

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

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

(3.1) A meeting of a council or local board or of a committee of either of them may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:

1. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members.
2. At the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee.

RESOLUTION: 2023-137

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 6:31 p.m. that is closed to the public under subsection 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, specifically:

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CARRIED

1. REPORTS

- EDO 2023-009 Council Orientation Community Economic Development 101

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- April 3, 2023

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2023-138

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session at 6:53 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-139

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report EDO 2023-009 Council Orientation Community Economic Development 101.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-140

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the April 3, 2023 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

Mount Forest Lions Club

- 85th Anniversary Celebration

Acting Mayor Burke presented the Mount Forest Lions Club with a congratulatory certificate and proclaimed the month of May 2023 as “Mount Forest Lions Club Month” in Wellington North.

DEPUTATIONS

1. Marcus Gagliardi, Cachet Developments (Arthur) Inc.

- Request for sewage allocation to the North Arthur Developments

Mr. Gagliardi appeared before Council to request sewage allocation for North Arthur Development. As a result of provincial approval of Wellington County OPA 119, the land has a land use change from employment to designated greenfield. It is his opinion this confirms that the lands are no longer required for employment land needs and are envisioned for residential land uses. Mr. Gagliardi requested that Council, or staff, reconsider the request for the balance of the 20 infill allocation units currently available to this development.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, April 3, 2023

2. Special Meeting of Council, April 11, 2023

RESOLUTION: 2023-141

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on April 3, 2023 and the Special Meeting of Council held on April 11, 2023 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

1a ii, 2a, 3a, 3b, 5a, 6d

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2023-142

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the April 17, 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 April 4, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve, as recommended by the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee, the amendment to Municipal Alcohol Policy Section 2.1 for approval of a Special Occasion Permit (SOP) to include the walking track and the tiered seating (stands) of the Mount Forest Sports Complex for the May 6, 2023 event, with the following stipulations:

- Egress issues must be address to the satisfaction of the Township Fire Chief
- All requirements of the AGCO are the responsibility of the Mount Forest Lion's Club
- The SOP will end at 1 am

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Saugeen Connects, Press Release dated Monday, April 3rd, 2023, regarding Saugeen Connects launches 4th annual Summer Student Start-Up Program

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated April 11, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2023-016 being a report on the use municipal property to allow the Life Gears Academy to operate a day camp for six weeks.

AND THAT Council support Option 2 – the use of the Cork Street property and playground, as described in this report at a cost of \$150.00 per week.

AND FURTHER THAT, Council direct staff to enter into an agreement with Life Gears Academy to specify the terms and conditions of this partnership.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region, Municipal Newsletter, March 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the County of Wellington Notice of Adoption with respect to an Official Plan Amendment to the County of Wellington Official Plan, Section 17(23) of the Planning Act (Re: OPA 121 – County of Wellington) and By-law 5812-23, a by-law to adopt Amendment No. 121 (Development Approval Updates) to the Official Plan of the County of Wellington.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence dated April 6, 2023 from Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, regarding the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2023-143

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North, as recommended by the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee, direct staff to proceed with the decommissioning of the Lion Roy Grant Pool and rehabilitation of the property;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to seek pricing for the decommissioning and rehabilitation of the property.

CARRIED

Acting Mayor Burke left the meeting as she had previously declared a conflict with Report DC 2023-013. Councillor Hern assumed the mayor's chair.

RESOLUTION: 2023-144

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2023-013 being a report on REVISED Consent Application (Easement) B52-22 known as Part Lot 6, East of Main St., Towns Plan of Mount Forest in the town of Mount Forest.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North supports consent application B52-22 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; and
- THAT the Owner enters into a development agreement with the Township of Wellington North for the purposes of satisfying all the requirements of the Township, financial, construct and otherwise including but not limited to the provision of full road restoration (granular base, asphalt and curb) of any damaged or modified area at the proposed entrance and exit location within municipal right of way, signage posted at entrance and exit to indicate one way traffic flow, no vehicle parking within 1.5m of property line, surface treatment of the access easement to be installed to prevent erosion and the escape of dust and loose particles, line painting, and lot grading to the satisfaction of the Township and at the sole expense of the Owner.

