

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 25, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION TO FOLLOW OPEN SESSION
VIA WEB CONFERENCING <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpE169ndn-Y>**

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 Operations: Matthew Aston
Community Recreation Coordinator: Mandy Jones
Manager of Recreation Services: Tom Bowden
Human Resources Manager: Amy Tollefson
Economic Development Officer: Dale Small
Chief Building Official: Darren Jones
Director of Fire Services: Chris Harrow
Senior Planner: Jessica Rahim

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2022-146

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Agenda for the April 25, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest declared.

AWARDS, DECLARATION, RECOGNITION

Mayor's Proclamation: Volunteer Week

WHEREAS, 24 million Canadians give their time through formal or informal types of volunteering, contributing close to 5 billion volunteer hours per year; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in the Township of Wellington North mentor our children, support those feeling isolated, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

WHEREAS, volunteers in the Township of Wellington North have stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic to support families, friends, neighbors, and strangers, people

standing up to systemic racism, and people sharing insights on how to create a more just and equitable society; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wellington North's volunteers are individuals, families, workers, retirees, community members of all ages and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the collective result of the work done by our communities volunteers is that the Township of Wellington North is a more desirable place to live; and

WHEREAS, organizations in the Township of Wellington North that rely on volunteers include such fundamental organizations as the Louise Marshall Hospital, Cancer Patient Services, MF Community Pantry, Arthur FoodBank, Lynes Blacksmith Shop, MF Fireworks Festival, our Agricultural Societies, Historical Societies, Horticultural Societies, Lions Clubs, Optimist Clubs, Get-in-touch-for-hutch and many more, and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Lennox, Mayor of the Township of Wellington North do hereby proclaim April 24 – 30th, 2022, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Andrew Lennox, Mayor

The County Roads Master Plan process is something that Wellington North use as a model to help navigate what our roads and transportation needs are going to be for the coming years as we anticipate what growth in our community. Things like incorporating the active transportation elements of our transportation plan and creating data driven ways to employ safety features and things on our roads. Last month County Council endorsed several community safety zones, including one on Sligo Road in front of the high school. Using the model, we can look at roads needs from a growth perspective, as well as what we can do to set the stage for what safety features we need to incorporate into our roads to keep them safe for all users, not just vehicles; but also, cyclists, pedestrians, members of our community that use horse and buggy, etc. This is a tool we should look at using soon to plan the needs of our roads for the coming years.

Social Services Department is looking to put together some support services so that if we happen to have those fleeing the conflict in Ukraine come to our community they will have the pieces in place to have housing and the necessary things they need to adapt to living in our communities.

The County is hosting a writer's festival. This is a chance to see what kind of writers we have in our community. It's great to celebrate the talent in our communities.

The Province has announced a funding for a major expansion for Caressant Care in Arthur including significant growth in beds and upgrade of existing spaces.

The County is going through a Municipal Comprehensive Review of the Official Plan. Coming up soon is the land needs requirements needed to carry us through to 2051. Wellington North has significant lands designated as Future Development that we can employ; but, more discussion needs to be had in terms of how we envision our community developing in the future.

Ride Well continues to be a great service, supported by the Province, and delivered by the County. They are looking to move back toward ride sharing, which was stopped during the pandemic. This will help lower costs for people to get around, especially when there are two or three people going to the same place. Ridership is still growing but awareness is still needed.

The Household Hazardous Waste Depot is at Riverstown for the month of April and will be back in December. The first yard waste pick up was held last week. The next one will be the week of May 16th. Plans are to do monthly pick ups and twice monthly during leaf season.

