

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – AUGUST 28, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.  
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH  
HYBRID MEETING - IN PERSON AND VIA WEB CONFERENCING  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAPNwVeJClo>**

**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  
**Human Resources Manager:** Amy Tollefson  
**Director of Finance:** Jerry Idialu  
**Manager Community & Economic Development:** Dale Small

**CALLING TO ORDER**

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

RESOLUTION: 2023-294

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Agenda for the August 28, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed with the deletion of the following.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**2. PLANNING**

a. Report DC 2023-025, Consent Application B63-23 Susan & Douglas Shaw  
CARRIED

**DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

No disclosure of pecuniary interest.

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

1. Regular Meeting of Council, August 14, 2023

2. Public Meeting, August 14, 2023

RESOLUTION: 2023-295

Moved: Councillor

Seconded: Councillor

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council and the Public Meeting held on August 14, 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**

1b, 3b, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 5a

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

RESOLUTION: 2023-296

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the August 28, 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 Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee Meeting #91 held on March 31, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated August 22, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Wellington Health Care Alliance 2022 – 2023 Annual Report.

CARRIED

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

RESOLUTION: 2023-297

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Mount Forest Business Improvement Area Association Meeting held on August 15, 2023

CARRIED

Council directed staff to provide a report at the September 11, 2023 Council meeting with an update on the status of 178 Main Street South property standards issues.

RESOLUTION: 2023-298

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report TR2023-007 being a report on the proposed 2024 budget schedule;

AND FURTHER THAT council endorse the schedule proposed by staff as follows:

- September 6 - Budget templates circulated to Senior Management Team
- September 29 or earlier – Budget inputs provided to finance team for consolidation.
- October 16 or earlier - Budget Discussions between Senior Management Team Members and Director of Finance

- October 31 - Consolidated Budget Draft prepared for Senior Management review.
- November 20 - Staff presents proposed budget to Council.
- December 11 - Staff / Council presents revised budget to Public for Comment
- January 15, 2024 - Staff / Council presents revised budget based with Public Consultation (if required), and 2024 Budget By-law passed.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-299

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CAO 2023008 Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee Updates;

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North assume the consideration of recreation related reports as part of the regular Council agendas;

AND FURTHER THAT Report CAO 2023-008 be forwarded to the Township of Southgate for information;

AND FURTHER THAT the following clause of Resolution 2022-389, passed at the December 5, 2022 meeting of Council be rescinded:

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of the following members of Council to the Recreation, Parks & Leisure Committee:

- Councillor McCabe
- Councillor Renken

AND FURTHER THAT Council discontinue the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Standing Committee of Council and repeal By-law No. 013-20 being a procedure by-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings of the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee of Council for Wellington North

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to work with staff at the Township of Southgate to develop standard operating procedures as they relate to the consideration of items pertaining to the Mount Forest and Area Sports Complex and/or of mutual recreational interest;

AND FURTHER THAT By-law 014-20, being an Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Southgate and the Corporation of The Township of Wellington North be amended as appropriate based on the negotiated standard operating procedures.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-300

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CAO 2023-009 regarding the CMHC Housing Accelerator Fund – Large Urban Stream.

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the initiatives outlined in this report:

- Arthur Water Supply and Water Tower
- Mount Forest Water Tower
- Arthur Wastewater Plant Upgrade
- Growth Management Strategy
- Mount Forest Fire Hall
- Mount Forest Aquatics Centre
- Arthur and Area Community Centre

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct the Mayor, Clerk and Treasure to sign any documents required if the application moves forward in the review process.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-301

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2023-025 being a report on the adoption of the Corporate Seal;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the by-law to approve the embossed and electronic seal.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-302

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2023-026 Furmanek Drain Abandonment;

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the request for abandonment of a portion of the Furmanek Drain from station 0+000 to 0+632 in Lot 21 Concession 1 in the Township of Wellington North;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign the by-law to abandon the drainage works.

CARRIED

Council directed staff to provide a follow up report at the September 11, 2023 Council meeting to provide information regarding the future maintenance on the closed portion of the drain and potential impacts on downstream owners.

RESOLUTION: 2023-303

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive The Saugeen Economy Newsletter, January – June 2023.

CARRIED

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

No notice of motion was tabled.

**COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT**

Councillor Renken (Ward 1):

- The next Cultural Roundtable meeting will be a joint meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup> with Minto and Hanover.

**BY-LAWS**

- a. By-law Number 076-2023 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Winter Maintenance Agreement between Integrated Maintenance and Operations Service Inc. operating under the name of "Owen Sound Highway Maintenance Limited" (IMOS) and The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North
- b. By-law Number 077-2023 being a by-law to authorize and Official Seal for The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North
- c. By-law Number 078-2023 being a by-law to repeal By-law 083-1999 being a by-law to appoint fence viewers
- d. By-law Number 079-2023 being a by-law to abandon a portion of the Furmanek Drain

RESOLUTION: 2023-304

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT By-law Number 076-2023, 077-2023, 078-2023, and 079-2023 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

**CULTURAL MOMENT**

- Celebrating Community Gardens

Community gardens provide all the benefits associated with better nutrition and thus better health. Being able to engage in the activity of gardening provides stress relief, exercise, rewarding work and time in the outdoors which also has health benefits. Financially, there is the potential of quality produce at a lower price and a chance to engage in group activity with others of similar mindset. Social interaction is another determinant of health, especially as we age.

Community gardens have been around for decades, particularly in urban settings. As small-town house properties decrease in size and more people live in multi-home dwellings, we are seeing more people who do not have access to a garden. Community gardens provide that access.

In Arthur, Musashi Industries created a Community Garden in Spring of 2019 as a way to provide employees and community members with an opportunity to garden. Musashi sets aside a couple of raised beds for produce that will go directly to the Food Bank. The garden is well used every year. Musashi staff provide the oversight and administration of the community garden in Arthur.

In Mount Forest the Family Health Team identified food security as a health factor in need for the community. A grant was obtained to aid in setting up a community garden in 2023, and the community responded with many donations including a large plot of land of approximately a third of an acre. Other businesses and individuals donated wood chips, soil, seeds, and seedlings. Volunteers stepped up to provide support in maintaining the garden through weeding and watchful eyes. Volunteer human resources are structured and managed by the Family Health Team. Community members must apply for a plot and all 60 plus garden shares were quickly taken up. Several plots are reserved to grow food for the two Food Banks in Wellington North (Mount Forest and Arthur).

Submitted by Doris Cassan, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

**CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

RESOLUTION: 2023-305

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 080-2023 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 August 28, 2023 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**


RESOLUTION: 2023-306

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Regular Council meeting of August 28, 2023 be adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

CARRIED

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