

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 24, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION TO FOLLOW OPEN SESSION
VIA WEB CONFERENCING https://youtu.be/GQPKLd_ydHQ**

Members Present:

**Mayor: Andrew Lennox
Councillors: Sherry Burke
Lisa Hern
Steve McCabe**

Member Absent:

Councillor: Dan Yake

Staff Present:

**Chief Administrative Officer: Michael Givens
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk: Karren Wallace
Deputy Clerk: Catherine Conrad
Chief Building Official: Darren Jones
Director of Operations: Matthew Aston
Community Recreation Coordinator: Mandy Jones
Human Resources Manager: Amy Tollefson
Economic Development Officer: Dale Small
Director of Fire Services: Chris Harrow
Senior Planner: Jessica Rahim
Drainage Superintendent: Thomas Jackson
Planner: Matthieu Daoust**

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2022-178

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Agenda for the May 24, 2022 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

A report from Guelph Wellington Paramedic Service in March states that ambulance offload delays have become a serious situation. Delays happen when an ambulance arrives at a hospital and the paramedics are unable to hand over the patient to hospital staff due to delays on the hospital end. The report states that the number and length of delays at Guelph General Hospital, for instance, has been a problem for some months, as it has been at hospitals across Ontario. A standard set by the

Provincial Ministry of Health indicates that this transfer should occur within 30 minutes of the ambulance arriving at the hospital, 90 percent of the time.

When hospital staff are not able to assume care for the patient, paramedics must continue care while they wait for the handover, meaning they are unable to leave and respond to further calls. These offload delays at the Guelph General Hospital have historically been rare and typically related to an identifiable cause such as a significant short-term surge in call volume, or internal hospital issues such as a power failure or internal incident. Beginning in August of 2021 the incidence of offload delays at Guelph General Hospital increased significantly, and for prolonged periods of time. By the end of October 2021, ambulance offload delays were occurring almost daily, with between three and eight ambulances in delay in some instances for greater than four hours.

In January of this year offload delays gradually increased again. This has been happening across the Province, not just in Wellington County. In some areas of Ontario, the province has funded a Dedicated Offload Nurse whose job it is to take responsibility for patients in offload delay. The report says this program has had some success. But funding for an offload nurse has not been offered by the Province for Guelph Wellington. More recently the Provincial Ministry of Health has suggested that it is willing to consider a request for funding.

Last week the Riverstown Landfill site held the official opening of phase 2. This highly engineered landfill has multiple liners and a two-foot packed clay bottom that is designed to contain and control leachate. Leachate can run off a landfill site into the water table, rivers, and streams.

The landfill site has approximately twenty-six years capacity. The green bin and brush pick up are expected to add five years, or more, to the life of the Riverstown Landfill site. Ontario is in serious trouble for landfill capacity with no new landfill sites being licensed in the last 23 years. The Province as a whole, has only fourteen years of landfill capacity remaining; but that may decrease to eleven years if the United States stops taking Ontario garbage. In 2021 almost half of all waste managed by Wellington County Solid Waste Services was diverted from landfill. The County received \$1.28 million from the sale of blue box materials in 2021.

Solid waste services is making our closed landfill sites ecofriendly by reducing grass mowing where appropriate, and planting more trees, bushes, and wildflowers. The closed landfill site in Arthur is a great example of how pollinator flowers and shrubs have been planted to help our pollinating insects and particularly bees. Our own Jack Benham played a key role in those plantings.

Councillor McCabe inquired where the fifty percent of waste diverted from landfill is going, the usage of rural pickup and it's cost. Councillor Cork commented that a lot of it is recycling, and the organic matter, leaf and brush is going to All Treat to be composted and recycled. A lot of the wood and building materials are being ground up as mulch and used on site as roads, gardens and as cover. There are diversion efforts by manufacturers of things like tires, batteries, and white metal, which is sorted at the landfill. Rural recycling is going well. They have heard from people that it is good to have pickup on both sides of the road. Green bin use is a harder sell in rural

areas as they often have their own composting. User numbers are going up and the service is going well. There have been reports regarding the cost but numbers were not immediately available.