RECESS TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLUTION: 2022-147

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the April 25, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council for the purpose of holding a Public Meeting under the Planning Act:

- Kyle Woods, Zoning Amendment

CARRIED

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2022-148

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the April 25, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:28 p.m.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, Aril 11, 2022
2. Public Meeting, April 11, 2022

RESOLUTION: 2022-149

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council and the Public Meeting held on April 11, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

1. April 11, 2022 Council Meeting re: deputation Markham Waterloo Mennonite Conference, Proposed Mennonite meeting house and Parochial Elementary School

“Council will revisit this matter to discuss how to facilitate a solution, and what it would look like”

Previously Council was considering the option of allowing the school and church in a prime agricultural area outside of the urban boundary of Arthur. While the County is the approval authority, a recommendation by Wellington North to the County would carry influence at the County if such an application were to occur. In the interim the Mayor was approached by a property owner in Arthur who is looking to turn some currently classified industrial land to residential and they were having discussion with the Mennonite group to possibly accommodate a church on their property. There is currently an application at the County to redesignate the land from industrial to residential as the owner would like to develop residential on the property. Through the initial land needs study for the Official Plan update there is a need for a small amount more of residential land other than what was already recommended; but, not that whole property. This could offer a possible solution if the Mennonite Church group can work with the developer, it might make an excellent buffer between the residential and the lighter industrial area. Wellington North would have to let the County know that we are supportive of this and ask that they give it serious consideration. There are more than 160 acres, or more, of Future Development lands on the north end of Arthur. It was suggested that it would make sense to redesignate Future Development land along Wells Street to Industrial. For that to happen the current owner will want Council's support to convince the County that this is the right thing to do.

Council was supportive of this option and directed staff to bring this matter to a future agenda on the direction of the Mayor.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

2a, 4a, 4b, 6c

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2022-150

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the April 25, 2022 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 Arthur 150th Committee meeting held on April 4, 2022.

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 April 12, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated April 19, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2022-011 being a report on Civil Marriage Solemnization Services; AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign a by-law to amend By-law 070-18 to delegate the authority to provide marriage solemnization services within the Province of Ontario to Tasha Grafos;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign a by-law to amend Schedule A By-Law 117-21 being a by-law to establish fees and charges for various services provided by the municipality;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to sign a by-law to amend Schedule A By- 116-21 being a by-law to adopt a delegation of authority by-law wherein the Clerk or Designate is hereby delegated to amend the procedures in this by-law from time to time.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Township of Southgate Notice of Virtual Public Meeting concerning a proposed New Official Plan.

THAT the Council of the of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #134, Mount Forest correspondence, dated April 11, 2022, requesting approval for placing a tent in their parking lot to host a licensed music/beer tent in conjunction with the Mount Forest Fireworks Festival; AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North has no objection to The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #134, Mount Forest application to the AGCO for a temporary extension to their current liquor license for the purpose of their participation in the Mount Forest Fireworks Festival community event on Friday, July 15, 2022 from 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Saturday, July 16, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.; and Sunday, July 17, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

AND FURTHER that staff work with the RCL Branch 134 in submitting their request for a noise exemption and bring the request to a future meeting of Council;

AND FURTHER THAT staff work with the RCL Branch 134 in applying for a CIP grant for the cost of the permit fees.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2022-151

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2022-016 being an overview of the April 13th, Growth Housing & Development Public Information Meeting;

AND FURTHER that Council supports the staff recommendation to engage the community in a housing survey to help guide the Townships growth & housing efforts moving forward.

CARRIED

Council directed staff to arrange a Growth Housing & Development Public Information Meeting in Mount Forest in May.

RESOLUTION: 2022-152

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2022-016 being a report on the award of the Township's 2022 sidewalk program;

AND FURTHER THAT Council award the request for tender 5528-22 to C&G Concrete at a cost of \$108,625.90 plus applicable taxes;

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

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-153

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2022-017 being a report on the award of the Domville Street reconstruction project;

AND FURTHER THAT Council award the request for tender 5981-22 to Drexler Construction Limited at a cost of \$1,984,970.00 plus applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff increase the budget associated with this project by \$75,000.00;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve utilization of a combination of Waterwork Reserve Fund and Sanitary Sewer Reserve Fund, respectively, for any water / sewer related overage and unallocated 2022 Ontario Community Infrastructure Funds (OCIF) for any roads related overage to fund the gap between approved budget and actual costs;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign any necessary agreements to execute this project.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-154

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence dated April 20, 2022, from Geoffrey Gladdy, Director, West Operations, Ministry of Transportation, regarding the Township of Wellington North 2022-23 Connecting Links Program project submission.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Arthur 150 meeting being held this evening.

