

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 18, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH
HYBRID MEETING - IN PERSON AND VIA WEB CONFERENCING
[November 18, 2024, Township of Wellington North Council Meeting \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)**

Members Present: Mayor: Andrew Lennox
Councillors: Lisa Hern
Steve McCabe
Penny Renken

Member Absent: Councillor: Sherry Burke

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
Human Resources Manager: Amy Tollefson
Chief Building Official: Darren Jones
Senior Project Manager: Tammy Stevenson
Manager of Development Planning: Curtis Marshall

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2024-394

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Agenda for the November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest disclosed.

O'CANADA

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Andrew Lennox, Mayor, provided the following update:

- Automated Speed Enforcement. The County has begun its pilot project for automated speed enforcement on County roads. Legislation states that it can only be used in community safety and school zones. Signs have been posted indicating that automated speed enforcement is coming and enforcement is expected to begin in January. The pilot is intended to run for a year and then will be evaluated to determine if the desired results were achieved. If successful, the program will be made permanent and be offered to local

municipalities. A provider has been contracted to provide equipment, do the processing, and issue the tickets.

- Replacement of four bridges on County Road 109, east of Arthur. While not finalized, the intent would be to replace two structures in 2025 and two in 2026. The plan is to ensure there is always two-way traffic. The budgetary size of this big project needs to be worked out for financing to be able to get this done as quickly as possible. Pending approval of the budget in January, we will know more about how it rolls out.
- Producer responsibility for recycling. On July 1st, 2025 producers become responsible for recycling, however they will not be picking up from businesses. The County is looking at a program for once a week pick up using a cart type system for all the businesses in the downtown cores across the County, pending budget approval. Institutional, commercial and industrial are not included in the provincial program.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Hurania Melgar, Emergency Manager/CEMC
 - Report EM 2024-002, 2024 Annual Emergency Management Programme Report

RESOLUTION: 2024-395

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EM 2024-002 Annual Emergency Management Programme Report regarding the status of the Township's Emergency Management Programme for 2024.

AND THAT THE Council accepts the annual status report of the Township's Emergency Management Programme for 2024.

CARRIED

RECESS TO MOVE INTO MEETINGS UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

RESOLUTION: 2024-396

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:16 p.m. for the purpose of holding meetings under the Planning Act.

CARRIED

PUBLIC MEETING

- ZBA 18/24, OPA-2024-01 & Draft Plan of Subdivision 23T-24002 Eastridge Landing PH V

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2024-397

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:31 p.m.

CARRIED

QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

No questions on agenda registered.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, November 4, 2024

2. Public Meeting, November 4, 2024

RESOLUTION: 2024-398

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council and the Public Meeting held on November 4, 2024 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

No business arising from previous meetings of Council.

RECESS TO MOVE INTO A PUBLIC HEARING UNDER THE BUILDING CODE ACT AND THE PLANNING ACT

RESOLUTION: 2024-399

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:32 p.m. for the purpose of holding a hearing under the Building Code Act and the Planning Act.

- Fees and charges under the Building Code Act and the Planning Act

CARRIED

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2024-400

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:34 p.m.

CARRIED

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

5a, 5b

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2024-401

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the November 18, 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 District Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting held on October 8, 2024.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting held on September 9, 2024.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting held on October 9, 2024.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DEV 037-2024 regarding the final approval of the 1000228603 Ontario Inc. Site Plan Control Agreement.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2024-048 Community Improvement Plan;
AND THAT Council approve a Façade Improvement Loan in the amount of \$2,500.00 to property owners Albertino and Lucy Argiro, 207 George Street, Arthur for upgrades already completed.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report HR 2024-005 being a report on 2024 Wellington North Employee Group Update;

AND THAT Council approve the Wellington North "CARES" values.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the County of Wellington Committee Report, dated October 10, 2024, prepared by Jameson Pickard, to the Planning Committee, regarding County Official Plan Review – OPA 123 Recommendation Report.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2024-402

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

Whereas municipalities face growing infrastructure needs, including roads, bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development; and

Whereas the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities; and

Whereas the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs; and

Whereas redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers; and

Whereas a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

1. Now Therefore Be It Hereby Resolved That Council of the Township of Wellington North formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities; and
2. Be It Further Resolved Council of the Township of Wellington North calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs; and
4. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and local MP and MPP;
5. Be It Further Resolved That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-403

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence from Karl Ellis, Board Member, Wellington North Power Inc., dated October 30, 2024 regarding a request for direction for municipal goals and expectations for service.

CARRIED

Council directed staff to work with Wellington North Power Inc. to arrange a meeting to discuss municipal goals and expectations for service.

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Renken (Ward 1):

- Cultural Round Table: holiday farmers market boxes are available.
- Hospital Auxiliary held a luncheon and bazaar on Saturday, November 16th.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Arthur BIA AGM will be held on November 20th at the Parish Hall on Georgina St., Arthur

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- ROMA Meeting on Friday, November 15th
- Friday night Sip, Savour & Shop event was well attended
- Firefighters Award Night was held on Saturday, November 16th. The firefighters requested a program to plant a tree for everyone that has been part of the firefighters.

Council directed staff to investigate the proposal of memorial trees being planted for firefighters who have served in Mount Forest, Arthur and Wellington North Fire Services.

Mayor Lennox:

- Arthur Lions 85th Anniversary celebration dinner was held on Saturday, November 16th

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 097-2024 being a by-law to amend By-law 135-2022 being a by-law to appoint members to the Mount Forest Business Improvement Area Board of Directors
- b. By-law Number 098-2024 being a by-law to regulate open air burn and repeal By-law 057-2016
- c. By-law Number 099-2024 being a by-law concerning the Collective Agreement with the Canadian Union of Public Employees (C.U.P.E.) Local 255.11 and The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North (Schedule A as per Report HR 2024-003, Proposed CUPE Agreement July 1, 2024 – June 30 2024 received in closed session on October 21, 2024)

RESOLUTION: 2024-404

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 097-2024, 098-2024 and 099-2024 be read and passed.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating the Duke of Wellington

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2024-405

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 100-2024 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 November 18, 2024 be read and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

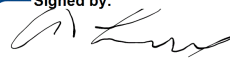
RESOLUTION: 2024-406

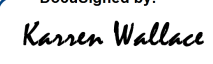
Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Regular Council meeting of November 18, 2024 be adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

CARRIED

Signed by:

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MAYOR

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CLERK