Councillor Burke asked if the County is looking at other things that could be recycled. Councillor Cork responded that the Province is handing it over to producers. We have seen it with tires. The County has a partnership with tire manufactures where the tires are brought to the landfill site and the County gets a bit for looking after them. Producers are being held responsible with the goal of the whole blue box system being operated by producers. Wellington County will be contracted to pick it up. It is anticipated that it will save approximately \$1 million annually. The County applied to start into it right away. It started last year but they are in the process of figuring out what will be in the blue box and standardized across the Province. It could be another year or so before it fully kicks in.

Councillor Hern commented how well managed the landfill is.

Mayor Lennox stated that he sits on AMO's Waste Management Task Force and one of the priorities is getting more things into the recycling stream. It is dependent on Provincial regulation because the Province is going to have to regulate through the producers what will be in the recycling stream. There is nothing in the works to change the number of items currently in the stream. It is important to reach out and tell them what things we want included.

RECESS TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLUTION: 2022-179

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the May 24, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council for the purpose of holding a Public Meeting under the Planning Act at 7:20 p.m.

- Catherine Conrad, Minor Variance
- Sarah Wilson, Minor Variance
- Neil Bauman, Minor Variance
- Trevor Black and Caitlin Nowach, Minor Variance

CARRIED

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2022-180

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the May 24, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:44 p.m.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS

1. Sean McDermid, against "Backyard Chickens for Wellington North" petition.

Mr. McDermid appeared before Council regarding a petition requesting backyard chickens be permitted in Wellington North. Mr. McDermid spoke out against the petition and asked Council to not allow chickens in the urban areas. He is a local chicken farmer and feels the petition poses a huge risk to all area poultry farms. There is currently an avian Influenza outbreak in Ontario, North America and generally, globally. He had submitted an article written in 2005 by Dr. Don McDermid, DVM, summarizing the risk that avian influenza poses from a zoonosis standpoint to people.

Adding more chicken production areas, as desired by the petition, could severely cripple the chicken industry in Ontario by potentially creating more AI Zones. The town of Arthur is already in one of these zones. Special permits are required to ship poultry, or production products such as feed. This also means that feed trucks cannot enter these zones to get to a farm that is not in the zone but is nearby. Highway 6 and Wellington Road 109 in Arthur is closed to feed trucks, live haul, chick trucks, ag trucks trying to get to nearby farms outside of the zone. This means additional routes need to be determined and used and poses an issue with spring load limits. The petition increases the risk of these zones reopening or not closing for an extended period of time.

Other complaints he gathered from those who live in town included odour, noise, and rodents.

Mr. McDermid asked Council to invite Al Dam, OMAFRA poultry specialist, to further discuss any issues or answer any questions Council may have.

Council directed staff to invite Mr. Dam to the next meeting of Council to make a presentation.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, May 9, 2022
2. Public Meeting, May 9, 2022

RESOLUTION: 2022-181

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council and the Public Meeting held on May 9, 2022 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

Mount Forest Pool Replacement:

- Report CAO 2022-003 Mount Forest Pool Replacement

RESOLUTION: 2022-182

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report CAO 2022-003 Mount Forest Pool Replacement.

CARRIED

Council thanked Michael Givens, CAO, for his report that included detail of cost, debt options and other options for funding. There are several capital projects on the horizon and Council must assign priority and consider the implication on property taxes. Fundraising opportunities discussed included grants, requesting funds from neighbouring municipalities and using development charges. The fundraising committee is raising monies for pool enhancements but has not met its target. Should the target not be reached the committee will look at what to do without. If funds are raised beyond what is needed for the enhancement, they would go towards the capital project.

Council agreed it was appropriate for Council to be responsible for reaching out to neighbouring municipalities and directed that any funds received from neighbouring municipalities would be applied to the capital replacement cost.

