

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
VIA WEB CONFERENCING <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMxuCQHGJMY>

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
Director of Operations:	Matthew Aston
Manager of Recreation Services:	Tom Bowden
Community Recreation Coordinator:	Mandy Jones
Economic Development Officer:	Dale Small
Chief Building Official:	Darren Jones
Human Resources Manager:	Chanda Riggi
Manager of Development Planning:	Curtis Marshall

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2021-303

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Agenda for the September 27, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest declared.

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Andrew Lennox, Mayor

Mayor Lennox provided an update on County road construction projects:

- Wellington Road 109 bridge projects - one near Harriston, one near Concession 11 and one at Sideroad 15 are now completed.
- Wellington Road 109 between Teviotdale and Arthur recently had a new treatment called micro surfacing to extend the life of the pavement, fill cracks and creates a smooth surface to facilitate drainage.
- Roads Master Action Plan pertaining to roads in Wellington North area
 - Wellington Road 6 in Mount Forest was looked at as a speed corridor as there were a number of resident complaints and there are recommendations to modify some speed limits. This item is slated for further review.

- Future realignment at the intersection of Wellington Road 109 and Wellington Road 16 to help improve the geometry of it and improve safety.
- The Environmental Assessment process on Wellington Road 109 regarding the four bridges east of Arthur has been completed. The recommended solution through the process is to replace the bridges but the process continues to finish the EA and work will be done regarding how to manage traffic. There will be opportunity for public input regarding traffic management.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Congratulatory Certificate to Arthur Fall Fair Ambassador
 - Emma Smyth

Mayor Lennox congratulated Emma Smyth on her being named Arthur Fall Fair Ambassador and had previously presented her with a congratulatory certificate. The Mayor thanked her for being an ambassador for the Fall Fair and our communities.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, September 13, 2021

RESOLUTION: 2021-304

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 13, 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

1d, 1e, 2a, 3a, 4b, 4c, 5b

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2021-305

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the September 27, 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 Safe Communities Wellington County Leadership Table Meeting held on June 16, 2021.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur Chamber of Commerce Directors Meeting held on September 8, 2021 and the Financial Report – January through August 2021.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting held on September 7, 2021.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated September 15, 2021.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2021-031 being a report on the Township's 2021 wastewater reserve capacity;

AND FURTHER THAT Council review and adopt the 2021 Reserve Capacity Calculations for Arthur and Mount Forest as prepared by Triton Engineering Services Limited dated April 8, 2021;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to submit Resolution 2021-124, copies of the reports prepared by Triton Engineering Services Limited, and the resolution from this report to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2021-306

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

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 August 24, 2021.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-307

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable meeting held on September 17, 2021.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-308

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Planning Report prepared by Curtis Marshall, Manager of Development Planning, dated September 22, 2021, regarding Interim Control By-law – Cannabis.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute By-law number 092-21 being an interim control by-law to prohibit the use of land, buildings and structures for cannabis production related uses.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-309

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2021-025 Rural Economic Development (RED) Grant Application;

AND FURTHER THAT Council supports the Mount Forest Streetscaping Program application being submitted in partnership with the Mount Forest BIA.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-310

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report TR2021-15 being a report on the proposed 2022 budget schedule;

AND FURTHER THAT council endorse the schedule proposed by staff as follows:

- September 3 - Budget templates circulated to Senior Management Team*
- October 1 or earlier – Budget inputs provided to finance team for consolidation*
- October 15 or earlier - Budget Discussions between Senior Management Team Members and Director of Finance*
- October 29 - Consolidated Budget Draft prepared for Senior Management review*
- November 22 - Staff presents proposed budget to Council*
- December 13 - Staff / Council presents revised budget to Public for Comment*
- January 10, 2022 - Staff / Council presents revised budget based with Public Consultation (if required), and 2022 Budget By-law passed.*

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-311

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report TR2021-16 being an update report on the Safe Restart / Covid-19 Recovery funds;

AND FURTHER THAT council direct staff to utilize the Covid-19 Recovery funds to support the Senior Centre for Excellence to a maximum amount of \$10,000.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-312

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2021-035 being a report on the award of an emergency generator for the Mount Forest & District Sports Complex;

AND FURTHER THAT Council award the Township's request for proposal 2021-009 to Wagler Electric at an upset limit of \$127,800 plus applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Director of Operations or their designate to sign any necessary agreements with the successful bidders to execute this project.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor McCabe requested that the following motion be brought to the October 12, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

“THAT Council revisit Resolution: 2021-247 that provides:

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive XplorNet correspondence dated July 12, 2021, regarding proposed 45 metre self-support tower at 7239 5th Line, Centre Wellington, Township of Wellington North;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to send a letter of objection to the XplorNet regarding the proposed 45 metre self-support tower at 7239 5th Line, Township of Wellington North as it may impact the operations of the York Soaring Club.”

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- The River 88.7 will be hosting The River Classic Day of Golf on September 29. The Aquatics Committee will be there selling their promotional products.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Arthur Chamber of Commerce community awards nominations are open.
- Arthur Chamber of Commerce announced that Jacklyn Winter has resigned as Chamber Administrator.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Wellington North received 3rd place at the Metz Pumpkin Fest held on Saturday, September 25.
- Thank you to Council and staff for providing the lunch for volunteers on Friday.

Mayor Lennox:

- Thanked Council and staff for their part in the volunteer recognition lunch.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 090-21 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Transfer Payment Agreement between Her Majesty The Queen In Right Of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure and The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North. (Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP): COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream – Local Government Intake Stream Projects)
- b. By-law Number 091-21 being a by-law to amend By-law Number 5000-05, a by-law to regulate the parking or stopping of vehicles on highways, public parking lots and in some instances, private property within the Township of Wellington North.
- c. By-law Number 092-21 being an Interim Control By-law to prohibit the use of land, buildings and structures for cannabis production related uses on any and all lands located within the Township of Wellington North.

RESOLUTION: 2021-313

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 090-21, 091-21 and 092-21 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating the Rothwell Family Farm & Apple Orchard

The adage “An apple a day keeps the doctor away” originated in Wales in 1866 but the wording was actually “Eat an apple on going to bed and you’ll keep the doctor from earning his bread”. The current wording reappeared in 1913 and if you want to try this theory, a great place to visit is Rothwell Family Farm & Apple Orchard on Sideroad 7, west of Kenilworth.

This 200-acre family farm has 6 acres planted in apples. They began in 1976 and now have 13 varieties including: Courtland, Empire, Paula-red, McIntosh, Gala, Ambrosia, Spy, Honeycrisp, Jonagold, Russet, Tolman Sweet, Spartan, and 1 Wealthy tree. They have had as many as 1400 trees but care for approximately 800 now.

Growing trees requires a large investment as it may take 3 to 9 years for one to mature and produce fruit. A determining factor is the variety that is being grown and the yield per acre again depends on several factors. One is weather, and another how close the trees are planted, generally 1 to 2 feet apart. Apple trees can produce between 200 to 2,000 bushels per acre however the provincial average is 400. In 2012, the heat wave was so severe that only 1 percent of the potential yield was produced.

The lifespan of an apple tree depends on the variety. Some trees on the farm are 45 years old and will still continue to produce for many decades if they are carefully pruned. Spraying ensures that the apples are of high quality. The Rothwells also produce Apple Cider and Apple Butter and sell local honey.

The apples are kept in cold storage so that they may be sold locally into the winter. An Ida-red apple improves while in storage. It becomes more succulent and milder by February. On the other hand, a McIntosh doesn’t store well and will become soft over time. An Ambrosia is another variety that will keep well for an extended period.

Terry Rothwell advises that certain apples have special uses. For baking pies, Wealthy, which is an old variety, is the best. For making applesauce, he prefers Paula-reds. To just munch, either a Courtland, Ambrosia, or Gala are really good. Courtland apples are a favourite in Waldorf Salads at fancy restaurants. Pies that are made in October from fresh apples and then frozen, have a better flavour than pies that are made later in the year from apples that have been taken out of storage.

Whatever your choice, biting into an apple tingles the taste buds.

Submitted with permission, by Penny Renken, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2021-314

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT By-law Number 093-21 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 September 27, 2021 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2021-315

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Regular Council meeting of September 27, 2021 be adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

CARRIED

CLERK

MAYOR