

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 23, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

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

Members Present:

Mayor: Andy Lennox
Councillors Sherry Burke
Lisa Hern
Steve McCabe
Dan Yake

Staff Present:

Clerk: Karren Wallace
Executive Assistant: Cathy Conrad
Director of Public Works: Matthew Aston
Treasurer: Paul Dowber
Director of Recreation Parks and Facilities: Barry Lavers
Tourism, Marketing, Promotion Manager: April Marshall

Absent:

CAO/Deputy Clerk: Michael Givens

CALLING THE MEETING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

SINGING OF O' CANADA

DECLARATION OF OFFICE BY LISA HERN

To be administered by Clerk, Karren Wallace

COUNCILLORS HERN'S INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

See addendum #1 attached to minutes.

PASSING AND ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION 2015-507

Moved by: Councillor Hern

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Agenda for the November 23, 2015 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST(S) AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

No pecuniary interest declared.

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MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

Mayor Lennox provided comments regarding the conduct of delegations; a copy of which were posted on the Township website.

RESOLUTION 2015-508

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Hern

THAT the minutes of the Public Meeting and the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 9, 2015 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No business arising from minutes was tabled.

PRESENTATIONS

Sarah Bowers-Peter, Program Coordinator, Guelph Wellington Crime Stoppers

- Decal Program - Presentation of decals for use on Township vehicles

Ms. Bowers-Peter appeared before Council to discuss Crime Stoppers decals for use on Township vehicles; noting the decals are free of charge, highly visible and very durable. By placing the decals on multiple vehicles Crime Stopper is able to promote the organization.

DELEGATIONS

Wayne Hendry

- Sunday Gun Hunt

Mr. Hendry appeared before Council to support Sunday gun hunting in Wellington North requesting Wellington North to allow Sunday gun hunting on a trial basis for a year.

Joel Tost

- Sunday Gun Hunt

Mr. Tost was unable to attend. Councillor McCabe read comments provided by Mr. Tost (attached as addendum #2)

STANDING COMMITTEE, STAFF REPORTS, MINUTES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Wellington North Fire Service

- Communiqué, #024, November 14, 2015

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RESOLUTION 2015-509

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Wellington North Fire Service Communiqué #024 dated November 14, 2015.

CARRIED

Aldo Salis, Manager of Development Planning, County of Wellington

- Planning Committee Report regarding Aggregate Resources Act Review – Blueprint for Change – PD2015-37, dated November 12, 2015

RESOLUTION 2015-510

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Wellington County Planning Committee Report regarding Aggregate Resources Act Review – Blueprint for Change – PD2015-37, dated November 12, 2015.

CARRIED

Report from Karren Wallace, Clerk

- CLK 2015-058 being a report regarding the appointment of members to the Township of Wellington North Court of Revision for Drain 64

RESOLUTION 2015-511

Moved by: Councillor Burke

Seconded by: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report CLK 2015-058 being a report regarding the Appointment of members to the Township of Wellington North Court of Revision for Drain 64;

*AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Township of Wellington North recommend Councillor McCabe
Councillor Hern, and
Councillor Burke*

sit on the Township of Wellington North Court of Revision for Drain 64.

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to prepare and present the Township of Wellington North Court of Revision appointment by-law at the December 7, 2015 meeting of Council.

CARRIED

Report from Karren Wallace, Clerk

- CLK 2015-059 being a report regarding the dates of Regular Council Meetings for 2016

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RESOLUTION 2015-512

Moved by: Councillor Hern

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2015-059 being a report regarding the dates of regular Council meetings for 2016 be received.

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Township of Wellington North approve the dates as contained in this report on Schedule A.

CARRIED

Report from Matthew Aston, Director of Public Works

- PW 2015-089 being a report on brush pick-up and brush drop-off services

RESOLUTION 2015-513

Moved by: Councillor Hern

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report PW 2015-089 being a report on brush pick-up and brush drop off services.

CARRIED

Report from Matthew Aston, Director of Public Works and Paul Dowber, Treasurer

- PW 2015-088 being a report on New Connecting Link Funding Program

RESOLUTION 2015-514

Moved by: Councillor Hern

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report PW 2015-088 being a report on the new connecting link funding program;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to apply for connecting link funding for the Queen Street East (Highway 89) project between the west-side of Bridge 516 and Egremont Street.

CARRIED

Report from Dale Small, Economic Development Officer

- EDO 2015-42 Community Improvement Program

RESOLUTION 2015-515

Moved by: Councillor Hern

Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2015-42 being a report on the Township of Wellington North Community Improvement Program;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve a one-time grant of \$2,500 and an interest free loan of \$2,500 to be repaid

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*over five years under the Façade Improvement Grant and Loan program as a result of the improvements made to the Cover Ups building at 157 George Street in Arthur;
AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve a one-time grant of \$2,500 under the Public Arts Grant Program to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 134 in Mount Forest to assist with the cost of a mural to be mounted on the east wall of the Legion Building at 140 King Street West.*

CARRIED

Recreation & Culture Committee
- Minutes, November 3, 2015

RESOLUTION 2015-516

Moved by: Councillor Hern
Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Recreation and Culture Committee meeting held on November 3, 2015.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2015-517

Moved by: Councillor Hern
Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the 2016 Recreation Fee Schedule as recommended by the Recreation and Culture Committee.

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk be directed to bring the Recreation Fees and charges by-law to the December 7, 2015 meeting of Council;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk provide notice of the Recreation Fees and Charges by-law pursuant to Notice Provision Policy 14.5.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2015-518

Moved by: Councillor Hern
Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North agree in principle to the Southgate Recreation Agreement proposal received November 2, 2015.

CARRIED

Public Works Committee
- Minutes, November 17, 2015

RESOLUTION 2015-519

Moved by: Councillor Hern
Seconded by: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Public Works Committee meeting held on November 17, 2015.

CARRIED

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RESOLUTION 2015-520

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to bring a revised speed by-law to a future Council meeting for consideration, as recommended in report PW2015-086 Township Speed By-law received at the Public Works Committee meeting held on November 17, 2015.

CARRIED

Economic Development Committee

- Minutes, November 18, 2015
- Communications Policy

RESOLUTION 2015-521

Moved by: Councillor McCabe

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Economic Development Committee meeting held on November 18, 2015.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2015-522

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North direct the Tourism, Marketing & Promotion Manager to proceed with implementing the merger of The Butter Tart Trail with the Township of Southgate's Horse & Buggy Trail to create a new product: 'Butter Tarts & Buggies; Explore the Simpler Life.'

AND FURTHER THAT The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North continue to recognize the importance of growing our local tourism industry by building our capacity and partnering with neighbouring municipalities by creating a new lure to the region;

AND FURTHER THAT The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North supports the partnership with the Township of Southgate and other interested neighbouring municipalities, as recommended in report EDO 2015-39 being a report on merging of trails received at the Economic Development Committee meeting held on November 18, 2015.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2015-523

Moved by: Councillor McCabe

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North support and promote use of the Communications Plans coordinated approach to communications, as recommended in report EDO 2015-40 being a report on a Communications Plan received at the Economic Development Committee meeting held on November 18, 2015.

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Cheque Distribution Report dated November 18, 2015

RESOLUTION 2015-524

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Cheque Distribution Report dated November 18, 2015.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE FOR COUNCIL'S REVIEW AND DIRECTION

Gary Cousins, Director of Planning and Development, County of Wellington

- County Official Plan Amendment #96 – County File No.: OP-2015-05, County of Wellington – Community Improvement

RESOLUTION 2015-525

Moved by: Councillor McCabe

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North direct staff to provide comments to the County of Wellington Planning Department, to the attention of Mr. Gary Cousins, Director of Planning, by November 27, 2015 regarding County Official Plan Amendment #96 – County File No.: OP-2015-05, County of Wellington – Community Improvement Plan.

CARRIED

Township of Champlain

- Review of the new OPP billing model

RESOLUTION 2015-526

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North support Resolution 2015-438 of the Township of Champlain, passed November 11, 2015, regarding review of the new OPP billing model.

DEFEATED

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

- Request for support of correspondence regarding invasive species, Phragmites in the Saugeen Valley watershed.

RESOLUTION 2015-527

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor McCabe

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THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North support the concerns set out in the letter dated October 27, 2015 from Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority regarding invasive species, Phragmites, in the Saugeen Valley watershed.

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

No by-laws tabled.

ITEMS FOR COUNCIL'S INFORMATION

AMO Watchfile

- November 5, 2015
- November 12, 2015

Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee

- Update Report from Mark MacKenzie municipal representative

Randy Pettapiece, MPP, Perth-Wellington

- Correspondence dated November 10, 2015 regarding Lottery Licensing requirements

Ernie Hardeman, MPP, Oxford

- Local Government Week

Ministry of Citizenship, Immigration and International Trade

- Ontario Volunteer Recognition Programs, dated November 2015

The United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria

- Responsibility for auto-extrication on provincial highways, email dated November 13, 2015

Ontario Good Roads Association

- Report of the OGRA Nominating Committee

Sunday Gun Hunt Support

- Liam Franklin, email dated November 7, 2015
- Daryl Hutton, email dated November 7, 2015
- Mike David, email dated November 9, 2015
- Trish Rohrbacher, email dated November 9, 2015
- Matt Rohrbacher, email dated November 9, 2015
- Jesse Hutton, email dated November 12, 2015
- Raymond and Julia Goetz, letter dated November 17, 2015

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RESOLUTION 2015-528

Moved by: Councillor McCabe

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Items for Council's Information as listed in the November 23, 2015 Regular Council Meeting Agenda.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor McCabe announced that he would be taking part in the Arthur Santa Claus parade on Saturday, November 28, 2015.

Mayor Lennox reminded everyone of the following:

- Open houses regarding the brush program will be held in Arthur at the Arthur Arena, Upper Hall on December 2, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and in Mount Forest at the Mount Forest Sports Complex on December 3, 2015 – Plume Room from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- The Arthur Santa Claus Parade will be held Saturday, November 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Mount Forest Santa Claus Parade will be held Friday, December 4, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Rural Ontario Institute nominations for Youth Engagement Showcase close on Friday, November 27, 2015
- Local churches in Mount Forest hope to help with a project to bring a Syrian family to Mount Forest. Wellington North may be asked to provide administrative support such as managing donations and working with Wellington County Social Services.
- The Wellington North Strategic Plan should be finalized by the end of the year. Mayor Lennox asked Councillors to think about how to organize discussions regarding meeting the goals of the plan.

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION 2015-529

Moved by: Councillor Yake

Seconded by: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 084-15 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 23, 2015 be read a First, Second and Third time and finally passed.

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ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION 2015-530

Moved by: Councillor McCabe

Seconded by: Councillor Yake

THAT the Regular Council meeting of November 23, 2015 be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK

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ADDENDUM #1

Good evening everyone and thank you for coming. It is an honour and privilege to represent the residents of Ward 3 and I look forward to being your councillor. This is really a whirlwind and I look forward to the guidance and patience from the rest of Council and Staff as I quickly work to absorb a lot of information.

I hope to bring a new perspective to Council, and I promise to always attempt to work to the best of my abilities to serve the wonderful folks from this ward that placed their trust in me. I am truly humbled by your support and have enjoyed meeting those of you that I didn't already know. To see such a high voter turnout in Ward 3 was encouraging.

I would also like to thank the small but wonderful group of people that supported me throughout my campaign, and my husband John and son Wyatt for your patience. Special mention should also be made of the 7 other people that campaigned for this position. It was refreshing to see such interest in municipal leadership, and those special people all deserve our recognition, as I look forward to sitting down with all of them to discuss any insights that their campaign provided.

I have 3 years work ahead of me, and that begins this evening. Thanks again, I appreciate all of the support. The people of this township are why I love Wellington North and call it home.

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Addendum #2

This e-mail is to the council members of Wellington-north.

Hello my name is Joel Tost and I'm the retired Conservation Officer who was scheduled to speak at your meeting tonight. I worked as a Conservation Officer (thirty six years) for the Department of Lands and Forests and then the Ministry of Natural Resources. During my first six years I worked out of Hespeler spending a lot of time in Wellington County especially Luther Marsh . I have attended many meetings to help councilors to decide whether to allow discharge of firearms for hunting.

Unfortunately I can't make it tonight and I'm hoping you will take into consideration the following points:

When Sunday hunting was allowed up here (Bruce and Grey Counties) in 2005 I was very worried that there may be problems and a backlash against hunters when locals and cottagers started hearing gunfire on Sundays. Much to my surprise there have been no problems of any kind, it has become a none issue in the last ten years.

If you accept Sunday hunting Welling-north will join 169 other municipal areas that allow hunters to enjoy time to pursue their recreation. Sunday shopping was brought in for the same reason, to allow those who couldn't shop on Saturday an opportunity to shop. South Bruce has just come on line and many others will follow.

If people are worried about hunters flocking to Luther Marsh on Sundays I don't believe there will be a problem. Luther Marsh will not be opened to Sunday hunting. The GRAC doesn't want it and the geography of the marsh wouldn't permit it.

Your local MNR office has recently hired another Conservation Officer and will get a second in the near future. This will free up your local officer to concentrate on Wellington -north.

There are many activities that will continue to operate in areas that have banned Sunday hunting. Target practice , trap shooting, game farms, field trials with dogs are all accompanied by the discharge of firearms. Many of my friends run their coyote hounds Sundays they just don't discharge firearms and up here they can. I'm not aware of any problems even in our Mennonite communities.

I saved the best for the last and it's very simple and important. The LANDOWNER will have the last say on who can hunt on their property and when. If they don't want a discharge of firearms on their property they simply post the property to that effect. Hunters could still access the property on an given day except Sunday and you have the enforcement personal to enforce it.

I sincerely hope you take these points into consideration tonight and I really wish I could be there to clarify or answer any questions.
Good Luck

Sincerely
Joel H. Tost Retired CO 239