

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 22, 2020 – 7:00 PM
CLOSED SESSION TO FOLLOW OPEN SESSION
VIA WEB CONFERENCING: Click here to view: <https://youtu.be/V4eUvhXPeTc>

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
Human Resources Manager:	Chanda Riggi
Fire Chief:	Chris Harrow

CALLING TO ORDER – Mayor Lennox

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2020-181

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Agenda for the June 22, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council with the addition of the amendment to the financial statement be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest disclosed.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Murray Short, RLB Chartered Professional Accountants

- 2019 Financial Overview
- Summary of Key Operating Measures

Mr. Short reviewed the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 for The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North and the Summary of Key Operating Measures.

RESOLUTION: 2020-182

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2019 as amended;

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

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, June 1, 2020

RESOLUTION: 2020-183

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 1, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

No business arising from previous meetings of Council.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

3a, 3c, 4b, 5a, 6a, 7b

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2020-184

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT all items listed under Items for Consideration on the June 22, 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 Mount Forest District Chamber of Commerce meeting held on May 12, 2020.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur Chamber of Commerce meeting held on May 12, 2020.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur BMX/Skateboard Park Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee meeting held on June 10, 2020.

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2020-015 being a report on H. Bye Construction Limited Draft Plan of Subdivision Agreement – London Road/Broomer Crescent, Mount Forest, Ontario.

AND FURTHER THAT the Corporation enter into a Subdivision Agreement with H. Bye Construction Limited, in the form, or substantially the same form as the draft Agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and the Clerk of the Corporation be authorized and directed to sign the Agreement on behalf of the Corporation.

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2020-016 regarding the Final Approval of the Allan & Catherine Sharpe Site Plan Agreement.

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Report EDO 2020-011 Community Improvement Program;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve grants as follows:

- up to \$10,000 to Cordon Canada Ltd. for the planned improvements to 250 Main Street South in Mount Forest*

- \$2,500 Façade Improvement grant to 2452238 Ontario Inc. owners of the building at 281 Main Street South in Mount Forest.
- \$2,500 Façade Improvement grant to Claudette Liske owner of the building at 190 Main Street South in Mount Forest.
- \$2,500 Façade Improvement Grant and \$400 Application Fees Grant to Northview Properties (Darryl Good) @ 392 Main Street North, Mount Forest

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Cheque Distribution Report dated June 17, 2020.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence, dated June 4, 2020, from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding funding for reliable broadband access across Ontario.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2020-185

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report EDO 2020-009 being an update from the Economic Development Office.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-186

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Report EDO 2020-012 Connecting Link Streetscape Enhancements Update;

AND FURTHER THAT Council support the recommendations and plan outlined in this report to engage with the Arthur Chamber of Commerce, BIA and Township Engineer.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-187

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report TR2020-08 being a report on County Financial Relief Measures, and update on current year Township financial health;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council direct staff to issue the June 2020 County levy instalment in full, and defer the Education payments to the Province due in quarters 2 and 3 to optimize cash flow for the Township, and offset collection delays born by Township response to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-188

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DFC 2020-001 being a report on the Wellington North Fire Services Social Media Policy;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the Wellington North Fire Services social media policy.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-189

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2020-011 being a report on the Township's drainage superintendent services;
AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff work with Town of Minto in developing an agreement for the hiring of a full-time shared municipal drainage superintendent; and
AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to bring the agreement for review and approval to a future meeting of Council.*

