

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – OCTOBER 25, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION TO FOLLOW OPEN SESSION
VIA WEB CONFERENCING**

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
Economic Development Officer:	Dale Small
Chief Building Official:	Darren Jones
Human Resources Manager:	Chanda Riggi
Manger of Environment and Development Services:	Corey Schmidt
Planner:	Matthieu Daoust

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2021-343

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

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

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest declared.

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Campbell Cork, County of Wellington Councillor, Ward 3

The following items have been passed by committee and will be finalized at County Council on October 28th:

- Barn Swallows have lost 80% of their population since the 1970's and are now on the threatened species list. Solid Waste Services has determined that the County should explore low-cost measures to support the Barn Swallows. One of the major factors in the loss of the Barn Swallow is the demolition of old wooden barns and the building of closed steel buildings. It's similar to what the County has done with pollinator gardens in a number of landfill sites.
- A pilot program to see the viability of green bins for commercial, industrial, and multi-residential buildings will start on November 1 for a three-month period. There will be no cost for the three months and the program may continue longer, depending on funding. Collection test area will be along Highway 6 between Arthur and Guelph.

- Living snow fences project partnering with local corn crop land owners to create living snow fences using about eight to twelve rows of corn along County roads. The County will compensate the landowners with the value of the corn plus 50%. Alternately landowners can agree to have a row of evergreen trees planted on their land along the roadway to act as a living snow fence.
- A palliative patient trial program will allow paramedics to offer medications that are not usually available at the scene of a call so patients at the end of life are not necessarily taken to hospital or hospice care. They are given a choice and are able to stay at home if they want. Participants must be registered with the palliative team. The services offered by the paramedics at the scene include new and different medical directives for treating pain, shortness of breath, delirium, and nausea and vomiting. Paramedics are provided with additional education designed to allow them to provide better support for patients and their families in what is a very difficult set of circumstances. The program will involve surveys at the end to determine if the services offered by the paramedics is helpful to their needs. This trial will continue through March of next year and will then be reevaluated with the possibility of it becoming permanent. They are expecting the County paramedics will be dealing with 20 to 30 palliative patients per year. It is expected that the program will require extra time from the paramedics at the home assisting a patient. That additional time is expected to be offset, or more than offset, by a decrease in patient transport times to hospitals or other care centres and reduce the number of patients being transported to hospital emergency departments.
- A homeless prevention program delivered by paramedic services to residents of County owned senior and social housing buildings will help households that are in crisis where the situation could be leading to them being evicted from their homes. The paramedic can provide on the spot intensive support to these households related to mental illness and/or addiction, and to families who are experiencing housing instability that could be leading to eviction. Paramedics can offer information on care and resources. It is hoped this will reduce the dependency on 911 and the number of transports to hospital emergency departments. This program will be operating in Guelph but there are plans to expand the program to Fergus, Mount Forest and Harriston.

RECESS TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLUTION: 2021-344

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the October 25, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:11 p.m. for the purpose of holding a Public Meeting under the Planning Act:

- *Blue Grotto Global Investments Inc., Minor Variance*

CARRIED

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2021-345

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the October 25, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:18 p.m.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, October 12, 2021

RESOLUTION: 2021-346

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 12, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

1. Proposed 45 metre self-support tower at 7239 5th Line

- Correspondence, dated October 14, 2021, from the Township of Wellington North to Xplornet and Industry, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) objecting to the location of the proposed tower
- Correspondence, dated October 18, 2021, from John Nater, M.P., Perth-Wellington to Hon. François-Philippe Champagne, PC., M.P., Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry
- Correspondence, dated October 18, 2021, from John Nater, M.P., Perth-Wellington to Xplornet Communications Inc.

RESOLUTION: 2021-347

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence sent by the Township of Wellington North, dated October 14, 2021, and John Nater, M.P., Perth-Wellington, dated October 18, 2021, regarding the proposed 45 metre self-support tower at 7239 5th Line.

CARRIED

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1b, 5a, 6b

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2021-348

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the October 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 meeting held on September 21, 2021 and the September 30, 2021 Financial Report.

