

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION TO FOLLOW OPEN SESSION
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH
HYBRID MEETING IN PERSON AND VIA WEB CONFERENCING**

Members Present:

**Mayor: Andrew Lennox
Councillors: Sherry Burke
Lisa Hern
Steve McCabe
Penny Renken**

Staff Present:

**Chief Administrative Officer: Brooke Lambert
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk: Karren Wallace
Deputy Clerk: Catherine Conrad
Economic Development Officer: Dale Small
Human Resources Manager: Amy Tollefson
Director of Finance: Farhad Hossain
Director of Operations: Matthew Aston
Recreation Services Manager: 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: 2023-050

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Agenda for the February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest disclosed.

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Campbell Cork, Ward 3 County Councillor

Councillor Cork provided an update on the new Arthur County Garage project. The design was approved for tender by the Roads Committee at their meeting on February 14th. And will be presented to County Council for approval at the February 23rd meeting. It is anticipated the work will starting in May and te completed May 2024. The budget is for just over \$7 million with six service bays, one wash bay, offices, storage, lunchroom, lockers, washrooms and showers.

There will salt and sand rectangle with concrete and the interior will be covered with two layers of inch thick plywood that will be separated by a membrane to prevent salt from getting to the steel siding.

The structure will use engineered wood beams. In case of fire the beams do not burn right through but char on the outside and smother out the fire to prevent further burning. The result is that much of the interior would still be structurally sound; as opposed to steel that will melt and sag during a fire.

There will be a large cistern below the building to catch rainwater to be used for non-potable uses. The building is designed to become a net zero energy user in the future. Its design includes readiness to accommodate solar panels. As it is, the building will be heated and cooled by geothermal heat pumps. Trees will be planted all around the circumference of the property. The garage will be situated so that the property will be able to accommodate an ambulance garage in the future if needed.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, Phil Beard, General Manager Secretary Treasurer, and Ed Podniewicz, Municipal Representative
 - 2023 Draft Work Plan Budget and Levy

Mr. Podniewicz was unable to attend the meeting.

Mr. Beard provided an overview of the Conservation Authority's 2023 Draft Work Plan and Budget, vision, mission, priorities, 2023 mandatory projects, services and programs agreement, surplus infrastructure and property, forest health assessment, rural storm water management, 2023 draft budget drivers of increase, and 2023 budget and levy.

Mandatory projects for 2023 include watershed resource management strategy, conservation areas inventory/strategy, asset management plan: flood/erosion infrastructure, and ice management plan to be completed by January 1, 2024. The 2023 draft budget drivers of increase include increase in demand for services, infrastructure renovations, salaries and benefits changes, and increasing insurance costs.

MVCA's draft budget for 2023 is \$4,195,276, with a levy increase of \$89,777. The Township of Wellington North 2023 levy increase is \$2,243. with a total Wellington North 2023 levy of \$51,124.

RECESS TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLUTION: 2023-051

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council for the purpose of holding a Public Meeting under the Planning Act:

- 2786713 Ontario Inc. (VED Homes), Zoning By-law Amendment 7:24

CARRIED

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2023-052

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council at 8:06.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, February 6, 2023

2. Public Meeting, February 6, 2023

RESOLUTION: 2023-053

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council and the Public Meeting held on February 6, 2023 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

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

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2023-056

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT all items listed under Items for Consideration on the February 21, 2023 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 Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting held on February 7, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve, as recommended by the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee, the following changes to the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee:

- Meetings will be typically scheduled for 4pm of the first Tuesday of the month, except for January and August, or at the call of the Chair; and
- Meetings will be held in person or remotely.

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to update the TOR accordingly.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated February 14, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Wellington North Power Inc., Quarterly Newsletter, Quarter 4: October 1 to December 31, 2022.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2023-057

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

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 February 7, 2023.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-058

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve in principle, as recommended by the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee, the work plan proposed for the Mount Forest Outdoor Pool and Aquatics Centre presented in report OPS 2023-001;

Proposed Next Steps:

Winter 2023	Township Council reviews schematic design and probable cost estimate and provides further direction to Township staff
Winter/Spring 2023	Council decision point – “go or no go” (2023 capital budget)
Summer 2023	Architect completes design development and provides probable cost estimate to plus or minus ten percent
Fall 2023	Township Council reviews design development and probable cost estimate and provides further direction to Township staff
Winter 2024	Architect completes detailed design and specification for tendering
Winter 2024	Council decision point – “go or no go” (2024 capital budget)
Spring 2024	Tender
Spring / Summer 2024	Construction
Fall 2024	Completion of construction
Summer 2025	New Mount Forest Outdoor Pool and Aquatics Centre open for its inaugural season

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-059

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Mount Forest Business Improvement Area meeting held on February 14, 2023.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-060

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2023-004 Rural Economic Development (RED) Grant application report EDO 2023-004;

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the application being submitted in partnership with the Lynes Blacksmith Shop.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-061

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2023 – 006 on the Community Improvement Program,

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves a Façade Improvement Grant of up to \$ 1,300.00 to Blonde Design Co. at 121 Main Street North in Mount Forest,

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the Tax Increment Equivalent for Rehabilitation and Redevelopment (TIERR) Grant application from All Treat Farms in support of the upcoming expansion at 7963 Wellington Road 109 in Arthur.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-062

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2023-007 being an update on Saugeen Connects International Women's Day and Advancing Women Economically Webinar series.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North supports the 2023 Saugeen Connects Strategic Plan and areas of focus.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-063

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2023-008 being a report on the proposed Mount Forest Outdoor Pool and Aquatics Centre;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to bring this project back to Council for consideration and decision as part of the 2023 budget discussion,

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorses the staff recommendation that debt is not a viable primary funding option for the pool.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Renken (Ward 1):

- Wellington North Cultural Roundtable met last week and are trying to get the goals set out in the cultural plan moving forward. It was the first meeting with new Chairperson Bonny McDougall.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Arthur BIA discussed plans for this year and potential art projects. Some of the garbage cans are being replaced under warranty for more user-friendly garbage cans.
- Mount Forest Chamber discussed their guide book and perhaps making more of it online.
- Arthur Chamber has conversation parts all over town.
- Arthur Chamber and BIA have had discussions regarding the Optimist Club July 1st celebrations.
- Grand River Conservation Authority meeting this Friday.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Attended a Community Garden meeting two weeks ago.
- Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting held last week.
- Attended his first ROMA meeting on February 17th in Toronto.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 013-23 being a by-law to authorize the sale of real property, Pt Lt 13 Con WOSR Division 1 & 2 Arthur Twp, Pt 12, 61R8621; Wellington North; T/W DN22899, RO666049, RO723376, RO724277
- b. By-law Number 014-23 being a by-law to amend By-law 013-20 being a Procedure Bylaw for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings of the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee of Council for Wellington North
- c. By-law Number 015-23 being a by-law to amend By-law 014-20 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Southgate and the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North

RESOLUTION: 2023-064

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT By-law Number 013-23, 014-23, and 015-23 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating Anita Stewart

On her shoulders is an exhibit on display at the Mount Forest Museum & Archives that showcases some of the unique women in the history of Mount Forest. Today's cultural moment celebrates Anita Stewart; 1947 - 2020.

Anita Stewart was a hero, not because of one single heroic act, but because of a lifetime of devotion and courage towards her passion; to shed a spotlight on Canadian cuisine. When most Canadians were building a nation through politics, sport or education, Anita knew that food had to be at the heart of every home, every region and every country. Through her thoughtful activism and her patient disruptions to the norm, Anita changed the food industry in Canada and how Canadians eat.

In 1959, at twelve years of age, Anita moved to Mount Forest with her mother Anne. Anita's father Cliff had died a few years before, and Anne needed to find a new life for herself and her daughter. In her mother's kitchen during those lean years, Anita discovered how to cook simply, cheaply but also deliciously. Her active high school years in Mount Forest unveil the dynamo to come. Anita went on to finish her BA in Child Psychology, her MA in Gastronomy from Australia and raise four sons, all of whom work in the Canadian food scene.

As a prolific cookbook author, Anita's writing educated the world about what we grow, forage, fish and raise. She went even further by connecting and nourishing the people who contribute to the food industry through agriculture, tourism, fishing, and of course the chefs. She travelled from sea to sea to sea by dogsled and boat to discover the diversity and beauty of Canadian cuisine.

Anita's efforts were rewarded by being the first Food Laureate at the University of Guelph, by becoming a Member of the Order of Canada in 2012, and most recently by the successful adoption of her vision for a National Canada Food Day. This bill, sponsored by MP John Nater and passed unanimously in 2022, formally establishes Food Day in Canada on the Saturday before the first Monday in August.

Our local hero Anita died before knowing that her vision was complete, and she is buried in Mount Forest beside her hero, her mother Anne.

Submitted by all the volunteers at the Mount Forest Museum & Archives who mounted the exhibit "On Her Shoulders: Unique Women in the History of Mount Forest.

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;

RESOLUTION: 2023-065

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 9:02 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;

CARRIED

1. REPORTS

- a) Report EDO 2023-005 Senior of the Year Nominees
- b) Report HR 2023-02 Wellington North Proposed New Positions and Organizational Restructure

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- February 6, 2023

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2023-066

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 9:48 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-067

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2023-005 Senior of the Year Nominees;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-068

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report HR 2023-02 Wellington North Proposed New Positions and Organizational Restructure;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-069

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the February 6, 2023 Council Meeting

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2023-070

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 016-23 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 February 21, 2023 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT


RESOLUTION: 2023-071

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Regular Council meeting of February 21, 2023 be adjourned at 9:49 p.m.

CARRIED

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