

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 25, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION TO FOLLOW OPEN SESSION
VIA WEB CONFERENCING https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RlCjZ4CnA_g

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
Director of Operations: Matthew Aston
Road Superintendent: Dale Clark
Manager, Environment and Development Services: Corey Schmidt
Community Recreation Coordinator: Mandy Jones
Manager of Recreation Services: Tom Bowden
Chief Building Official: Darren Jones
Human Resources Manager: Chanda Riggi
Planner: Matthieu Daoust

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2021-154

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Agenda for the May 25, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

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 Solid Waste Services and the Riverstown Landfill Site. The landfill site closed briefly at the beginning of the pandemic but since reopening in May 2020 has remained open with curb side pickup continuing throughout that time. The County launched a new curbside collection program last July which included a new pickup schedule and the introduction of green bins. There is now standardized collection frequency and monthly curbside leaf and yard waste pickup in the urban area along with free drop off at the six waste facilities from April to November. The County will be selling Green Cone Digesters for pet waste that cannot go into the green bin. More information about the digesters will be provided later.

In 2020 forty three percent, almost half of all the waste managed by Wellington County, was diverted from the landfill. This diversion of waste is central to lengthening the lifespan of the Riverstown site. More than 1 million user pay garbage bags were sold in 2020. In 2018 it was estimated that 11,000 tons of waste were diverted and by 2020 14,0000 tons were diverted. The increase is largely due to services provided to ratepayers; such as leaf and yard waste and green bin programs. It is important to save the future of the landfill site as well as allowing nutrients from the organic waste and leaf and yard waste to better use. Phase two, which has been under development for quite a while, is ready to go in the fall after the initial site is topped up and finished off. The latest estimates have gone from 20 years left in the landfill to closer to 30 years. If we compare the life left at the Riverstown site to the Provincial average of 14.5 years we are at about twice the average. The Provincial average depends on the United States taking 30% of Ontario's waste. This is a risk to other municipalities as 60% of Ontario's capacity is contained in seven landfills. Eighty-five percent of the capacity is in fifteen of the largest sites, many of which are privately owned. It takes about ten years to get a new landfill site; but, a municipality would be lucky to get one. In comparison this is a good news story for Wellington County with the enviable position of having 30 years capacity, which is directly a result of what we are not putting into the landfill site. The only issue the County is still facing is the handling of leachate. Phase two is how the County is going to handle getting rid of their leachate and where it is going to go.

DEPUTATIONS

- a. Daphne Rappard
 - Proposed Trees for Wellington North

Ms. Rappard appeared before Council to request the Township to take an active role in starting a Trees for Wellington North group to facilitate communication and collaboration between community groups like Green Legacy, CELP, the Horticultural and Agricultural Societies, the Recreation Department Trails Committee, the Green Team at the United Church and interested individuals in the Township of Wellington North. She is concerned about the removal of old trees for retrofitting sewers, water connections, etc., and diseased, aged, or damaged trees. In the agricultural sector the importance of wind breaks, hedgerows, reducing erosion, mitigating climate change have been well proven. Clear cutting of an area where a new development will be and not working with the existing environment is a concern. Perfectly beautiful trees that are there could be incorporated into the development. Ms. Rappard would like to see more trees included in developments, replacement of trees and succession planting in the urban area.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, May 10, 2021
2. Public Meeting, May 10, 2021

RESOLUTION: 2021-155

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council and the Public Meeting held on May 10, 2021 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

2b, 5a, 5b

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2021-156

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT all items listed under Items for Consideration on the May 25, 2021 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 and Mount Forest Business Improvement Association Joint Meeting held on May 11, 2021 and the Mount Forest District Chamber of Commerce April 30, 2021 Financials.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur Chamber of Commerce and Mount Forest District Chamber of Commerce Joint Meeting held on May 12, 2021.

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 March 24, 2021.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Planning Report, prepared by Matthieu Daoust, Planner, dated May 18, 2021, regarding William Reeves, Lot 24, Plan 61M-218, 117 – 119 Sarah Road, Township of Wellington North (Mount Forest), Part Lot Control Exemption Application.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2021-013 regarding the Final Approval of the All Treat Farms Limited Site Plan Agreement.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2021-07 being the Building Permit Review for the period ending April 30th, 2021.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Cheque Distribution Report dated May 18, 2021.

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2021-019 being a report on the award for purchase of a 2021 pick-up truck;
AND FURTHER THAT Council award the purchase to Finch Chevrolet Cadillac Buick GMC Ltd. at a cost of \$40,391.00 plus applicable taxes.*

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Frank Vanderloo, P. Eng., B.M. Ross and Associates Limited, correspondence dated May 19, 2021, regarding Eastridge Landing Subdivision (Arthur) – Draft Plan 23T-13001, Phase III (Walsh Street), Securities Reduction for Pre-Servicing Agreement;
AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North grant 2073022 Ontario Inc. (Jim Coffey), for Phase 3 of the Eastridge Landing Subdivision (Draft Plan 23T-13001) in the community of Arthur, a reduction in Pre-servicing Agreement securities to the amount of \$107,106.30.*

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Wellington North Power Inc., Quarterly Newsletter – Quarter 1: January 1st to March 31st, 2021.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive The People and Information Network, Media Release dated May 19, 2021, Happy 20th Anniversary.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2021-157

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2021-012 being a report on Marlanna Homes Inc., Draft Subdivision Agreement – 400 King Street East, Mount Forest;

AND FURTHER THAT the Corporation enter into a Subdivision Agreement with Marlanna Homes Inc. 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.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-158

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report RPL 2021-009 being a report on summer programs;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to bring a recommendation to the June 14th Meeting of Council on how to proceed with the 2021 aquatics and summer camp programs;

AND FURTHER THAT Council acknowledge that a decision to proceed with the 2021 aquatics and summer camp programs on June 14th may impact the planned start dates.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-159

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2021-018 being a report on the award of the Arthur Connecting Link;

AND FURTHER THAT Council award the request for tender to Steed & Evans at a cost of \$2,245,323.01 plus applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve utilization of a combination of Capital Infrastructure Reinvestment Reserve Funds and unallocated 2021 Ontario Community Infrastructure Funds (OCIF) to fund the gap between approved budget and tendered amount (estimated to be ~\$257K) necessary to proceed with this capital project;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to approach the Arthur BIA at their next meeting with the request to bring their contribution up to \$138K (up from the previously agreed \$108K) to offset project tender overages, and mitigate/offset Township contributions from Reserves / FC OCIF;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign any necessary agreements with Steed & Evans or the Ministry of Transportation to execute this project.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Mount Forest Chamber of Commerce and BIA joint meeting went well.
- Arthur and Mount Forest Chambers of Commerce joint meeting went well.

Mayor Lennox:

- Noted he had just attended the annual shareholder's meeting and Wellington North Power had a successful year in 2020 despite the challenges of the pandemic.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 060-21 being a by-law to authorize the execution of Connecting Links Program Contribution Agreement with Her Majesty The Queen In Right Of Ontario (as represented by the Minister of Transportation) and the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North for Queen Street East Mount Forest
- b. By-law Number 061-21 being a by-law to exempt lands from Part Lot Control, William Brett Reeves
- c. By-law Number 062-21 being a by-law to authorize a Sewage Allocation Agreement between The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North and Cachet Developments (Arthur) Inc.
- d. By-law Number 063-21 being a by-law to authorize a Sewage Allocation Agreement between The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North and Arthur Green Developments Inc.
- e. By-law Number 064-21 being a by-law to authorize a Subdivision Agreement (Marlanna Homes Inc., Aitken)
- f. By-law Number 065-21 being a by-law to authorize borrowing

RESOLUTION: 2021-160

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 060-21, 061-21, 062-21, 063-21, 064-21 and 065-21 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating Scottish Country Dancing

The St. Andrew's Country Scottish Dancers, pre Covid, met Tuesday mornings in, appropriately, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Mount Forest. The dances performed do not include ones like the well-known Highland Fling which is a solo Scottish highland dance. Rather, the dances are the Scottish form of social dancing involving groups of couples tracing progressive patterns set to the music of Jigs, Reels, and Strathspey Reel (a Reel played at a slower tempo) which are Gaelic in tradition. Their history dates back to an 18th-century combination of English country dance formations with Scottish Highland music and steps. The Ceilidh (pronounced Kaylee) is a traditional Scottish or Irish social gathering involving dancing and Gaelic folk music either at a house party or community hall.

The St. Andrew's dancers began in Mount Forest in 2012 when Elizabeth Ghent formed the group. The dances learned are traditional ones and mainly from Scotland. They have provided demonstrations at Birmingham Lodge, Caressant Care, Music Days at St. Andrew's church on the lawn, and have danced at the Arthur Fall Fair for several years.

They have participated in several Wellington North Culture Days by having a Ceilidh at the church giving the attending public a chance to dance, sing, and enjoy some Scottish fare. There have also been some annual outings to locations such as Walter Falls and Kincardine.

Elizabeth and Alan Ghent also play the bagpipes and have entertained everyone at the annual St. Andrew's dinner in November. The Ghent's, playing the bagpipes, have entertained the public at the Arthur cenotaph for 6 weeks during July and August for the past 5 or 6 years.

The dancing is a wonderful form of exercise, as not only does it get the body in motion, but it exercises the mind having to remember in which direction that body, especially the feet, will be moving.

Pre-Covid, there were 20 members, both female and male, who come to enjoy either the music, the exercise, the social aspect, and/or the fun. Whatever their reason, they all leave after having had a lot of laughter and a good time!

Submitted by Penny Renken, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

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

- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board
- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

RESOLUTION: 2021-161

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 8:15 p.m. that is closed to the public under subsection 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, specifically:

- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;*
- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;*

CARRIED

1. REPORTS

- Report CAO 2021-003 Joint County/Township Operations Facility Site Selection
- Report CLK 2021-016 Senior of the Year Nominee

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- April 26, 2021

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2021-162

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session at 8:59 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-163

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CAO 2021-003 Joint County/Township Operations Facility Site Selection;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-164

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2021-016 Senior of the Year Nominee;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-165

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the April 26, 2021 Council Meeting

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2021-166

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 066-21 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 May 25, 2021 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2021-167

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Regular Council meeting of May 25, 2021 be adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

CARRIED

CLERK

MAYOR