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 October 6, 2021.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Mount Forest Business Improvement Association meeting held on October 13, 2021.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2021-26 regarding the Final Approval of the Wayne and Doreen Gingrich Site Plan Agreement.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive correspondence from Ray Kirtz, P. Eng, Triton Engineering Limited, dated October 19, 2021 regarding Township of Wellington North, London Road Development, Phase 2, Mount Forest, Preliminary Acceptance of Stage I & Stage II Municipal Services.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North grant H. Bye Construction Preliminary Acceptance for Stage I, Stage II and the associated reduction of securities as per the subdivision agreement of Phase 2 (Broomer Crescent) of the London Road Subdivision (Draft Plan 23T-15002) in the community of Mount Forest.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated October 20, 2021.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Third Quarter 2021 Financial update.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2021-037 being a report on the award of the Arthur test well construction;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee recommend Council award the Township's request for quotation 2021-010 to Well Initiatives Limited at an upset limit of \$67,625.00 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.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2021-038 being a report to set the 2022 water and sewer fees and charges;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize a 1.5% increase to water and sewer rates for the year 2022 consistent with the recommendations from the 2020 Water and Wastewater Rate Study prepared by DFA Infrastructure International Inc. dated November 13, 2020;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the necessary by-law.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Region, News Release, October 13, 2021, Local Drinking Water Source Protection Plan Public Consultation (October 13 to November 19, 2021).

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2021-349

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable Committee meeting held on October 14, 2021.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-350

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CAO 2021-007 being a report on the Municipal Modernization Project(s);

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Township of Wellington North endorse utilizing Municipal Modernization Funds to proceed with all identified projects-

- *by-law, property standards enforcement-shared service arrangement;*
- *fibre optic install Kenilworth;*
- *hybrid vehicles + charging station in Kenilworth;*
- *key fobs for entry;*
- *maintenance manager software, work order system software-Citywide;*
- *MF sports complex-greeting/welcome centre, workstation(s);*
- *radio/dashcam-operations fleet;*
- *records management software;*
- *security cameras at township facilities;*
- *service delivery review.*

CARRIED

Council directed staff to provide further information regarding the by-law, property standards enforcement shared service arrangements; hybrid vehicles + charging station in Kenilworth; and MF Sports Complex greeting/welcome centre, workstation(s).

RESOLUTION: 2021-351

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence dated October 14, 2021, from The Royal Canadian Legion, Br. #134 Mount Forest request for permission to distribute poppies and proclaim November 11, 2021 as Remembrance Day;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North declare November 11, 2021 as Remembrance Day and grant permission to the Royal Canadian Legions, Arthur and Mount Forest, for the distribution of poppies within the Township of Wellington North.

CARRIED

Councillor McCabe announced that this year is the 100th Anniversary of the poppy.

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- Attended the Mount Forest BIA meeting last week. They are preparing for their AGM. They will be looking for someone to take over the downtown core cleanup next year. BMO will be providing some funding for the BMO parkette. The Downtown Committee has organized a Main Street Haunt this Saturday from 2 to 5.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Attended the Arthur BIA meeting last week. Decorative lighting and curb extension will be completed by early December. Discussion was held with the Chamber regarding replacement of the Chamber Administrator, and an agreement was reached to hire a joint position.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Meeting with some of the Arthur Lions and Optimist Club members on Tuesday to discuss the location of the BMX/Skate Park.
- Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting scheduled for November 2.

Mayor Lennox:

- Attended the 35th Anniversary of the Saugeen Economic Development Group. Ashley Wheaton gave a very interesting presentation on the future of rural economic development. It's clear that the group, in cooperation with our local communities has had a huge impact. The daughter of one of our former employees was the guest speaker and shared her experience with the student startup program.
- Recorded video clips for the Chambers of Commerce Community Awards. The Mount Forest Chamber of Commerce will hold their annual Christmas tree lighting on November 12th.

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

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

- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- (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: 2021-352

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 7:52 p.m. that is closed to the public under subsection 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, specifically:

- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;*
- (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

1. REPORTS

- a. Claim against TWP – Notice of Constitutional Question – verbal update from CAO
- b. Report CBO 2021-13 By-law Enforcement Services - PILOT

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- September 13, 2021

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2021-353

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session at 8:36 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2021-354

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the verbal update from CAO regarding claim against TWP - Notice of Constitutional Question.

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

RESOLUTION: 2021-355

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2021-13 By-law Enforcement Services -PILOT;

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

RESOLUTION: 2021-356

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the September 13, 2021 Council Meeting

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2021-357

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT By-law Number 101-21 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 October 25, 2021 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2021-358

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Regular Council meeting of October 25, 2021 be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED

CLERK

MAYOR