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

Acting Mayor Burke resumed the mayor's chair.

RESOLUTION: 2023-145

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2023 – 010 on the Community Improvement Program,

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves a Façade Improvement Grant of up to \$1,200.00 to The Imagination Space at 257 Main Street South in Mount Forest,

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves a Façade Improvement Grant of up to \$2,500.00 to The Topsy Fox Pub & Grill at 187 Main Street South in Mount Forest.

CARRIED

Councillor Renken left the meeting as she had previously declared a conflict with report EDO 2023-011.

RESOLUTION: 2023-146

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2023-011 being a report on the Grants & Donations Community Development Program

AND FURTHER THAT Council, in recognition of the important role that not-for-profit organizations and community groups play in our municipality, approves the recommendation to advance \$50,534.13 in grants to the following organizations:

GROUP	RECOMMENDED FUNDING
Arthur Agricultural Society	\$ 500.00
Arthur and Area Historical Society	\$ 500.00
Arthur Chamber of Commerce	\$ 2,500.00
Arthur Grace Anglican Church	\$ 435.05 (Fee waiver)
Arthur Horticultural Society	\$ 600.00
Arthur Junior Horticultural Society	\$ 200.00
Arthur Lions Club	\$ 1,049.77 (Fee waiver)
Arthur Optimist Club	\$ 275.72 (Fee waiver)
Arthur Optimist Club	\$ 2,292.77 (Fee waiver)
	\$ 207.23 (donation)
Arthur Opti-Mrs. Club	\$ 500.00
Arthur SU Sports Camp	\$ 749.99 (Fee waiver)
Big Brothers Big Sisters of North Wellington	\$ 1,000.00

Friends of Bill Walker "Git Yer Hillbilly On" Ribfest	\$ 435.05 (Fee waiver)
Hayden's Hope Foundation	\$ 1,908.71 (Fee waiver)
Hope Committee	\$ 1,500.00
Little Black Dress	\$ 735.91 (Fee waiver)
Lynes Blacksmith Shop	\$ 1,000.00
Mount Forest Agricultural Society	\$ 500.00
Mount Forest Chamber of Commerce	\$ 2,500.00
Mount Forest Community Garden	\$ 1,500.00
Mount Forest & District Arts Council	\$ 350.00
Mount Forest Fireworks Festival	\$ 2,500.00
Mount Forest Horticultural Society	\$ 1,500.00
Mount Forest Lions Club	\$ 500.00
Mount Forest Lions Club	\$ 1,155.00 (Fee waiver)
Mount Forest Louise Marshall Hospital Auxiliary	\$ 500.00
Mount Forest Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation - Gala	\$ 2,907.49 (Fee waiver)
Mount Forest Museum & Archives/ Heritage Society	\$ 500.00
Mount Forest Royal Canadian Legion	\$ 130.00 (Fee waiver)
North Wellington Health Care Recruitment	\$ 15,000.00
Saugeen Community Radio Inc.	\$ 2,426.00 (Fee waiver)
The Raw Carrot Gourmet Soup Enterprise	\$ 500.00
Wellington Heights Secondary School Warm Winter Wishes Program	\$ 650.00
Wellington Heights Secondary School (Scholarships)	\$ 900.00
West Luther 4-H	\$ 125.44 (Fee waiver)
TOTAL GRANTS \$ 14,626.90 (Fee waivers) \$ 35,907.23 (donation)	\$ 50,534.13

AND FURTHER THAT Council, provide direction to staff in regard to the six applications outlined below, that require council review and decision.

GROUP	REQUEST
Arthur and Area Historical Society	\$ 2,500.00 (Donation)
Arthur Public School	\$ 5,000.00 (Donation)
Big Brothers Big Sisters	\$ 836.20 (Fee waiver)
Hospice Wellington	\$ 1,950.00 (Fee waiver)
Kenilworth Public School	\$ 12,500.00 (Donation)
The Personal Empowerment Studio	\$ 2,000.00 (Donation)
	\$ 24,786.20

CARRIED

Council directed staff to invite Robin Ross, Trustee for the Upper Grand District School Board, to attend a future meeting.

Council was supportive of funding the requests for donations from the Arthur and Area Historical Society, Arthur Public School, Kenilworth Public School, and The Personal Empowerment Studio, and the request for waiver of fees from the Big Brothers Big Sisters and Hospice Wellington. Staff were directed to bring a report to a future meeting regarding funding of the six requests.

Councillor Renken returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: 2023-147

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2023-015 being a report on the 2023 sewage allocations;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to work towards entering a sewage allocation agreement with the following developers in Wellington North:

- VED Homes - Extension of Adelaide Street, west of Conestoga Street – 35 Units;
- Dan Prospero & Ines Prospero - 178 Main Street South – 14 Units;
- John Welton Custom Homebuilding Ltd. - Sunvale Homes Subdivision (NW Corner of Cork and Martin Streets) – 100 Units; and
- Farhan Mahood - 425 - 427 King Street East – 18 Units.

AND FURTHER THAT Council award the necessary units to allow the Building Department to have twenty (20) units of sewage allocation for distribution during 2023 for infill lots within Arthur;

AND FURTHER THAT Council award the necessary units to allow the Building Department to have twenty (20) units of sewage allocation during 2023 for infill lots within Mount Forest;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the by-laws to enter into the agreements;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to revise the fees and charges by-law associated with sewage allocation applications to include a nominal fee of \$250 per site application for 2024.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-148

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence dated April 3, 2023, from Caroline Mulrone, Minister of Transportation, regarding the 2023-24 Connecting Links Program.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Renken (Ward 1):

- Attended a Lyons Blacksmith Shop meeting. They look forward to moving forward with repairs to opening to the public.

Acting Mayor Burke (Ward 2):

- The new Chief of Staff at North Wellington Health Care is Dr. Christine Peterkin.
- There will be a Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Committee meeting on April 25th at the Mount Forest Fire Hall.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- There is a GRCA meeting next week.
- Attending the Explore Your Future in Wellington event April 18th.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Attended a ROMA meeting on Friday, April 14th.
- Will be at University of Guelph on Thursday for an announcement from OMFRA.
- Congratulations to the Mount Forest Patriots for moving on to the next round.

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating Helen Fair

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 Helen (Oulton) Fair ; 1909 – 1993.

Helen Fair came to Mount Forest in 1952 with a definite plan. She had spent her first ten years of marriage in New York City with her husband Harold Fair, a well-known newspaper correspondent at Reuters. Harold had been the first Canadian journalist sent overseas in September of 1939 to report on the war. Originally from Arthur Ontario, Harold created a plan to move back to his home in Wellington North and purchase and edit a local newspaper.

In 1954, Arthur Wright's daughter Grace was selling the Mount Forest Confederate after her father's death. Harold and Helen Fair bought the Confederate and, from the start, Helen shared equally in the management and editing of the paper. That same year Harold Fair died. Helen Fair was now the sole editor of her own newspaper.

Described as a very quiet and almost shy woman, Helen Fair could have called it quits. Instead, she became a hard-working, intelligent editor who oversaw a very successful and respected weekly paper until 1971. Through many printing and mechanical advances and through the tumultuous decade of the 60's, Helen ran the newspaper with humility and humour according to former employees.

Sheila MacEachern ran the linotype press at the paper in 1965 when she took a break one day to see a movie in Harriston before returning for her later shift. The sad movie had reduced Sheila to tears, and her editor noticed that she had been crying. Fearing that Sheila was very distraught over some grave personal matter, Helen called her into her office for comfort and reassurance. Sheila set her boss straight, but she realized then that working for a sensitive female boss like Helen Fair was going to be a wonderful new experience. Helen Fair is buried beside Harold in Arthur's Greenfield cemetery.

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".

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2023-149

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 029-23 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 April 17, 2023 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2023-150

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Regular Council meeting of April 17, 2023 be adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK