

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2018 @ 2:00 P.M.**

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

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk: CAO: Michael Givens
Catherine Conrad
Director of Finance: Adam McNabb
Chief Building Official: Darren Jones
Economic Development Officer: Dale Small
Community Recreation Coordinator: Mandy Jones
Human Resources Manager: Chanda Riggi
Fire Chief: David Guilbault
Manager of Recreation Services: Tom Bowden
Administrative Support: Carol Hartt
Water & Sewer Superintendent: Barry Trood
Water Sewer Foreman: Corey Schmidt
Acting Process Compliance Analyst: Brad Hoover

CALLING TO ORDER

Michael Givens, CAO called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

O' CANADA

DECLARATION OF OFFICE BY MAYOR

The Declaration of Office was administered by Karren Wallace, Clerk

PRESENTATION OF CHAIN OF OFFICE

The Chain of Office was presented by Catherine Conrad, Deputy Clerk

DECLARATION OF OFFICE BY THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

The Declaration of Office was administered in unison by Karren Wallace, Clerk

INTRODUCTION OF 2018 – 2022 COUNCIL

Michael Givens, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced the 2018 – 2022 Council

Mr. Givens read congratulatory remarks from John Nater, MP, Perth-Wellington. (see attached addendum)

Mr. Givens gave his remarks. (see attached addendum)

INAUGURAL ADDRESS MAYOR LENNOX

In his opening remarks Mayor Lennox thanked the people of Wellington North for their support, welcomed back Councillors Yake, Burke, Hern and McCabe and thanked staff for their professional and dedicated work. Mayor Lennox reflected on the challenges and opportunities of growth in Wellington North. (see attached addendum)

COUNCILLORS' INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

- Ward 1 – Councillor Yake

Councillor Yake thanked everyone for coming to the Inaugural Council Meeting and congratulated Mayor Lennox and fellow Council members and commented that the new term brings hope, vision and new challenges and that he looks forward to working with them for the next four years.

- Ward 2 – Councillor Burke

Councillor Burke congratulated Mayor Lennox, fellow Council members and the residents of Ward 2 for trusting in her commitment, dedication and community awareness for another term. She stressed the importance of investing in the community and promised to continue to do so for this term. Councillor Burke commented that she takes pride in what Council and staff have achieved and looks forward to initiative to continue engaging with the community and working with Council and staff. She thanked family and friends for their patience and support. (see attached addendum)

- Ward 3 – Councillor Hern

Councillor Hern stated that it is an honour and privilege to represent the residents of Ward 3 and she is truly humbled by their support. She thanked her family for their patience and support and offered congratulation to the 2018 – 2022 Council. (see attached addendum)

- Ward 4 – Councillor McCabe

Councillor McCabe thanked everyone for taking time to attend and acknowledged his mother, Stella McCabe, for her attendance. He commented that he is humbled to represent Ward 4 for another term in what he predicted will be a fantastic voyage and stated that “Great Things Await”.

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Resolution 2018-408

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Yake

THAT By-law Number 104-18 being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North at its Inaugural Meeting held on December 3, 2018 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution 2018-409

Moved: Councillor Yake

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Inaugural Council meeting of December 3, 2018 be adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

CARRIED

CLERK

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December 4, 2018

Mayor Andy Lennox
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Dear Mayor Lennox and Councillors,

I appreciate this opportunity to offer my sincere congratulations and best wishes to each of you as you embark on the next four years of service to the community.

I would like to extend a special welcome to those of you who are serving on council for your first term and thank you all for your commitment to the people of the Township of Wellington North.

The impact your role in local government will have on the quality of life for the residents of Wellington North cannot be under estimated and I look forward to working with council and staff to continue the strong tradition of dedicated service that makes the communities of Wellington North such a wonderful place in which to live and work.

As always, if I can be of assistance at any time please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

John Nater, M.P.
Perth—Wellington

Inaugural Meeting of Council

December 3, 2018

CAO's Remarks

We are fortunate as an organization to see familiar faces returning to council for the next 4 year term. A group who have embraced the opportunity to lead the Township of Wellington North and represent the interests of a diverse community. This is an opportunity to build on the momentum that has been generated. A chance to embrace new initiatives, build on our solid foundation, use the collective imaginations of Council, staff and our residents to take Wellington North to new heights.

We embark on a new journey together, refreshing Wellington North's Strategic Plan, embracing Asset Management as a key tool for future success and giving in depth consideration as to how we best service growth while continuing to provide amenities to our current residents. Key reports and implementation of our Community Growth Plan and Recreation Master Plan will continue to set the stage for the present and the future.

The growth within our community that the Mayor and Council have predicted the last 4 years, is here. Over this term of Council, we collectively have an opportunity to embrace and shape it. Now is the time to be thoughtful, bold leaders. Ground breakers, innovators. We should not forget our past but we should not be limited by it either. Times have changed and maintaining the status quo will leave us falling behind.

Who we are has not changed-"The Township of Wellington North is a team of dedicated volunteers, elected officials and professional staff who are committed to providing high quality service(s) and information to property owners, residents and visitors in order to generate high levels of community pride and happiness".

What has changed is the opportunity we now have to lead, stretch ourselves and our organization beyond what we may have previously thought was possible.

I would like to end with 2 quotes, one I have shared before-

“Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for. [We are the change that we seek.](#)” – **Barack Obama**

Finally,

“Success is where preparation and opportunity meet.” **Bobby Unser**

Andy Lennox

Inaugural Speech Dec. 2018

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen and welcome to the 2018 Inaugural meeting of council. I am honoured to stand before you again today to discuss our collective future and to mark a milestone in the progress of our Township.

Elections are a great opportunity to hear from a broad cross section of our community members. It helps to uncover what ought to be our collective priorities and help us set the course for the coming term. It was a privilege to participate in this election and I thank the people of Wellington North for their support. Now we must turn our attention to striving to make Wellington North an even better place to live, work and play for all.

I would like to welcome back to the table my colleagues from the last term, Dan Yake, Sherry Burke, Lisa Hern and Steve McCabe. To you, fellow members of Council, I say congratulations and thank you for continuing to serve our communities. The voters of Wellington North have chosen to keep our

current strong team in place and I look forward to continuing our work together in the coming years.

I would also like to recognize the families of our councilors. Their sacrifice should not go unnoticed. I know at our house, I am blessed to have Suzan, who tolerates my ever-changing schedule and who listens patiently as I sometimes have to talk through an issue.

To municipal staff throughout the Township, thank you for your professional and dedicated work. I look forward to working with you in the coming years as you continue to serve our strong and proud community.

As we gather here to rededicate ourselves to the challenges ahead, I thought I would share something that helps provide me with inspiration when the challenges seem large and insurmountable.

I brought with me today a book, an old book, that has been in my family since 1834. The book originally belonged to my great, great, great grandfather Andrew Dale. It is a geography book describing geography around the world published in

1833. It is in my possession because he must have given it to his son in law William Lennox before he made the arduous journey to emigrate to Canada. The book contains only 2 short pages to describe the conditions in Canada.

I find such inspiration in this book because it reminds me of the courage that it must have taken to make the choice to emigrate during those times, and more importantly the strength of their belief that by taking that chance they could make a better life for their family for the future. Once their decision was made there was no turning back. They staked their whole family's survival and welfare on the belief that there was a better life to be made here. I have very little information about the extent of the challenges they actually faced but I am sure they were very formidable. I do know they took the risk, they came, and through working hard and cooperating with others played a part in building the communities we enjoy today. The story I imagine, that goes with this book is important only in the fact that the underlying

principles of the story are just as valid and appropriate today as they were then.

While the choices we have to make will not be so dramatic or life changing as theirs, I believe the principles are the same.

We must believe that we can build our community such that, it will provide a better life for future generations

We must dedicate ourselves to doing what we **can** do, and not wait for someone else to do it for us.

We must use teamwork, cooperation and collaboration to make it happen.

Over the last 4 years we have worked toward delivering high quality public services with an eye to continuous improvement. We have stretched ourselves to move closer to maintaining our existing infrastructure, all the while, striving to do it with stable predictable taxation. We have also spent time trying to prepare for future growth in our

Township. I look back on the last 4 years and I am amazed at what we have been able to accomplish together.

For the coming term, we need to continue to focus our attention on those priorities, but now that faster growth is actually happening, we also need to turn our attention to maximizing the benefits of growth for all of our residents and businesses. I have heard lots of people say, “why do we want growth? I am happy with our community the way it is”. Growth **will** mean that changes will occur in our communities, and **will** mean there will have to be some sacrifices, but growth **can** also mean that there is increased economic opportunity for all, it **can** mean that there will be new services available, and it **can** mean that existing services can be delivered more efficiently, thus moderating costs.

The challenge of maximizing the benefits of faster growth is new to this Council, to municipal staff and to our communities. It will mean that we must challenge ourselves to learn new things, risk trying different ideas and stretch ourselves and our abilities to meet this new challenge.

In a similar way to the story of my ancestors' decision to emigrate here, we must have the courage to believe in, and commit ourselves to building a better future in the face of the unknown. We must commit to taking risks and doing the things that we can do, and not expect others will do it for us. And we will be successful if we use teamwork, and multiply our efforts through cooperation and collaboration with others.

Faster growth in our communities definitely will present significant challenges, but more importantly it presents a unique opportunity to build a stronger community for the future.

It promises to be an exciting time. Now is the time// for us to accept the challenge//embrace the opportunity//invest our time and resources//and make Wellington North better and stronger for the future.

Councillor Burke - 2018 - Inaugural

Congratulation , Mayor and other members of Council.

I have always believed in the important's of investing in our communities /people. As your Councillor for the past 8 years, that's what I've done/ will continue to do; by listening /giving a voice to your concerns.

It is a privilege to represent the residents of Ward 2, in Wellington North. I want to thank -you for trusting in my commitment, dedication and community awareness for another term.

I take great pride in what we have achieved together! The partnerships built that continue to benefit our area, increased dialogue with the community and optimizing your tax dollars with various funding opportunities.

I also look forward to working with Staff and Council, on the many of the new initiatives that will enrich our communities both culturally and economically.

On a more personal note, I would like to extend a special TY to my family/friends for the patients, encouragement and continuous support. Couldn't do this job without it.

Councillor Hern – Inaugural Comments

Good afternoon everyone and thank you for coming. It is an honour and privilege to represent the residents of Ward 3 and I look forward to another 4 years of being your councillor. I am truly humbled by the support of our Wellington North residents, and their faith in me. I never expected to be sitting here for a 2nd term.

I would also like to thank my family for their patience and support.

I promise to always attempt to work to the best of my abilities to serve the wonderful folks that call Wellington North home.

Congratulations as well to the other members of our 2018-2022 Council --We have 4 more years work ahead of us, and that begins this afternoon. Thanks again, I appreciate all of the support. The people of this township are why I love Wellington North and call it home.