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, September 12, 2022
2. Public Meeting, September 12, 2022

RESOLUTION: 2022-318

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council and the Public Meeting held on September 12, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

1. Mount Forest Pool Replacement
 - Report CAO 2022-003 Mount Forest Pool Replacement

No discussion took place at this meeting. It was noted that staff have been directed to bring information back to Council so there is no need for this item to occur as a standing item on the agenda.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

2a, 4a, 7a

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2022-319

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT all items listed under Items for Consideration on the September 26, 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 District Chamber of Commerce meeting held on August 9th, 2022.

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 September 13, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Saugeen Valley Conservation meeting held on July 21, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee meeting held on September 13, 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 June 15, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated September 19, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Budget Variance Report ending August 31, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive correspondence from Ray D. Kirtz, P.Eng, Triton Engineering Services Limited regarding Cachet Developments (Arthur) – Preliminary Acceptance of Stages I & II Municipal Services;

AND FURTHER THAT Preliminary Acceptance be granted for Stages I & II Municipal Services for Cachet Developments (Arthur) with the guarantee and maintenance period commencing September 26, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2022-018 being a report on the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign a by-law appointing Principles Integrity to provide Integrity Commissioner Services to the Township of Wellington North and repeal By-law 063-18.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information the PIN, The People and Information Network, media release dated September 16, 2022 regarding 'Volunteerism facing unprecedented change and challenge' Lost volunteers, volunteers not returning and difficulty recruiting new volunteers.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

Councillor Burke removed herself from the meeting as she had previously declared a conflict with Report DC 2022-043.

RESOLUTION: 2022-320

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2022-043 regarding the Final Approval of the 350 Cork Street Inc. Site Plan Agreement.

CARRIED

Councillor Burke returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: 2022-321

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Wellington North Fire Service Quarter and 3 Update 2022.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-322

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence dated September 18, 2022 from The Royal Canadian Legion, Br.

#134 Mount Forest request for permission to distribute poppies and hold a Remembrance Day service and parade;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North grant permission to the Royal Canadian Legions, Arthur and Mount Forest, for the distribution of poppies within the Township of Wellington North and to hold a Remembrance Day service and parade.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- Grand Opening of the Mount Forest BIA parkette beside BMO will be held on Friday, September 30.
- There are still a few available spaces in the "You've Been Flocked" fundraising campaign for the new Mount Forest Pool.
- Saturday, September 24th, was the official last day of Farmer's Market. Some vendors have organized a pop up event on the morning of Saturday, October 1st at the Victory Church.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Arthur BIA meeting was held last week. The AGM is scheduled for November 16th.

Mayor Lennox:

- Arthur Lions Club Chicken BBQ takes place on Thursday, September 29th.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 106-22 being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Clerk for the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North (Brooke Lambert)
- b. By-law Number 107-22 being a by-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the Township of Wellington North and enter into an Agreement For Services and to repeal By-law 063-18

RESOLUTION: 2022-323

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT By-law Number 106-22 and 107-22 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2022-324

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT By-law Number 108-22 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 September 26, 2022 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2022-325

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Regular Council meeting of September 26, 2022 be adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK