

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH**

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

Monday, November 4, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

**Mayor: Raymond Tout
Councillors: Andy Lennox
Sherry Burke
Mark Goetz
Dan Yake**

Also Present:

**Chief Administrative Officer: Michael Givens
Deputy Clerk: Catherine More
Executive Assistant: Cathy Conrad
Business Economic Manager: Dale Small
Tourism, Marketing, Promotion Manager: April Marshall**

The meeting was held in the Municipal Office Council Chambers, Kenilworth.

A. **CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER**

Mayor Tout called the meeting to order.

B. **O' CANADA**

C. **PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**

**Moved by: Councillor Goetz
Seconded by: Councillor Burke**

THAT the Agenda for the November 4, 2013 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed with the addition of:

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2. *“Personal” matter to consider matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees. (Section 239. (2) (b))*

Resolution Number: 1

Carried

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D. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE
THEREOF**

None declared.

E. **MINUTES**

1. Regular Meeting of Council, October 21, 2013
2. Special Meeting of Council, October 28, 2013

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 21, 2013 and the Special Meeting of Council held on October 28, 2013 be adopted as circulated.

Resolution Number: 2

Carried

F. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

None.

G. **DELEGATIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS**

1. April Marshall, Tourism, Marketing, Promotion Manager
Greg Baeker, Director, Cultural Development,
AuthentiCity, a division of Millier Dickinson Blais
Re: Presentation of Municipal Cultural Plan

Ms. Marshall provided background information regarding the Municipal Cultural Plan. Cultural planning is an essential economic development tool and is essential in supporting Wellington North in attracting investment, supporting creative talent and boosting tourism. With Council support an application for funding was made to the Creative Communities Prosperity fund of the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

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G. DELEGATIONS, DEPUTATIONS, PETITIONS, PRESENTATIONS

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1. April Marshall, Tourism, Marketing, Promotion Manager
Greg Baeker, Director, Cultural Development,
AuthentiCity, a division of Millier Dickinson Blais
Re: Presentation of Municipal Cultural Plan (continued)

In January 2013 word was received that the application had been approved. AuthentiCity, a division of Millier Dickinson Blais, was chosen to assist with this project and Council approved their hiring in March 2013. A steering committee has been created. The plan will have regional and community tie-ins and will provide tools for growing our local economy. The Municipal Cultural Plan will evolve based on new needs and opportunities as they emerge.

Mr. Baeker explained how the process started in April with input from staff and the steering committee by developing a shared vision and framework for action. Cultural mapping develops an inventory of cultural resources. The plan is not a finished document but is ongoing as there will always be new organizations and assets to add. Agriculture is key to Wellington North's culture. Strategies need to be established to sustain community engagement. The goal is to create a community where people want to live and entrepreneurs want to do business. The vision of the plan is to preserve, promote and develop Wellington North's unique cultural resources to build a vibrant community and prosperous economy.

2. Gary Williamson, Wellington County Councillor, Ward 3
Re: County Update Report

Councillor Williamson provided an update on County activities.

Capital Projects include the completion of the Central Works Garage south of Elora, the Tower Street Bridge, Fergus completion in November 2013, the OPP Station in Teviotdale completion in December 2013, the Fergus Library completion in 2014, the Palmerston Carnegie Library renovation in 2015 and the Hillsburgh New Library in 2016-17.

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(continued)

2. Gary Williamson, Wellington County Councillor, Ward 3
Re: County Update Report (continued)

Solid Waste projects include alteration to close the Aberfoyle landfill site, which will continue to operate as a transfer station, and a study to evaluate overall waste operations including rural and urban collection, blue box program, and number of transfer stations

Centre Wellington has passed a rezoning by-law for Groves Hospital, Fergus and Hydro One will be providing hydro to the site. A committee has been struck to review funding requests for Palmerston and Mount Forest hospitals

Wellington Terrace has been approached by the Ministry of Health to be used as a training facility for their new inspectors.

The Green Legacy Programme has marked its 10th Anniversary. Over 1.5 million trees have been planted. A larger tree and plaque will be provided to each municipality to mark the anniversary. 25,000 trees were grown from seed, 35,000 plug seedlings transplanted by students, 6,000 one gallon pots processed by staff at Damascus, and 12 schools with approximately 800 students participated.

Councillor Williamson raised concerns during 2013 budget discussions regarding the Active Transportation Plan. Letters were sent to local municipalities asking for responses. The County is still waiting for some municipalities to respond to the request for opinion on funding options for local trail systems.

Official Plan Amendment changes for Erin, Minto And Puslinch include changing the date of recognized property from April 1999 to March 1, 2005 and the allowable lot size. There are proposed changes for primary and secondary aggregate operations to apply to the County for OP Amendment for new or expanding operations, which would take responsibility off local Councils.

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2. Gary Williamson, Wellington County Councillor, Ward 3
Re: County Update Report (continued)

Standard & Poor's upgraded the County's credit rating from "AA" to "AA with a positive outlook". This confirms that County finances continue to be managed responsibly and allows borrowing of money at competitive rates.

Safe Communities/Wellington County held a designation ceremony on June 22. A Community Coordinator is being hired on a 9 month contract basis. The OPP have put together road safety videos and road safety signs have been installed along County roads.

Wellington North/Safe Communities Committee has members from Arthur, Mount Forest, the Mennonite Community and youth from Wellington Heights. They provided a motorcycle training course in June, operated a food booth at the Fireworks Festival, booths at fall fairs, two October seminars on Gang Reduction after Neighborhood Training, and distributed information on Vial of Life program, Farm Safety and Seniors Fall Prevention.

3. Lynda White, Wellington County Councillor, Ward 4
Re: County Update Report

Councillor White provided an update on County Social Services activities.

The County is one of forty-seven Consolidated Municipal Services Managers responsible for delivering Ontario Works, Housing and Child Care on behalf of Province of Ontario and includes County of Wellington and City of Guelph. Child Care Services is the service manager for the licensed child care system for Wellington and Guelph. The County operates the Mount Forest Child Care and Learning Centre, offering full day full year care for 6 infants, 10 toddlers and 16 preschool children.

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3. Lynda White, Wellington County Councillor, Ward 4
Re: County Update Report (continued)

Ontario Works, Financial and Employment Services provides monthly financial and employment assistance to eligible clients, specialized programs for youth clients, and individuals with addictions and mental health challenges, and workshops for parenting skills, life skills, and employment.

Wellington Transportation Services, through Community Resource Centre, offers transportation service for individuals that are lower income and who do not have access to a vehicles and need transportation to access necessary services. Volunteer drivers are compensated for mileage to take clients to required social services and medical appointments.

The County is a major funder of Community Resource Centre providing outreach supports:

- Crisis intervention, support and resolution
- Assistance with housing resources
- Accessing emergency shelter
- Emergency financial assistance
- Community service information and referrals
- Accessing government programs and completing forms
- Income tax preparation
- Transportation to necessary appointments
- Support and assistance to youth ages 16-24

The County provides funding support to Ramoth House in Mount Forest that offers shelter and pre and post-natal support to young pregnant women. The County also provides funding support to Guelph-Wellington Women in Crisis to deliver the Rural Women's Support Program. The program provides services to women and their children living in Wellington County who have been or are in an abusive relationship, or have experienced childhood sexual abuse/incest, recent or past sexual assault, harassment and/or stalking. Offices located in Erin, Fergus, Mount Forest and Palmerston.

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3. Lynda White, Wellington County Councillor, Ward 4
Re: County Update Report (continued)

The County is service manager responsible for providing and subsidizing housing within County geographic area. Wellington County owns and directly operates 1,189 rent-g geared to income housing units; owns and manages 55 affordable housing units; offers support and legislative oversight to 21 housing providers; and maintains a centralized waiting list where individuals apply for housing and identify the area and buildings they would be interested in living in.

H. STANDING COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS, MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Economic Development Committee
- Minutes, October 16, 2013

Moved by: Councillor Goetz
Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive and adopt the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on October 16, 2013.

Resolution Number: 3

Carried

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H. **STANDING COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS, MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS** (continued)

2. April Marshall, Tourism, Marketing & Promotion Manager
- Report regarding Municipal Cultural Plan

Moved by: Councillor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Tourism, Marketing, Promotion Manager report dated November 4, 2013;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North support the Municipal Cultural Plan and the vision to preserving, promoting and developing Wellington North's unique culture resources to build a vibrant community and prosperous economy.

Resolution Number: 4

Carried

3. Administration and Finance Committee Councillor Lennox chair
- Minutes, October 28, 2013

Moved by: Councillor Burke
Seconded by: Councillor Goetz

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive and adopt the minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee meeting held on October 28, 2013.

Resolution Number: 5

Carried

I. **CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION**

None.

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J. BY-LAWS

None.

K. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS

1. Report of Livestock Valuer
Re: Livestock Claims
 - Peter Murray, dated October 16, 2013
 - Peter Murray, dated October 25, 2013

Moved by: Councillor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North authorize payment of \$535.75 to Peter Murray for a livestock claims dated October 16 and October 25, 2013.

AND FURTHER THAT Gord Flewwelling be paid \$150.00 for Livestock Valuer fees and \$33.00 for mileage.

Resolution Number: 6

Carried

2. County of Wellington Planning and Land Division Committee
Re: Comments for Consent Applications:

File No. B121/13 Donald Bender

Council supported the application with the following condition:

- That the Owner satisfy all the requirements of the local municipality, financial and otherwise which the local municipality may deem to be necessary at the time of issuance of the Certificate of Consent for the proper and orderly development of the subject lands; and further that the local municipality file with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning and Land Division Committee a letter of clearance of this condition.

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K. OTHER/NEW BUSINESS (continued)

2. County of Wellington Planning and Land Division Committee
Re: Comments for Consent Applications: (continued)

File No. B125/13 Thomas and Wanda Smith

Council supported the application with the following conditions:

- That the Owner satisfy all the requirements of the local municipality, financial and otherwise which the local municipality may deem to be necessary at the time of issuance of the Certificate of Consent for the proper and orderly development of the subject lands; and further that the local municipality file with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning and Land Division Committee a letter of clearance of this condition.
- That the Owner satisfy the requirements of the local municipality in reference to parkland dedication as provided for in the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990; and that the local municipality file with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning and Land Division Committee a letter of clearance of this condition.
- That the severed parcel be rezoned to allow the exceeded combined maximum floor area of accessory buildings or the buildings must be removed.

L. ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION

Cheque Distribution Report dated October 30, 2013

Grand River Conservation Authority

- Minutes, General Membership Meeting, September 27, 2013

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L. **ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION** (continued)

Maitland Valley Conservation Authority

- Communications Notes, October 2013

AMO

- Breaking News – Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement Announced
- Watch File –October 24, 2013
- Breaking News – AMO Marks Two-year Anniversary of 2011 Provincial Election with Status Report on AMO's Top 12 Asks

Township of Mapleton

- Notice of Public Meeting – ZBA2013-02

Thank You

- The Nelson Family

M. **NOTICE OF MOTION**

None.

N. **CULTURAL MOMENT**

Letter from J.J.W. Brown to his Aunt Maud (Brown) Ryan

Residing near Conn - June 27, 1917

November 11th, Remembrance Day, is a day designated for Canadians to take time to commemorate and honour those that have given their lives serving Canadians and helping people of other Nations.

A proud part of Wellington North's Culture is being home to the Village of Arthur, a community the designation of being "Canada's Most Patriotic Village" for their extraordinary efforts in World War I and World War II by giving Sons and Money to Aid War.

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N. **CULTURAL MOMENT** (continued)

This letter, sent home from a soldier during World War I, gives us a first-hand account of the circumstances and sacrifices encountered by those that fought for our freedom.

Passed on to Arthur resident, Gail Donald, by her Grandmother, Maud Ryan, with whom the letter is addressed, from nephew, J.J.W. Brown, the letter tells the story of Brown's experiences in the trenches of France, being wounded and then transferred to hospital in Manchester, England. Brown mentions the kindness shown to him while in the hospital by the nurses and people. After recovering for six months, he then went on to Epsom and from Epsom to Hastings, where he was meant to get built up by physical training. From there he was transferred to Seaford, from where the letter was written. Here, Brown was located in a large Canadian camp where soldiers were sent directly back to France. After an encounter with his old Captain, he was then sent to Shorncliffe for an instructors' course but was delayed after spraining his ankle. Brown received corporal standing for his efforts. He concludes the letter appreciating the food he received and longing for knowledge of when the war would end and he could return home.

O. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Tout stated that the Province has announced that Wellington North will receive Source Protection Municipal Implementation Funding in the amount of \$94, 608. to help offset costs of implementing Source Water Protection Plans. A collaborative incentive could increase the grant to \$109,608. The County of Wellington and local municipalities will all receive funding for this mandated plan.

Mayor Tout reminded everyone of the Remembrance Dinner being held at the Arthur Legion on Saturday, Birmingham Lodge's service on Wednesday, the Arthur Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting on November 6 and the Wellington Heights Secondary School commencement on November 8.

Mayor Tout encouraged everyone to take time to thank veterans for our freedom when attending Remembrance Day services.

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P. CLOSED MEETING SESSION

1. “Property” matter to consider a proposed or pending acquisition of land by the municipality (Sec. 239 (2) (c))
2. “Personal” matter to consider matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees. (Section 239. (2) (b))

Moved by: Councillor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT Council go into a meeting at 7:56 p.m. that is closed to the public under subsections 239 (2) (c) (b) of the Municipal Act, 2001

- *to consider a proposed acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality*
- *to consider matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees*

Resolution Number: 7

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor Lennox

THAT Council rise from a closed meeting session at 8:40 p.m.

Resolution Number: 8

Carried

Q. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor Lennox

THAT By-law Number 97-13 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 November 4, 2013 be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.

Resolution Number: 9

Carried

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R. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by: Councillor Lennox

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Regular Council meeting of November 4, 2013 be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Resolution Number: 10

Carried

DEPUTY CLERK

MAYOR