

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 15, 2024 AT 2:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION PRIOR TO OPEN SESSION AT 1:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH
HYBRID MEETING - IN PERSON AND VIA WEB CONFERENCING
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=37VOqTqxjWw>**

Members Present: Mayor: Andrew Lennox
Councillors: Sherry Burke
Lisa Hern (via Zoom)
Steve McCabe
Penny Renken

Staff Present:

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| Chief Administrative Officer: | Brooke Lambert |
| Director of Legislative Services/Clerk: | Karren Wallace |
| Deputy Clerk: | Catherine Conrad |
| Director of Finance: | Jerry Idialu |
| Human Resources Manager: | Amy Tollefson |
| Manager Community & Economic Development: | Mandy Jones |
| Community Recreation Coordinator: | Tasha Grafos |
| Economic Development Officer: | Dale Small |
| Senior Project Manager: | Tammy Stevenson |
| Manager Environment & Development Services: | Corey Schmidt |
| Recreation Service Manager: | Tom Bowden |
| Manager of Development Planning: | Curtis Marshall |
| Senior Planner: | Jessica Rahim |

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2024-001

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Agenda and the Supplementary Agenda for the January 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Burke declared an indirect pecuniary interest with the following:

Under the heading of Items for Consideration, 2. Planning:

- b. Report DEV 2024-002, Consent Application B92-23, David Fletcher
- c. Report DEV 2024-003, Consent Application B93-23, Leroy Shantz

As her employer prepared appendices for the applications.

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: 2024-002

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 1:31 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

- CAO 2024-001 Shared Fire Management Services Agreement 2024 - 2034

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- December 11, 2023

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2024-003

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session at 2:12 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-004

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CAO 2024-001 Shared Fire Management Services Agreement 2024 – 2034.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-005

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the December 11, 2023 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

O'CANADA

PRESENTATIONS

1. Andrew Coburn, Coburn Insurance Brokers Ltd., Broker of Record
Colin Smith, Intact Public Entities, Regional Manager
Angie Hunt, Coburn Insurance Brokers Ltd., Commercial Lines Account Manager
 - 2024 Township Insurance

Mr. Coburn provided a review of the state of the insurance industry; an update on municipal property insurance, municipal casualty insurance and cyber insurance; a review of the Township’s municipal insurance program; the Intact Public Entity proposal; and a year over year comparison.

RESOLUTION: 2024-006

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

That the Council of the Township of Wellington North accept the proposed insurance coverage for the Township of Wellington North for the insurance renewal year beginning January 31, 2024 as applicable to the policies.

CARRIED

RECESS TO MOVE INTO MEETINGS UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

RESOLUTION: 2024-007

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the January 15, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council at 2:29 p.m. for the purpose of holding meetings under the Planning Act.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- A20/23, John Klassen (7820 Wellington Road 109)
- A21/23, Pinestone Construction (243 & 245 Schmidt Drive)

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2024-008

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the January 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council at 2:39 p.m.

CARRIED

QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No questions on agenda items were tabled.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, December 11, 2023

RESOLUTION: 2024-009

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on December 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

1b, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2e, 4b, 4c, 6a, 7a, 7b, 7c

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2024-010

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the January 15, 2024 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 Business Improvement Area Association Meeting held on December 12, 2023 and the Annual General Meeting held on November 15, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DEV 2024-004 Consent Application B100-23, Gwen & Donald Cormack.

AND THAT Council support consent application B100-23 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 \$250.00 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 the Owner enter into an agreement apportioning any future maintenance costs on any municipal drain impacted by the application, and the owner shall provide a \$500.00 deposit to cover the cost of the re-apportionment if it is determined there are municipal drains impacted by the application and a \$250.00 fee for the Drainage Superintendent's review of the application to determine status of any drain;
- THAT the retained lands be rezoned to permit the Agricultural Commercial Use to the satisfaction of the local municipality and the County of Wellington;

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.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2024-001 being the Building Permit Review for the month of December 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2024-002 Saugeen Connects 2023 Year in Review.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated January 8, 2024.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information the Guelph Wellington Crime Stoppers Winter 2023/24 Newsletter.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information the correspondence dated December 15, 2023 from Saugeen Conservation, notice from Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry Regarding Fee Changes Associated with Planning, Development and Permitting Fees.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Grand River Conservation Authority correspondence dated December 22, 2023 regarding 2024 Grand River Conservation Authority Municipal Apportionment and Budget Vote Meetings, and Report Number GM-10-23-80 dated October 27, 2023 regarding Budget 2024 – Draft #1.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the AMO Social and Economic Prosperity Review; and

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life;

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year;

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation;

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure;

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises;

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity;

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need;

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities;

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2024-011

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur Business Improvement Association Annual General Meeting held on December 13, 2023.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-012

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DEV 2024-001 Consent Application B91-23, Derrick & Lynne Weber.

AND THAT Council support consent application B91-23 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 \$250.00 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 the Owner enter into an agreement apportioning any future maintenance costs on any municipal drain impacted by the application, and the owner shall provide a \$500.00 deposit to cover the cost of the re-apportionment if it is determined there are municipal drains impacted by the application and a \$250.00 fee for the Drainage Superintendent's review of the application to determine status of any drain;

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

Councillor Burke left the Council Chambers as she had previously declared a pecuniary interest with Report DEV2024-002 and DEV2024-003.

RESOLUTION: 2024-013

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DEV 2024-002 Consent Application B92-23, David Fletcher.

AND THAT Council support consent application B92-23 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 \$250.00 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 the Owner enter into an agreement apportioning any future maintenance costs on any municipal drain impacted by the application, and the owner shall provide a \$500.00 deposit to cover the cost of the re-apportionment if it is determined there are municipal drains impacted by the application and a \$250.00 fee for the Drainage Superintendent's review of the application to determine status of any drain;

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: 2024-014

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DEV 2024-003 Consent Application B93-23, Leroy Shantz.

AND THAT Council support consent application B93-23 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 \$250.00 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 the Owner enter into an agreement apportioning any future maintenance costs on any municipal drain impacted by the application, and the owner shall provide a \$500.00 deposit to cover the cost of the re-apportionment if it is determined there are municipal drains impacted by the application and a

\$250.00 fee for the Drainage Superintendent's review of the application to determine status of any drain;

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

Councillor Burke returned to the Council Chambers.

RESOLUTION: 2024-015

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2024-002 being a report on Cachet Developments (Arthur) Inc. Amending Agreement – Lot 90;

AND THAT Council designate Lot 90, Plan 61M248 (273 Dingman St) as a Class 4 Acoustic Area;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the by-law to enter into the amending agreement in the form, or substantially the same form as the draft Agreement, with Cachet Developments (Arthur) Inc.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-016

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2024-002 additional waste collection in downtown areas;

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a by-law to enter into an agreement with the County of Wellington to provide weekly waste collection in the Arthur and Mount Forest downtown areas;

AND FURTHER THAT Council support the recommendation that the cost for this additional service be included in the 2024 operational budget with the opportunity for both BIA's to budget for this service in 2025.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-017

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2024-003 Business Improvement Association Update;

AND THAT Council approve the 2024 workplan, budget and tax levy of \$361.45 per property as presented and approved at the Nov. 15th, 2023, MF BIA Annual General Meeting,

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the 2024 workplan, budget and tax levy of \$350.00 per property as presented and approved at the Dec 13th, 2023, Arthur BIA Annual General Meeting,

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the following 2024 Directors for the Mount Forest BIA. Andrew Coburn, Dwight Benson, Jessica McFarlane, Maggie Schram, Kayla Morton, Amanda Boylan, Rachael Whetham, Allison Litt and Bill Nelson.

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the following 2024 Directors for the Arthur BIA. Angela Alaimo, Gord Blyth, Jim Coffey, Paula Coffey, Money Dadwin, Sheila Faulkner, Tom Gorecki and Mitch Keirstead.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-018

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report FAC 2024-001 being a report on the Mount Forest Agricultural grounds usage after March 31, 2024;

AND THAT Council of the Township of Wellington North approve the proposed use of these lands as additional storage for Township use or for rental by the public;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to review this location as part of any future discussions related to additional recreational facilities required in the future.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-019

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CAO 2024-002 Southgate Recreation Agreement;

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the draft agreement as outlined;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to forward the draft agreement to the Township of Southgate for Council consideration;

AND FURTHER THAT if approved by Southgate, staff be directed to bring forward a by-law at a future meeting of Council;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the by-law.

CARRIED

Council directed staff to include a clause in the agreement to consider the impact of inflation at the time of renegotiation.

RESOLUTION: 2024-020

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report CLK 2024-001 Crossing Guard Safety.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-021

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report CLK 2024-003 Clerk's 2023 Year End Review.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- The Wellington North Fire Service Awards Evening was well attended on Saturday and provided an opportunity to connect with the Fire Service and see the long-term service awards presented.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Thanked Tom Gorecki for his contribution as Chair of the Arthur Chamber of Commerce and Treasurer of the Arthur Business Improvement Association.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, January 19th.
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference begins this weekend and is going on until Tuesday morning. He will be presenting a session on managing risk and liability.

Mayor Lennox:

- An Official Grand Opening for Topsy Fox in Arthur will be held Saturday, January 20th.
- A Grand Opening for Sandwich Club in Arthur was held before Christmas.
- AMO staff presented the resolution that was part of the Items for Consideration at a meeting with the Western Wardens on January 12th to request a review of who pays for what. The last review was in 2007. There will be a joint delegation at ROMA with Mapleton and Minto to talk about some of these issues.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 001-2024 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a License Agreement between the Corporation of the City of Guelph and the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North (Arthur Fire Hall)
- b. By-law Number 002-2024 being a by-law to amend By-law 083-2022 being a by-law to enter into a Subdivision Agreement with Cachet Developments (Arthur) Inc.
- c. By-law Number 003-2024 being a by-law to authorize the execution of Connecting Links Program Contribution Agreement with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario (as represented by the Minister of Transportation) and The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North for Smith Street Arthur

RESOLUTION: 2024-022

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 001-2024, 002-2024 and 003-2024 be read and enacted.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating Olive (Palmer) Diefenbaker

Thinking back, has there ever been a teacher in your life who has left a profound influence on you as an adult?

Such was the case of a teacher, Olive Palmer. Olive was born in Roland, Manitoba in 1902. Her father, Charles Freeman was a Baptist Minister and Olive first met a young John Diefenbaker in Saskatoon at the church where her father was preaching. He was studying Law at the University of Saskatchewan. Shortly after, Olive's family moved to Ontario for the ministry.

She attended McMaster University and Teacher's College majoring in French and in 1933, began teaching in Guelph where she met Harry Palmer, a lawyer, her first husband. He died suddenly in 1936 leaving Olive and a daughter Caroline. Olive went back to teaching and was given a job at Arthur District High School where she taught until 1940 when she moved to Owen Sound to begin a new career as the director of child guidance for The Ontario Department of Education.

She reunited with John Diefenbaker in 1951 and they were married in 1953 in Toronto. Olive revisited Arthur with her husband John Diefenbaker in 1962 and throughout his time as Prime Minister of Canada 1957-1963, was an asset to his campaign team for her ability to remember names, her charm and being able to speak fluent French. Olive Diefenbaker died in 1976 in Ottawa as a former wife of our 13th Prime Minister but in Arthur for many former students, she was Mrs. Palmer.

Submitted by Bonny McDougall, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2024-023

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 004-2024 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 January 15, 2024 be read and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT


RESOLUTION: 2024-024

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Regular Council meeting of January 15, 2024 be adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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Karren Wallace
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