Council directed that Report CAO 2022-003 Mount Forest Pool Replacement be included in future agenda packages to continue discussion.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1d, 7a, 8a, 8b, 9c, 9d

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2022-183

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the May 24, 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 150 Committee meetings held on April 26, 2022 and May 9, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Saugeen, Grey Sauble, Northern Bruce Peninsula Source Protection Committee Meeting #87 held on December 3, 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 May 10, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting held on May 5, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Planning Report prepared by Jessica Rahim, Senior Planner, County of Wellington, dated May 17, 2022, regarding 2022 Minor Housekeeping Amendment – Zoning By-law 66-01, Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA 2022-08).

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2022-05 being the Building Permit Review for the period ending March 31st, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2022-06 being the Building Permit Review for the period ending April 30th, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report EDO 2022-19 being an update from the Economic Development Office.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated May 16, 2022

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Wellington North Fire Service, Quarter One Update 2022

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Wellington North Power Inc., Quarterly Newsletter of Wellington North Power Inc., Quarter 1: January 1st to March 31st, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Wellington North Power Inc. correspondence dated May 13, 2022 regarding 2022 Annual Dividend.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2022-184

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

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 May 10, 2022.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-185

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to provide pool concept three and the results of the Mount Forest Outdoor Pool Community Survey questions nine and thirteen to the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee to solicit feedback from local schools.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-186

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North endorse that both the Arthur and Mount Forest pools remain operational for the 2022 summer season with a reduced program schedule of approximately 5 hours per day, per facility;

AND FURTHER THAT public swim, family swim and swimming lessons be given the priority when creating the program schedule.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-187

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2022-018 being a report on the award of a sidewalk machine;

AND FURTHER THAT Council award the request for tender 2022-005 to Work Equipment Ltd at a cost of \$189,900.00 plus applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve utilization of a Capital Equipment Reserve Fund for any overage experienced for this project;

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

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-188

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2022-013 being a report to Appoint an Engineer for Arthur Drain 6;

AND FURTHER THAT Council appoint K. Smart Associates Limited (K. Smart) of Kitchener, Ontario as Drainage Engineer to prepare the Engineer's Report on the petition for drainage works received Arthur Drain 6 for lands located in Concession 12, lots 17 and 18 under Section 8(1) of the Drainage Act;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct K. Smart to proceed with the preparation of a drainage report and on-site meeting.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-189

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report HR 2022-003 being a report on staff disconnecting from work;

AND FURTHER THAT Council endorse the Disconnect from Work policy.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-190

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Deer Ridge Heights Inc. correspondence dated May 1, 2022 regarding Mount Forest Subdivision.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-191

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the petition regarding Backyard Chickens for Wellington North from Mark Baldock.

CARRIED

Council directed staff to invite Al Dam, OMAFRA Poultry Specialist to provide a presentation regarding backyard chickens at a future meeting of Council.

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- Attended the Mount Forest Lawn Bowling meet and greet. The group is looking for a letter of support to complete a Trillium Capital Grant application for the fall intake.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Arthur Chamber of Commerce has hired Brea Smith as the new office administrator.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Attended the SVCA meeting held on May 19, 2022.

Mayor Lennox:

- The Wellington North Power Inc. Annual General Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 31, 2022.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 062-22 being a by-law to amend By-law 66-01, being a Zoning By-law for the Township of Wellington North (housekeeping)

RESOLUTION: 2022-192

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT By-law Number 062-22 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

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;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

RESOLUTION: 2022-193

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 8:50 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;
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations;
- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

CARRIED

1. REPORTS

- EDO 2022-020 Land Sale
- Waterhouse Consultant Update
- CAO verbal update
 - Negotiations
 - Personnel

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- April 25, 2022

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2022-194

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 9:51 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-195

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2022-020 Land Sale;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-196

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the CAO verbal update regarding negotiations and personnel.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-197

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the April 25, 2022 Council Meeting

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2022-198

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North

THAT By-law Number 063-22 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 May 24, 2022 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2022-199

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Regular Council meeting of May 24, 2022 be adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK