

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – FEBRUARY 26, 2024 AT 7:00 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: Lisa Hern
Steve McCabe
Penny Renken

Members Absent: Councillor: Sherry Burke

Staff Present:
Chief Administrative Officer: Brooke Lambert
Deputy Clerk: Catherine Conrad
Executive Assistant to CAO: Tasha Grafos
Director of Finance: Jerry Idialu
Human Resources Manager: Amy Tollefson
Senior Project Manager: Tammy Stevenson
Manager Community & Economic Development: Mandy Jones
Recreation Service Manager: Tom Bowden
Director of Fire Services: Chris Harrow

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2024-064

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Agenda for the February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest declared.

O'CANADA

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Steve O'Neill, Ward 4 County Councillor

Councillor O'Neill provided the following updates:

- Blue box collection will become the producers responsibility province wide on January 1, 2026. Many municipalities have begun the transition already. Wellington County will transition from July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Details will be communicated to residents in the spring of 2025. Curbside pickup will continue, and residents should not see any changes during the

transition period. Staff is preparing options for Council to consider when the transition is complete. Currently County residents can drop off recyclables at transfer stations throughout the County and at Riverstown. It is not expected that producers will collect anywhere but curbside. If recyclables are accepted at the County facilities the County will have to transport them at a cost. The producers will not pick up from industrial, commercial, or institutional sectors. More materials will be accepted for recycling once full producer responsibility is in place. It's possible recycling will be picked up in the large carts by trucks equipped with mechanical arms.

- A two-day health and housing symposium was held on January 30th and 31st in Guelph with city and county councillors along with health and housing experts. Wellington County is responsible for social services in the County and the City of Guelph. Housing and homelessness is an issue in our communities, and the City of Guelph is having an extremely hard time with homelessness. Addiction and mental health greatly contribute to the problems facing our community. A follow up meeting is being held April 17 in Guelph to give an update on progress made in February and March, review the information gathered in January, and act on some of the key objectives.
- As of April 1st the County Social Services Committee is expected to change. Currently it consists of the County Warden, four County Councillor and the Mayor of Guelph. The new committee will be made up of four elected County representatives and four elected City of Guelph representatives. The ambulance service is administered by the City of Guelph and will also fall under the new committee. The County will still be social services administrator and the City will still be the lead on ambulance services.
- The County tender for an automated speed enforcement program has closed and a report will go to the Roads Committee in March. Automated speed enforcement can only be installed at dedicated community safety zones. If approved, it is expected some local municipalities will want to participate as well after the first trial.

QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No questions on agenda items were tabled.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, February 12, 2024

RESOLUTION: 2024-065

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 12, 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

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ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2024-066

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the February 26, 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 Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Membership Meeting #11-2023 held on November 15, 2023 and Membership Meeting #12-2023 held on December 20, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Maitland Source Protection Authority Meeting #2-23 held on September 20, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated February 20, 2024.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2024-067

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

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 January 19, 2024.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-068

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the County of Wellington Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on December 7, 2023.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-069

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2024-006, Rural Economic Development (RED) Grant Application;

AND THAT Council supports the application being submitted in partnership with our local BIA's and Chambers of Commerce.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-070

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CAO 2024-004;

AND THAT Council endorses the continuation of the Shared Fire Services Management Agreement with the Town of Minto and expansion of the partnership to include the Township of Mapleton;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Clerk and the Mayor to sign the By-law to enter into the partnership agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to develop a three-year work plan that will address the following priorities:

- Fire Services Master Plan
- Community Risk Assessment
- Facility Review/Mount Forest Fire Station Design

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to work with the Shared Fire Service Management Team to strengthen and align Township policies and procedures, specifically with respect to Human Resources;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to ensure ongoing communication with all stakeholders about the partnership, and that within the Wellington North Fire Services there is a renewed focus on internal unity, respect, co-operation.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Renken (Ward 1):

- The Mount Forest BIA held a successful Family Fun Fest on Saturday, February 17th.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Arthur BIA meeting last week to go through the planning coming up and discussing the new community group.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- OMAFRA and IESO held a webinar on February 22nd regarding battery storage.

Mayor Lennox:

- Dropped the puck at the Wellington North Fire Service vs. Mount Forest Patriots alumni charity game on February 24th to raise money for the foodbanks.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 014-2024 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 (Mount Forest and District Sports Complex)
- b. By-law Number 015-2024 being a by-law to authorize the purchase of real property being 213 Gordon Street, formerly Village of Arthur now Township of Wellington North
- c. By-law Number 016-2024 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement for Fire Chief Services between The Corporation of the Town of Minto and The Corporation of the Township of Mapleton and The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North and repeal By-law 093-2020

RESOLUTION: 2024-071

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 014-2024, 015-2024 and 016-2024 be read and passed.

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2024-072

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 017-2024 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 February 26, 2024 be read and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

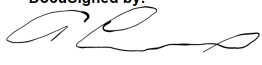
RESOLUTION: 2024-073

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Regular Council meeting of February 26, 2024 be adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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Karren Wallace
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