

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 23, 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
[September 23, 2024, Township of Wellington North Council meeting \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)**

Members Present: Mayor: Andrew Lennox
Councillors: Sherry Burke (via Zoom)
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
Executive Assistant to the CAO:	Tasha Grafos
Director of Finance:	Jeremiah Idialu
Deputy Treasurer:	Laura Rooney
Human Resources Manager:	Amy Tollefson
Chief Building Official:	Darren Jones
Senior Project Manager:	Tammy Stevenson
Manager Environment and Development Services:	Corey Schmidt
Manager Community & Economic Development:	Mandy Jones
Community Development Coordinator:	Mike Wilson
Recreation Service Manager:	Tom Bowden

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2024-303

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Agenda for the September 23, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Mayor Lennox declared a deemed pecuniary interest with the following:

CLOSED MEETING SESISON

- Report C&ED 2024-041 Senior of the Year and Ontario Service Award Nominees

For the following reason:

One of the nominees is a family member.

Councillor Hern declared a deemed pecuniary interest with the following:

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. FINANCE

- a. Vendor Cheque Register Report, September 17, 2024

For the following reason:

The payee Cook School Bus Lines Ltd. is her husband's employer.

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: 2024-304

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 6:32 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

- C&ED 2024-041 Senior of the Year and Ontario Service Award Nominees

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- Council Meeting, September 9, 2024
- Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee Closed Session Minutes, September 10, 2024

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2024-305

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 7:02 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor Lennox turned his camera off and did not take part in the motion as he had declared a pecuniary interest with Closed Report C&ED 2024-041

RESOLUTION: 2024-306

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2024-041 Senior of the Year and Ontario Service Award Nominees;

AND THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

Mayor Lennox turned his camera back on and rejoined the meeting.

RESOLUTION: 2024-307

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Closed Session Minutes for the meeting held on September 10, 2024.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-308

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the September 9, 2024 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

Councillor Renken left the Council Chambers at 7:02 p.m. and rejoined the meeting virtually at 7:24 p.m.

O'CANADA

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Campbell Cork, Ward 3 County Councillor

Councillor Cork's provided updates on the following:

- The County's Arthur Garage is going as planned and completion is expected by the end of the year.
- A pilot project is planned to plant pollinators on road sides. Locations are the McNamara Tract and the Cumnock Tract. If the pilot is successful, they will move on to the rest of the County.
- A minimum waste fee of \$10 is proposed at the landfill site and transfer stations, with the exception of household hazardous waste and leaf and garden waste. It will include yellow bags, which will encourage curb side garbage pickup, which is already paid for.
- Wellington County has received an AAA credit rating from Standard and Poor.
- The County met with Metrolinx to explain how the RideWell service works, discuss improving public transit in the north end of the County and advocate for GO us service along the Highway 6 corridor. The County has also joined the Southwest Community Transit Advocacy Group that advocates for rural public transit.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Murray Short, Partner, RLB Chartered Professional Accountants
 - Township of Wellington North 2023 Financial Statements Presentation
 - Draft Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023

Mr. Short's presentation of the Draft Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2022 reviewed the following:

- Audit Overview
- Audit Report
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Operations
- Statement of Changes in Net Financial Assets
- Statement Cash Flows
- Schedule of Accumulated Surplus
- Deferred Revenue
- Reserve and Reserve Funds
- Next Steps

RESOLUTION: 2024-309

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the draft Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2023;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes staff to allocate general surplus pursuant to the Reserves and Reserve Funds Policy 006-19.

CARRIED

QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

No question on agenda items were registered.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, September 9, 2024
2. Public Meeting, September 9, 2024

RESOLUTION: 2024-310

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council and the Public Meeting held on September 9, 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, 3a, 4a, 5a

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2024-311

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT all items listed under Items for Consideration on the September 23, 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 September 10, 2024.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee meeting held on September 10, 2024.

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 June 19, 2024.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2024-013 being the Building Permit Review for the month of August 2024.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report INF 2024-016 being a report on the Fergus Street North Reconstruction Update.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report INF 2024-017 award of the Lion Roy Grant Pool and Bath House Demolition project;

AND FURTHER THAT Council award RFT 2024-010 to Yard Weasels Inc. at a cost of \$197,754.52 inclusive of HST

AND THAT Council authorize staff to sign any necessary agreements with Yard Weasels Inc to execute the Lion Roy Grant Pool and Bath House Demolition project.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the press release from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, dated September 6, 2024, announcing the appointment of Erik Downing as General Manager and Secretary Treasurer effective September 9, 2024.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2024-312

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2024-012 being a report on the award of the Arthur Area Community Centre – Upper Hall Renovation;

AND THAT Council allocate \$332,000 in the 2025 capital budget to fund the gap between the approved budget and the tender cost.

AND FURTHER THAT Council award RFT 2024-011 to Mega Group Construction at a cost of \$609,000.

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize staff to sign any necessary agreements with Mega Group Construction.

CARRIED

Councillor Hern turned off her camera and did not participate in the discussion as she had declared a pecuniary interest with the Vendor Cheque Register.

RESOLUTION: 2024-313

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated September 17, 2024.

CARRIED

Councillor Hern turned her camera on and returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: 2024-314

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report INF 2024-015 being a report on the John Street Reconstruction Update.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-315

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive report CAO 2024-011 Wellington North Power Water and Sewer Billing & Collections Implementation Update;

AND THAT the updated draft Service Level Agreement for 2025 and 2026 with Wellington North Power Inc for the Provision of Water and Sewer Billing and Collection Services be approved;

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

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Hern requested that the following resolution be brought forward to the October 7, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Be it resolved that That the Council of the Township of Wellington North request County of Wellington Land Division Committee to minimize the amount of good farmland retained with the surplus house to only an amount needed for residential purposes on severed parcels created through surplus farm dwelling severances so as to preserve agricultural land resources and minimize future land conflicts impacting the viability of agricultural operations in Wellington North;

Be it also resolved that the Township of Wellington North comment on the County's Official Plan process to this effect.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Renken (Ward 1):

- Culture Days is taking place. Details of many events are included in the Culture Days brochure.

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- The First Annual Legacy Tree event was held on Saturday and had a great turnout. Native trees were planting behind post office in Mount Forest. The organization has several youth members.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- The first SVCA meeting with new General Manager was held last week.
- The first ROMA meeting with the new board was held last Thursday and Friday. The next meeting is October 18th.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 082-2024 being a by-law to amend By-law Number 107-2023 being a by-law to establish 2025 fees and charges for recreation services provided by the municipality
- b. By-law Number 083-2024 being a by-law to establish the fees and charges for various services provided by the municipality and to repeal By-law 102-2023
- c. By-law Number 084-2024 being a by-law to establish the fees and charges for water and sewer services provided by the municipality and to repeal By-law 105-2023
- d. By-law Number 085-2024 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Pet Licensing Services Agreement between Docupet Inc., and The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North and repeal 071-2019
- e. By-law Number 086-2024 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North and Lynes Blacksmith Shop Committee for a loan

RESOLUTION: 2024-316

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 085-2024 be deferred.
CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-317

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 082-2024, 083-2024, 084-2024, and 086-2024 be read and passed.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2024-318

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 087-2024 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 September 23, 2024 be read and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2024-319

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Regular Council meeting of September 23, 2024 be adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

CARRIED

Signed by:

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MAYOR

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Karren Wallace
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CLERK