

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 22, 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
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o6Wdzneuo70>**

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
Director of Finance: Jeremiah Idialu
Human Resources Manager: Amy Tollefson
Chief Building Official: Darren Jones
Development Clerk: Tammy Pringle
Senior Project Manager: Tammy Stevenson
Manager Environment & Development Services: Corey Schmidt
Manager Community & Economic Development: Mandy Jones
Recreation Service Manager: Tom Bowden
Manager of Development Planning: Curtis Marshall
Drainage Engineer: Neal Morris
Drainage Engineer: Thomas Jackson

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2024-229

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Agenda for the July 22, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No disclosure of pecuniary interest disclosed.

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

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

(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: 2024-230

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 6:33 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

- CLK 2024-018, Committee of Adjustment

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- June 24, 2024

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2024-231

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session at 6:57 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-232

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report CLK 2024-018, Committee of Adjustment.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-233

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the June 24, 2024 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

O'CANADA

RECESS TO MOVE INTO COURT OF REVISION

RESOLUTION: 2024-234

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the Regular Council Meeting of July 22, 2024 at 7:02 p.m. for the purpose of holding a Court of Revision for the Arthur Drain 6.

CARRIED

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2024-235

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the July 22, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:06 p.m.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

Angela Stanley, CEO, Wellington Health Care Alliance

- LMH Hospital Update

Ms. Stanley presented an update regarding Wellington Health Care Alliance (WHCA) and the Louise Marshall Hospital including:

- 2023/2024 WHCA Statistics
- 2023/2024 WHCA Financials
- Health Human Resources and Emergency Room Closures
- Health Care Recruitment and Retention
- Wellington North Physician Recruitment
- Primary Care
- Louise Marshall Hospital Nurse Recruitment
- New Nurses
- Always Be Recruiting:
 - Health Care training in Mount Forest
 - Southern Ontario Physician Recruitment Alliance (SOPRA)
 - Local Career Fairs
 - New Physician Recruitment Video Launched
- Retention Efforts:
 - Continuing Education
 - Care Cart
 - New Therapy Dog Program
- Community Support

DEPUTATIONS

a. Thomas Potts

- Request Council to reconsider renovations to the existing pool on Parkside Drive

Mr. Potts appeared before Council to address the decision not to repair the existing pool, build a new pool, and to reconsider renovations to the existing pool on Parkside Drive. He noted he would like a more extensive evaluation of the possibility of modernizing and rehabilitating the current pool.

The Mayor set aside the procedure by-law and permitted unscheduled deputations on the issue.

Chuck Markell believes in fixing what you have and would like to see the old pool fixed rather than build a new one.

Joe Wettlaufer asked if there was any discussion about putting an accessible pool in Kenilworth that would be neutral for both towns instead of having to replace the pool in Arthur in the future.

Victor Zymantas inquired what the problem is with the old pool, and how much the repairs would have cost.

Michelle McInnis advised she has read all the past documents but could not find anything that said the old pool was unrepairable.

Laura Riehl wondered if consideration had been given to bus people to the Arthur pool.

Bill Coad felt \$5.5 million is a huge amount of money and inquired how it would be paid for and when would it be paid off.

Mayor Lennox commented that he has heard of people concerned that this hasn't been an open and transparent process. While he understands that sometimes the Council process doesn't seem accessible to people, this has been very open and transparent and has been going on at least eight years. He advised that there was a significant process to come to a decision to build a new pool without repairing the old one and having taken an exhaustive approach, it doesn't warrant revisiting.

QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

No questions on agenda items registered.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, July 8, 2024
2. Public Meeting, July 8, 2024

RESOLUTION: 2024-236

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council and the Public Meeting held on July 8, 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

2a, 3c, 5a, 5b, 6a

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2024-237

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the July 22, 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 Planning Report prepared by Jamie Barnes, Junior Planner and Jessica Rahim, Senior Planner, County of Wellington, dated July 12, 2024 regarding 61M248 Part of Lots 23, 24, and 133, 401 and 405 Adelaide St., 101 Dingman St., Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA 12/24), Removal of Holding (H) Provision.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2024-029 Community Improvement Plan;
AND THAT Council approve a Façade Improvement Loan and Grant Program in the amount of \$1,000 to Walsh's Pharmacy, Mount Forest.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive report C&ED 2024-031 being a report on the upcoming Volunteer Celebration and Newcomer Welcome;
AND THAT Council invite all volunteers and newcomers in our community to join us on Thursday, September 12, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex for a Volunteer Celebration and Newcomer Welcome.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated July 15, 2024

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report INF 2024-013 being a report on the Municipal Office and Works Yard in Kenilworth asphalt replacement;
AND THAT Council authorize the addition of the Municipal Office and Works Yard parking lot to the 2024 Asphalt Program in the amount of \$135,061.50 plus – not to exceed the approved 2024 Capital Budget of \$1,444,700;
AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Senior Project Manager or their designate to sign any necessary agreements with the successful bidder to execute this project.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the County of Wellington Planning Committee Report, prepared by Sarah Wilhelm, Manager of Policy Planning, dated June 13, 2024, regarding County Official Plan Review – Progress Report #11.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2024-238

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2024-008, Lease Extension Minister of Infrastructure (9135 Highway 6);

AND THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Fifth Lease Extension and Amending Agreement with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-239

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2024-033 being a report on members of the Cultural Roundtable;

AND FURTHER THAT Council receives the resignation of the following members effective immediately: June Turner, Sue Doherty and Gerald Townsend.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-240

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report INF 2024-011 being a report on Service Connection Policy;

AND THAT Council adopt the Service Connection Policy in a form substantially the same as shown in Attachment A;

AND FURTHER THAT Council adopt the Approved Service Connection Contractor List in a form substantially the same as shown in Attachment B;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to revise the fees and charges by-law associated with service connection permit fees to remove those no longer applicable and include:

- Service Connection Permit Pre-Consultation Fee \$300
- Service Connection Demolition Permit Application and Inspection Fee \$300
- Service Connection Demolition Deposit \$3,000
- Low Pressure Sanitary Service Connection Fee \$1,000
- Storm Service Connection Fee \$1,700
- Service Connection Permit – New Service Application and Inspection (1 service) Fee \$1,500
- Service Connection Permit – New Service Application and Inspection (2 services) Fee \$2,000

- Service Connection Permit – New Service Application and Inspection (3 services) Fee \$2,250
- Service Connection New Service Permit Deposit – 100% cost of construction up to a maximum of \$20,000

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-241

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report INF 2024-012 being a report on 393 Parkside Drive Lion Roy Grant Pool;

AND THAT Council direct staff to reduce the tendering period to 3 weeks for the Lion Grant Pool Demolition instead of the typical 45-day period (as outlined by the Procurement Policy 003-2018);

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to protect the future expansion of the waterworks facility to allow for future growth including the installation of a new water tower to the west of the existing well house.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-242

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report CLK 2024-017 cemetery maintenance update.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- Mount Forest BIA and Chamber of Commerce have discussed the lack of parking at the north end of the business corridor

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting on July 18th – currently recruiting for a General Manager and a Manager of Water Resources.
- ROMA meeting on July 19th with discussion on homelessness and housing

Mayor Lennox:

- Fireworks Festival was very well attended. Thank you to all the volunteers

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 061-2024 being a by-law to amend By-law 018-19 being a by-law to establish a code of conduct for members of Council, local board, committee and advisory committee members of the Township of Wellington North

- b. By-law Number 062-2024 being a by-law to authorize a Fifth Lease Extension and Amending Agreement
- c. By-law Number 063-2024 being a by-law to amend Zoning By-law Number 66-01 being the Zoning By-law for the Township of Wellington North. (Removal of Holding (H) Provision, Cachet, 401 & 405 Adelaide Street, and 101 Dingman Street)

RESOLUTION: 2024-243

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 061-2024, 062-2024, and 063-2024 be read and passed.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating Charles McKellar

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2024-244

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 064-2024 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 July 22, 2024 be read and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2024-245

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Regular Council meeting of July 22, 2024 be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

CARRIED

Signed by:



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MAYOR

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CLERK