- Cultural Roundtable had a new volunteer meeting, and the Committee has identified and recommended several additions to the Committee. A report will be coming to Council.
- Arthur BIA had a good meeting and is planning a hybrid meeting for the next meeting.
- Arthur Chamber of Commerce meeting was cancelled because the growth meeting was the same evening.
- Mount Forest Chamber of Commerce is working on a fall guide

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting on May 10 at 6:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad Hoc Advisory Committee for the Mount Forest Pool Fundraising.

Mayor Lennox:

- Attended a meeting with the Mount Forest Lions Club last Wednesday. He spoke about the amount of growth and development and housing needs in our community. The Lions Club inquired about the need for more parks and playgrounds as we grow as they are major contributors to parks and playgrounds in Mount Forest. The pool project was discussed and he was asked if it would be more cost effective to fix the existing pool.
- He was invited to bring greetings to Mount Forest Legion Auxiliary Zone meeting on Sunday.

Council discussed the Mount Forest pool project and the feasibility of fixing the existing pool.

RESOLUTION: 2022-155

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to bring this item to the next Council meeting for a discussion and decision regarding a feasibility study on rehabilitating the existing pool.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 046-22 being a by-law to authorize the sale of real property South Water Street being Part 1, 61R22145 Mount Forest, Wellington North, PIN: 71053-0049 (LT) (Michael and Amanda Metzger)
- b. By-law Number 047-22 being a by-law to authorize the sale of real property South Water Street being Part 3 and 5, 1R 22145 Mount Forest, Wellington North, PIN: 71053-0049 (LT) (Margaret Reid)

RESOLUTION: 2022-156

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 046-22 and 047-22 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating Our Volunteers

Wellington North is blessed to have such a tremendous group of volunteers in our community, and it is important that we take the opportunity to thank and celebrate them for everything they do, to help make Wellington North a great place to live, work and raise a family.

On behalf of council and staff we invite all volunteers in our community to join us on Thursday May 5th, 2022, for our second annual volunteer appreciation dinner.

The celebration will be a drop-in event held between 5:00pm - 7:00pm at the Arthur & Area Community Centre 158 Domville Street Arthur. The event will include a catered meal, cake cutting and Mayors welcome at 5:30pm.

This celebration will fall one week after the 2022 National Volunteer Week. The 2022 theme is Volunteering Is Empathy In Action and affirms the strong connection between volunteerism and empathy. This profoundly human connection is at the heart of healthier individuals and stronger communities. Empathy is a quality that can help people relate to others and build awareness around different experiences. It connects people in ideas and actions and helps create bonds forged in common goals and aspirations.

Volunteers are the heart of Wellington North, and we look forward to recognizing and celebrating volunteerism in our community. We urge everyone to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community and we hope you can come out and join us on May 5th". Although the registration deadline has passed, we can still accommodate last minute requests. Please email volunteer@wellington-north.com.

Submitted by the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

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

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

RESOLUTION: 2022-157

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 8:36 p.m. that is closed to the public under subsection 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, specifically:

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

CARRIED

1. REPORTS

- HR 2022-002 being a report on a proposal regarding the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) position

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- April 11, 2022

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2022-158

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session at 9:05 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-159

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report HR 2022-002 being a report on a proposal regarding the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) position;

AND FURTHER THAT Council appoint Darren Jones Interim CAO – Administration/ Development/Fire for a period not exceeding 6 months effective June 1, 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT Council appoint Matthew Aston Interim CAO –

Operations/Treasury for a period not exceeding 6 months effective June 1, 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Clerk and Mayor to sign the appointment by-laws.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-160

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the April 11, 2022 Council Meetings.

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2022-161

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT By-law Number 048-22 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 April 25, 2022 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2022-162

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Regular Council meeting of April 25, 2022 be adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK