

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JANUARY 29, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION PRIOR TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH
HYBRID MEETING - IN PERSON AND VIA WEB CONFERENCING
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Members Present: Mayor: Andrew Lennox
Councillors: Sherry Burke
Lisa Hern (via Zoom)
Steve McCabe
Penny Renken

Staff Present:

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
Chief Building Official:	Darren Jones
Senior Project Manager:	Tammy Stevenson
Manager Community & Economic Development:	Mandy Jones
Recreation Service Manager:	Tom Bowden
Senior Planner:	Jessica Rahim

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2024-025

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Agenda for the January 29, 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 2024-006 Notice of Decision Received for Consent Applications B82-23 & B90-23

As her employer had prepared appendices for previous reports.

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

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

- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

RESOLUTION: 2024-026

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

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:

- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

CARRIED

1. REPORTS

- OLT Decision Red Maple Land Company Inc. Minor Variance

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- January 15, 2024

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2024-027

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session at 6:54 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-028

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the OLT Decision Red Maple Land Company Inc. Minor Variance;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-029

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the January 15, 2024 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

O'CANADA

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Campbell Cork, Ward 3 County Councillor

The County of Wellington approved the 2024 Budget with a 4.6% increase. Two items debated were an increase in the price of user pay garbage bags and changing ten of the part-time snowplow drivers to full time employees.

The cost of the garbage bags has been \$2 for a large bag and \$1.50 for a small bag since 2016. An increase of .50 per bag was approved. Charging for the bags encourages people to put less garbage out, recycle more and to put their organics out, saving space in the landfill site. A survey of eleven other municipalities with bag fees showed Wellington County was one of the two lowest. This increase will generate another \$300,000 of revenue to be used for protection of our landfill site. The increase will be effective July 1st.

Over the years the County has experienced increasing difficulties hiring part-time snowplow drivers, of which we have thirty-six. Hiring ten as full-time will take pressure off the hiring process. During the spring, summer and fall they will be doing maintenance and landscape work around the County. Currently the landscape work is contracted at a cost of \$300,000. It is hoped to save \$100,000 by using full-time employees. The department has not increased its full-time complement of staff over the last twenty-five years and during that time the Province has downloaded 144 Km of high volume highways to the County.

The footings and foundation for the new Arthur Works Garage are complete. The timber structure is scheduled for installation at the end of February, with the project to be complete by the end of the year.

Councillor Hern asked if the price of the tipping fees will be increasing. Councillor Cork commented that the price for other garbage bags being used will increase. The tonnage rate is going up to be closer to cost recovery. Mayor Lennox advised that County activated a plan a few years ago to bring fees up to cost recovery with annual increases.

Councillor McCabe inquired why timbers were being used in the new Arthur Works Garage, rather than steel and cement. Mayor Lennox explained that it is engineered timber, not conventional timber. Engineered timber has a better fire rating than steel. Also, steel does not withstand the salt and brine.

RECESS TO MOVE INTO MEETINGS UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

RESOLUTION: 2024-030

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the January 29, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:26 p.m. for the purpose of holding meetings under the Planning Act.

CARRIED

PUBLIC MEETING

- Gwen and Donald Cormack, Zoning By-law Amendment

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2024-031

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the January 29, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council at 8:08 p.m.

CARRIED

QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

No questions on agenda items were tabled.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, January 15, 2024

RESOLUTION: 2024-032

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on January 15, 2024 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, 1d, 1e, 2b, 2c, 4a, 5a

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2024-033

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the January 29, 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 Mount Forest District Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting December 12, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Wellington North Growth Management Action Plan Project Advisory Committee Meeting #1 held on January 16, 2024.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DEV 2024-005 Consent Application B101-23, Mapleton Pork Ltd. c/o Rik Altena.

AND THAT Council support consent application B101-23 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 satisfy the requirements of the Township of Wellington North in reference to parkland dedication consistent with By-Law 011-22
- 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 barn on the retained parcel, labeled as "Barn (T.B.R)" in the application, be demolished and the site left in a graded level condition to the satisfaction of the Township;
- THAT the retained lands be rezoned to restrict residential development 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 the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated January 22, 2024.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2024-004 Award of George Kirkness Municipal Drain;

AND FURTHER THAT Council award the project to Robinson Farm Drainage Limited at a project cost of \$340,546.00 excluding applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Clerk or their designate to sign any necessary agreements with the successful bidders to execute this project.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority correspondence dated January 16, 2024 regarding 2024 Draft Work Plan and Budget.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2024-034

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Mount Forest Business Improvement Association Meeting held on January 9, 2024.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-035

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Safe Communities Wellington County Leadership Table Meeting held on November 15, 2023.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-036

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors Meeting held on November 30, 2023.

CARRIED

Councillor Burke left the Council Chambers as she had previously declared an indirect pecuniary interest with Report DEV 2024-006.

RESOLUTION: 2024-037

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report DEV 2024-006 regarding the Notice of Decision for the following Consent Applications, received from the County of Wellington Planning and Land Division Committee:

- B82-23, Joseph Robert, Part Park Lot 6, n/s Durham St. & w/s Main St., Plan Town of Mount Forest known as 365 Durham Street West (Severance);
- B90-23, Alette Holsteins Ltd., Part Lot 6, Concession 5 (Arthur Township) known as 7572 Sideroad 3 East (Severance)

CARRIED

Councillor Burke returned to the Council Chambers.

RESOLUTION: 2024-038

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Ontario Land Tribunal Decision, dated January 19, 2024, for Case No: OLT-23-000640, Red Maple Land Company Inc., Minor Variance.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-039

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report FAC 2024-002 being a report on the award of an Ice Resurfacer;

AND THAT Council waive the requirement for a competitive process as detailed within the Township's purchasing and procurement policy;

AND FURTHER THAT Council award the supply of the new ice Resurfacers to Resurface Corporation at a cost of \$104,975.00 plus applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North authorize the Manager of Recreation Services, or their designate, sign any necessary agreements in order to make this purchase.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-040

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report CLK 2024-002 Cemetery full cost recovery.

CARRIED

Council directed staff to provide a report regarding historical operating costs of the cemetery, information about the cemeteries used for comparison regarding their size and if they are operating on a full cost recovery, and a proposed fee schedule with a phased in approach with options for more discussion.

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion was tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Thank you to Council and staff that attended the ROMA conference. There were 1,847 people registered and session were full or overflowing. There has been a lot of good feedback on the conference.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 005-2024 being a by-law to amend restrictive covenants (455 Dublin Street, Mount Forest)

RESOLUTION: 2024-041

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT By-law Number 005-2024 be read and enacted.

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2024-042

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 006-2024 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 29, 2024 be read and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT


RESOLUTION: 2024-043

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Regular Council meeting of January 29, 2024 be adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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Karren Wallace
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