

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 1, 2020 @ 7:00 P.M.
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Members Present:

Mayor:	Andrew Lennox
Councillors:	Sherry Burke
	Lisa Hern
	Steve McCabe
	Dan Yake

Staff Present:

Chief Administrative Officer:	Michael Givens
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk:	Karren Wallace
Deputy Clerk:	Catherine Conrad
Director of Finance:	Adam McNabb
Economic Development Officer:	Dale Small
Chief Building Official:	Darren Jones
Director of Operations:	Matthew Aston
Community Recreation Coordinator:	Mandy Jones
Recreation Services Manager:	Tom Bowden
Human Resources Manager:	Chanda Riggi

CALLING TO ORDER

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2020-169

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Agenda for the June 1, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed with the addition of correspondence from the Arthur Chamber of Commerce President, Tom Gorecki, in support of Councillor Hern's motion.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest disclosed.

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Campbell Cork, County of Wellington Councillor, Ward 3

Councillor Cork provided an update on Public Health, public transportation, Wellington County funding, County Committee and Council meetings and the green bin program.

A report from Wellington Public Health states that compared to the rest of Wellington County both Wellington North and Minto have been identified for having a higher percentage of low-income households, a higher percentage of adults without a high school education, and higher rates of poor health outcomes. Poor health outcomes include higher emergency department visits, higher lung cancer related deaths, and higher hospitalizations for injuries and diabetes related incidents. Lack of public transportation is one of the largest barriers in accessing services including health, mental health, parenting, assisted living, social support, general social and recreational activities, and employment.

Hopefully, Wellington County's Ride Well transportation system will help to address the lack of affordable transit options in rural Wellington. Ride Well is now offering door-to-door service in Guelph for rides that originate or end in Wellington County. No Guelph-to-Guelph trips will be

accepted. The service operates Monday to Friday 6 am to 7 pm. Rides can be booked by downloading the Ride Well app, online at www.ridewell.ca or by calling 1-833-900-7433.

Early into the Covid-19 crisis Wellington County provided \$1-million for low interest loans to local businesses in need. \$967,000 in loans have been approved with 73 loans averaging about \$13,000 each being approved. Three loans were provided to Wellington North businesses.

Wellington North has been granted \$25,000 by Wellington County to cover twenty-seven percent funding for downtown revitalization projects in Mount Forest and Arthur. The grant is designed to assist community and local businesses starting to re-open following COVID-19, including an online shopping program known as "shopwellingtonnorth", a new online marketplace developed in partnership with the local Chamber of Commerce. The County also funds the Community Improvement Program in Mount Forest and Arthur. Downtown revitalization initiatives in Arthur will include the installation of poppy art, new street banners, new service club signage as well as marketing and promotional programs on Instagram, utilizing #arthurdowntownrising. Funding is being utilized in 2020 to support new Canada Day banners, outdoor gym equipment in the downtown and Christmas decorations for light poles.

Beginning in June, Wellington County committee meetings will return to face-to-face rather than via conference, with physical distancing using the entire Council Chamber, including the spectator gallery. The County Council session will continue as conference call in June. There are no meetings in July and August.

Landfill sites and transfer sites have reopened and are operating with regular hours. Everyone in Wellington North should have received their new green bin with kitchen catcher enclosed. An error saw a second green bin delivered to some homes, which has been corrected. The green bin can be used for things that cannot be put into composters, such as meat scraps, bones, grease and fish. Food waste represents about one-third of our waste stream. Our landfill site is irreplaceable with every foot of landfill worth \$1-million. An alternate system, such as building an incinerator, would cost multiple millions. If we can get the food waste out of the waste stream it will save millions of dollars.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, May 19, 2020

RESOLUTION: 2020-170

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 19, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

1. Councillor Hern, Notice of Motion – May 19, 2020 Regular Council Meeting

- Keith Harris, Chair, Arthur Business Improvement Association – letter of support for Councillor Hern's Notice of Motion
- Tom Gorecki, President, Arthur Chamber of Commerce President, Tom Gorecki – letter of support for Councillor Hern's Notice of Motion

RESOLUTION: 2020-171

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to work with the engineer appointed for the Arthur Connecting Link project to consult with the Arthur

chamber of Commerce and the Arthur Business Improvement Area Committee to discuss streetscape and landscape enhancements that can be undertaken at the time of the construction work on George Street and report back to the Chamber, BIA and then to Council.
CARRIED

Council provided direction to staff to receive feedback from the Arthur BIA and Chamber of Commerce committee regarding the enhancements they would like included in the Connecting Link project so that estimates can be obtained.

COUNCIL OPEN FORUM

- Wellington North municipal role in Pandemic Recovery Part 1

Council discussed the impact of the Covid-19 crisis and what their role should be going forward.

The provincial and federal governments have provided guidance for reopening; however, that does not mean we need to reopen. After the last recession there was funding available for infrastructure projects. If money becomes available for infrastructure would we have shovel ready projects for which we could apply for funding. Phase two of the Arthur Waste Water Treatment Plant and replacement of older cast iron pipes would be projects for which we could apply for should funding be made available.

Communication to the community, such as radio updates, is good to keep people aware of what is going on and should continue.

The County has a loan program for businesses and the Township has the local CIP program. As businesses and individuals recover there is going to be some financial strain. What will be the ability of residents to pay taxes? Do we hold the line on taxes to keep them steady? We still need to forward payment to the County when it is due. This crisis will have a lasting impact for several businesses. What is the expectation of our residents and businesses and how do we address that going forward? If taxation is to be more measured, how will that be financed? Some sectors were deemed essential and were able to keep going. We will have to keep dealing with these issues as things unfold.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1c, 2b, 4b, 5a, 5b

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2020-172

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT all items listed under Items for Consideration on the June 1, 2020 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 Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, General Membership Meeting #1-20 held on January 22, 2020; Maitland Source Protection Authority Meeting #1/20 held on January 22, 2020; and General Membership Meeting #2-20 Annual Meeting held on February 19, 2020.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Grand River Conservation Authority, Summary of the General Membership Meeting held on May 22, 2020.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the County of Wellington Planning Committee Report, May 14, 2020, regarding 2020 Provincial Policy Statement.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Cheque Distribution Report dated May 28, 2020.

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2020-021 being a report on structure 2057 on First Line;
AND FURTHER THAT Council award the contract for structure 2057 replacement project to Reeves Construction Limited, at a contract cost of \$108,057.00 plus applicable taxes;
AND FURTHER THAT Council waive the requirement for a competitive process detailed within the Purchasing and Procurement Policy (Policy #003-18) for this project.*

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2020-173

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur Business Improvement Association meeting held on May 20, 2020.

CARRIED

Council provided direction to staff to commit the owner of the Queen's Tavern property to a timeline and develop a plan regarding the property. The CAO and EDO will bring a report to a future Council meeting outlining possible community space options with the property.

RESOLUTION: 2020-174

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2020-014 regarding Final Approval of the Michael & Gayle Hartshorn Site Plan Agreement.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-175

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2020-022 being a report on the Township's wood brush and garden material program;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to discontinue the Township's wood brush and garden material program effective June 30, 2020, in favour of Wellington County's new "yard waste collection" program;

AND FURTHER THAT Council acknowledge the work of Township staff, specifically the transportation services and customer service teams, for their efforts, over the years delivering this program.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-176

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive correspondence dated May 19, 2020 from Karren Wallace, Director of Legislative

Services/Clerk to Ministry of Transportation regarding Regulation Number(s): O. Reg. 316/03 Highway Traffic Act.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-177

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Centre Wellington Community Foundation, Media Release, May 19th, 2020, Centre Wellington Community Foundation takes part in the new Emergency Community Support Fund.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- The new Community Group sign is going up at the north end of Arthur
- New banners will be going up in Mount Forest mid to late June
- A BMX/Skateboard Park Committee meeting will be held on June 10

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority:
 - Time booked at the SVCA to offer best wishes to retiring Interim General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer
 - The next Authority Meeting will be held on June 4

BY-LAWS

RESOLUTION: 2020-178

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 049-20 being a by-law to authorize the sale of real property being Part of Part Lot 57 PL 402 Arthur Village; Part Lot 56 PL 402 Arthur Village; Wellington North Part of PIN: 71095-0099 (LT) be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

Celebrating the Arthur Lions Club and BMX Skateboard Park

Founded in 1917, Lions Club International is the world's largest service club organization with over 46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members. Lions do whatever is needed to help their local communities and share a core belief: community is what we make it.

The Arthur Lions Club received its charter in 1939 and since then, the group has given their valuable time and effort to improve our community. The Club supports many different groups and organizations, including minor sports programs, the agricultural society, CNIB, Easter Seals, Groves Hospital and with the help of local organizations, the Club also distributes food hampers at Christmas time.

In November 2017, the Lions Club approached the Township with the idea of installing a BMX Skateboard Park. The Park is to open by 2022, in time for the village of Arthur to celebrate its 150th anniversary. Located on the Arthur Fairgrounds and fronting Eliza Street, the Park will be

open to skateboards, scooters and bikes. The preliminary design includes a pump track, cement pad with various features and a circular dirt path with ramps.

The Arthur Lions Club has set a fundraising goal of \$250,000 and to date, has raised approximately \$68,000 towards the project. Fundraising events have unfortunately been paused due to COVID-19 and the Club is thinking of new ways to reach out to the community and beyond. If you are interested in donating towards the project, please connect with Lions Club President Al Rawlins: alanjrawlins@gmail.com.

Submitted by: The Arthur BMX/Skateboard Park Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2020-179

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 050-20 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 June 1, 2020 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2020-180

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Regular Council meeting of June 1, 2020 be adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

CARRIED

CLERK

MAYOR