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-190

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive correspondence, dated June 3, 2020, from the Township of Puslinch regarding Council Resolution No. 2020-104 passed at the April 22, 2020 Township of Puslinch Council Meeting regarding motions for support for Conservation Authorities.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- Mount Forest BIA: new banners and entrance gateway signage has been designed with installation at all four entryway locations to take place over the summer; downtown planters are in place; bike racks have been installed on Main Street and a couple side streets.
- Mount Forest Aquatic Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee is working on a report for the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting. There are a few bricks that need to be etched.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Mount Forest Chamber of Commerce: Krista Blenkhorn, HR Manager at Vintex Inc., has joined the Board as a Director; the Chamber is starting the recruitment process for a new administrator; a social media push commenced and is seeing good results with 400 Instagram followers; more marketing is needed regarding shopwellingtonnorth.com, both to make it easier to attract shopper traffic and to bring more business on board.
- Arthur Chamber of Commerce: the Chamber has a draft design for a shop Arthur billboard; the Chamber is taking charge of selecting the main street Christmas decorations, that the Rural Economic Development (RED) grant will be funding on a cost share basis.
- Arthur BIA: The first AGM will be held on November 18th with location or format to be determined; next meeting will be held July 15th at 7:30 p.m.; the BIA is thankful for Township follow up regarding their Queen's Hotel concerns; BIA Chair Keith Harris will present a request for start up funds; They will have an initial list of streetscape enhancements by June 30; the BIA is considering grant money to start a website, or using a page on the Chamber website.

- Cultural Roundtable: The next meeting will be in August; Bonnie is working diligently on the Mount Forest Cemetery 'Find a Grave' project; the Metz Pumpkinfest is attracting a lot of attention.

Mayor Lennox:

- Other jurisdictions are looking at relaxing rules around outdoor patios for dining. There have not been requests but he would be supportive if requests come in.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 051-20 being a by-law to enter into a Mutual Drain Agreement with 1581715 Ontario Limited, Lynmur Valley Inc., The Corporation of the Town of Grand Valley and The Township of Wellington North
- b. By-law Number 052-20 being a by-law to enter into a Mutual Drain Agreement with Van Dongen, Cherri and Dasilva and the Township of Wellington North
- c. By-law Number 053-20 being a by-law to authorize a Subdivision Agreement (H. Bye Construction Limited)

RESOLUTION: 2020-191

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 051-20, 052-20 and 053-20 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

Celebrating Ian Turner

Ian Turner, a man who contributed so much to his community was highly worthy of the *Senate 150 Award* he received in 2017 for community leadership and volunteerism. The focus of this cultural moment is his involvement in the Arthur and Area Historical Society. Ian was, for all the years the Society has existed, at the heart of its success as a showcase for local, Canadian, and broader history.

Central to Ian's work with Historical was supporting the local history murals, giving walking tours to visitors, and giving his own time and recruiting student volunteers to the local Trails system initiated by the Society.

Among his many contributions, were his interest in and skillful organizing of trips for the Society members and the community. They combined visits to historical or noteworthy places, such as fascinating museums, intriguing small businesses, and unusual shops, with appealing lunch stops, and breaks at the nearest Tim's. His experiences as a History teacher shepherding groups of high school students was invaluable.

Ian's talents as a teacher fit in perfectly with the presentations the Society made each year at Caressant Care and the Society Rooms. With other members, he worked his way through the decades of the 20th Century on such topics as the "Titanic", a World War II overview, local black history, and a look at education through his teaching years.

Whatever presentation he made, Ian was a master storyteller, whose insightful stories were always sprinkled with humour. His last presentation to Historical was one of his favourite subjects: trips with his students: to New York and Europe, and to Montréal on the day of the Referendum to support the "No" vote. These adventures brought tears of laughter throughout.

It is fitting that Ian gave us some of our happiest moments at the last meeting of the Society before the pandemic descended. His contributions to our history and culture live on.

Submitted by Gail Donald Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

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

- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations
- (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

RESOLUTION: 2020-192

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 8:35 p.m. that is closed to the public under subsection 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, specifically:

- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations*
- (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.*

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-193

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess to allow those not participating in the closed session to leave the meeting.

CARRIED

1. REPORTS

- a. Report EDO 2020-013 Queens Hotel Development
- b. Report HR 2020-001 Employee Remuneration

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- May 19, 2020

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2020-194

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 9:35 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-195

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2019-013 being a report on the Queens Hotel Development;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction given to staff as it relates to this development as well as the discussion on community space requirements in Arthur

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction given to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-196

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report HR 2020-001 being a report on Employee Remuneration;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction given to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2020-197

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the May 19, 2020 Council Meeting

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2020-198

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 054-20 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 22, 2020, 2020 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2020-199

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Regular Council meeting of June 22, 2020 be adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

CARRIED

CLERK

MAYOR