

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 7, 2022 AT 2:00 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**

**Member Absent:**

**Councillor: 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  
Economic Development Officer: Dale Small  
Director of Finance: Farhad Hossain  
Interim Manager, Programming and Community Engagement: Mandy Jones  
Manager of Recreation Services: Tom Bowden  
Director of Fire Services: Chris Harrow  
Senior Planner: Matthieu Daoust**

**CALLING TO ORDER**

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

RESOLUTION: 2022-345

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

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

CARRIED

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

No pecuniary interest declared.

**COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE**

Campbell Cork, Ward 3 County Councillor

The Community Paramedicine Program is managed by Guelph Wellington Paramedic Services. The program started in 2014 with the goal of preventing emergencies before they happen and currently provides services to over 475 residents in the County of Wellington and the City of Guelph.

Provincial grants fund the program. The undeniably successful program began with four services:

- Patient Referrals – If paramedics or others responding to 911 calls find a patient with needs not suited to a hospital Emergency Department, they can contact the Community Paramedicine team to determine a better place to go.

- A series of wellness clinics were held in apartment buildings with typically high numbers of senior residents and / or a high number of 911 calls. These wellness clinics have proven to reduce the number of emergencies calls.
- Remote Patient Monitoring allows paramedics to utilize internet technology to monitor residents. The participant can then be referred to their physician or healthcare provider before the issue becomes an emergency.
- Home visits are arranged for patients identified as high-risk of suffering an emergency. Paramedics visit the resident in their home to attempt to prevent an emergency from occurring.

In 2021, the Provincial Ministry of Long Term Care provided additional funding for a Community Paramedicine Long Term Care project. This project provides services to residents who are on a wait list for Long Term Care placement, in-home nursing, or other care. It helps them to stay in their residences more comfortably while they await placement.

To October this year, community Paramedics have completed over 2,400 in-person and virtual visits with residents in Guelph and Wellington County. The Community Paramedics help seniors and those who are fragile, or at risk, to find services they may be having trouble accessing. It is estimated that 3 out of every 10 of these Community Paramedic visits avoid a trip to the Emergency Department.

The Community Paramedicine project is run by four dedicated paramedics working in Wellington County and an additional four working in the City of Guelph. The team working in the County is stationed in Drayton. With the number of residents rostered the program is quickly reaching its capacity.

In addition to all this, a relatively new service has been incorporated into the Community Paramedicine project that provides care for patients who are palliative and who have expressed a wish to die with dignity in their home. The Community Paramedics currently have a roster of approximately 30 palliative patients who they are helping to remain in their home.

As a side note, at the height of the COVID pandemic the Community Paramedicine program monitored high-risk COVID patients who were recovering in their homes.

#### **RECESS TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC MEETING**

RESOLUTION: 2022-346

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the November 7, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council for the purpose of holding a Public Meeting under the Planning Act:

- Robert and Linda Carder, Minor Variance

CARRIED

**RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION: 2022-347

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the November 7, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council at 2:17 p.m.

CARRIED

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING**

1. Regular Meeting of Council, October 11, 2022

2. Public Meeting, October 11, 2022

RESOLUTION: 2022-348

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council and the Public Meeting held on October 11, 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, 3a, 4a, 4b, 6b, 7a, 7b

**ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION**

RESOLUTION: 2022-349

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the November 7, 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 October 18, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting held on September 15, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Grand River Conservation Authority General Membership Meeting held on October 28, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report DC 2022-047 regarding the Final Approval of the A & M Investments Inc. Site Plan Agreement.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2022-13 being a report on the City of Guelph By-law Enforcement Services – 6 Month Extension;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to enter into amending agreement to extend By-law 122-21 with the City of Guelph for the purposes of providing By-law Enforcement Services to the Township of Wellington North.

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2022-027 being a report to set the 2023 water and sewer fees and charges;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize a 1.5% increase to water and sewer rates for the year 2023, consistent with the recommendations from the 2020 Water and Wastewater Rate Study prepared by DFA Infrastructure International Inc. dated November 13, 2020;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to include in the 2023 water and sewer fees and charges by-law the Mount Forest Green House fees and charges;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to include this special rate for consideration as part of the next water and wastewater rate study;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the necessary by-law.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2022-030 being a report on a street light maintenance agreement between Township of Wellington North and Wellington North Power Inc.;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a by-law in order to enter an agreement for street light maintenance agreement with Wellington North Power Inc.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report CLK 2022-021 being a report on 2022 Municipal Election Accessibility report.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the County of Wellington Media Release, dated October 6, 2022, regarding County Clerk Announces Retirement.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Township of Wellington North, Official Results of the October 24, 2022 Municipal and School Board Election.

CARRIED

**CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION**

RESOLUTION: 2022-350

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive DC Report 2022-046 being a report on Consent Application (Lot Line Adjustment) B3-22 known as Part of Park Lot 1, W/S of Main St and E/S of Foster St Plan of the Town of Mount Forest.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North supports consent application B3-22 as presented with the following conditions:

- THAT the Owner satisfy all the requirements of the local municipality, financial and otherwise (included but not limited to Taxes paid in Full; a Fee of \$130.00 for Township Clearance Letter of conditions — or whatever fee is applicable at the time of clearance under the municipal Fees and Charges by-law) which the Township of Wellington North may deem to be necessary at the time of issuance of the Certificate of Consent for the proper and orderly development of the subject lands;
- THAT only one (1) set of municipal servicing (water, sanitary, storm) be provided via 391 Main Street North. Merged lands will need to be serviced privately through existing 391 Main Street North municipal services and to the satisfaction of the municipality;
- THAT driveway access can be provided to the merged parcel to the satisfaction of the of the local municipality;
- THAT zoning compliance is achieved on the merged parcel to the satisfaction of the local municipality;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Development Clerk to file with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning and Land Division Committee at the County of Wellington, a letter of clearance of these conditions on completion of same.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-351

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2022-12 being a report on an Agreement for Parking between Wellington County, The Pentecostal Assemblies and the Township of Wellington North

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the By-law to enter into a Parking Agreement with the Corporation of the County of Wellington and the Pentecostal Assemblies.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-352

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2022 – 028 on the Community Improvement Program,

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves \$ 6,367.25 in Community Improvement Grants to Arthur Ace Hardware, 480 Smith Street, as follows:

- \$2,500 Building Improvement Grant
- \$2,500 Façade Improvement Grant
- \$1,367.25 Blade Sign Grant

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-353

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2022-029 being a report on the Hawks Nest competition;

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports a \$2,000 “partner level” of sponsorship in support of this program.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-354

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2022-028 being a report on the MTO Connecting Link Program Application – Intake 8;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to submit an application to the MTO’s Connecting Link Program for the resurfacing of Highway 6 (Smith Street), from Conestoga to Wells Street, in Arthur;

AND FURTHER THAT Council agree to fund the Township’s portion of the project cost, as recommended by Township staff, as well as support the project schedule detailed within the application.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-355

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report CAO 2022-004 being a report on the remuneration for members of Council.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into By-law 115-22 being a By-law to amend by-law 079-21 being a by-law to set remuneration for members of Council for the year 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to enter into By-law 116-22 being a By-law to amend by-law 062-18 being a by-law to set remuneration for members of Council for the upcoming term of Council (2023-2026).

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-356

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive report CLK 2022-020 being a report on Committee Appointments for the 2022-2026 term.

AND FURTHER THAT staff bring this report to the December 5th meeting of Council at which time appointments will be determined by Council.

CARRIED

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

No notice of motion tabled.

### **COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT**

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- Mount Forest Business Improvement Area, Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday morning.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Arthur Business Improvement Association, Annual General Meeting will be held at the Arthur Community Centre on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- Arthur and Mount Forest Chamber of Commerce have meetings this week.

Mayor Lennox:

- Attended an Appreciation Dinner for the Mount Forest Lawn Bowling Club. The club is appreciative of the grants they have received to rejuvenate the club. Membership has greatly increased.
- Mayor Lennox acknowledged the 25 Years of Service Award presented to Councillor Dan Yake by Matthew Rae, MPP, Perth-Wellington, on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and thanked him for his 28 years of service.

### **BY-LAWS**

- a. By-law Number 114-22 being a by-law to authorize an extension to By-law 122-21 being a By-law Agreement for By-law Compliance Services
- b. By-law Number 115-22 being a by-law to amend By-law 079-21 being a by-law to set remuneration for Member of Council
- c. By-law Number 116-22 being a by-law to amend By-law 062-18 being a by-law to set remuneration for Members of Council
- d. By-law Number 117-22 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Streetlight Maintenance Services Agreement between Wellington North Power Inc. and The Corporation of The Township of Wellington North

- e. By-law Number 118-22 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Parking Agreement between the Pentecostal Assemblies, The Corporation of the County of Wellington and The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North

RESOLUTION: 2022-357

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 114-22, 115-22, 116-22, 117-22, and 118-22 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

## CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating Wellington North Women in Military Service in World Wars I and II

When Canadian women served in both World Wars, it was mostly on the home front, raising money and replacing men whose military service took them away from all types of work. In World War I, they also served as nurses in the Canadian Army Nursing Service. Nursing Sister Alice Cook of Mount Forest gave her life to the service of injured and ill soldiers in a wartime Toronto hospital, dying of influenza at age 25. Her story was shared as our November 2020 Cultural Moment.

By World War II, although women were not allowed to serve in combat, they took on many crucial roles in the various services both in Canada and in Europe. Women of Wellington North were well represented in nearly every branch.

Two Raftis sisters from West Luther, Genevieve Marie, and Mary Marcella, enlisted in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service (*WRCNS also known familiarly as Wrens*), trained on HMCS Conestoga and were posted in 1945 to HMCS Stadacona Base, Halifax. There they served as nurses aids as well as taking on other necessary work. Marjorie Driscoll, from Arthur, also served in the WRCNS, the fourth member of her family to sign up. She had already earned her Bachelor's degree at the University of Toronto.

Erie Mae Jackson of Conn, a prolific writer throughout her life, especially of biographical and autobiographical books, joined the Canadian Women's Army Corps in 1944. She rose to the rank of Sergeant and qualified as a Non-commissioned Officer. The Wellington County Museum holds her writings.

Several women followed their brothers or cousins into service. Pearl Ida Day joined the CWAC, in Toronto, while her four brothers served overseas. Mildred Colwill, who also enlisted in the Women's Army Corps, in 1942, was the sixth member of her family to serve in the Army.

Isabel Jean Mullin joined the Army in the spring of 1942, at 18, and served in the Women's Army Corps. She was transferred to England where she worked as a driver for Canadian Army Officers.

In some cases, little information is easily available on these resolute women. Claire Connell, for instance, is only briefly noted in the Arthur Enterprise-News in 1944: "Miss Claire Connell joined the RCAF". Many may now be known only to their families or to the keepers of military records.



No matter how they have been remembered, these Wellington North women must always be honoured for their loyalty and courage in answering their country's call to service. They set the bar for those local women who are currently doing the same.

Submitted by Gail Donald 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;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations;

RESOLUTION: 2022-358

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 2:54 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;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations;

CARRIED

#### 1. REPORTS

- Report EDO 2022-027 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards Nominations
- Report HR 2022-014 Proposed CUPE Agreement July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024

#### 2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- October 11, 2022

#### 3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2022-359

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session at 3:16 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-360

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2022-027 Ontario Volunteer Service Awards Nominations;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-361

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report HR 2022-014 Proposed CUPE Agreement July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the by-law to ratify the Collective Agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (C.U.P.E.) Local 255.11

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-362

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 119-22 being a by-law to ratify the Collective Agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (C.U.P.E.) Local 255.11 be read a First, Second and Third time and finally enacted.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-363

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the October 11, 2022 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

#### **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

RESOLUTION: 2022-364

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 120-22 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 November 7, 2022 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION: 2022-365

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Regular Council meeting of November 7, 2022 be adjourned at 3:18 p.m.

CARRIED

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK**