

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – DECEMBER 5, 2022 AT 1:30 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION TO PROCEED COUNCIL MEETING AND FOLLOW OPEN SESSION
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH
HYBRID MEETING WITH COUNCIL IN PERSON AND VIA WEB CONFERENCING**

Members Present:

Mayor: Andrew Lennox
Councillors: Sherry Burke
Steve McCabe
Penny Renken

Member Absent:

Councillor: Lisa Hern

Staff Present:

Chief Administrative Officer: Brooke Lambert
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk: Karren Wallace
Deputy Clerk: Catherine Conrad
Human Resources Manager: Amy Tollefson
Chief Building Official: Darren Jones
Director of Operations: Matthew Aston
Director of Finance: Farhad Hossain
Economic Development Officer: Dale Small
Manager Environment and Development Services: Corey Schmidt
Compliance Analyst: Sara McDougall
Director of Fire Services: Chris Harrow
Senior Planner: Matthieu Daoust
Manager of Development Planning: Curtis Marshall

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

A moment of reflection was held on the recent passing of John Walsh and his contributions to the community.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2022-369

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Agenda for the December 5, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council, with an amendment to include a recommendation from Bruce Whale regarding the GRCA representative appointment, be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor Burke declared an indirect pecuniary interest with Item 2a under the heading Items for Consideration - 2d Planning - Report DC 2022-049, Consent Application B137-22 BJ Industries Inc. as her employer prepared the sketch for the consent application.

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

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

(3.1) A meeting of a council or local board or of a committee of either of them may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:

1. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members.

RESOLUTION: 2022-370

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 1:32 p.m. that is closed to the public under subsection 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, specifically:

(3.1) A meeting of a council or local board or of a committee of either of them may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:

1. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members.

CARRIED

1. REPORTS

- CAO 2022-006 Council Orientation and Welcome

2. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2022-371

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-372

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CAO 2022-006 Council Orientation and Welcome.

CARRIED

PRESENTATIONS

Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

- Update for New Councils – Programs and Services

Jennifer Stephens, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, presented information regarding:

- Flood and Erosion Control Prevention
- Flood Warning Program
- Flood Warning Messages
- Environmental Planning and Regulations

- Provincially Delegated Responsibility
- Water Quality Program Objectives
- Surface Water Monitoring
- Biomonitoring
- Groundwater Monitoring
- Forestry
- Land Conservation
- 2023 Budget
- Conservation Authorities Act overview of related changes and proposals from 2021 onwards
- Programs and Services

APPOINTMENT BY-LAW (COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT)

- a. By-law Number 126-22 being a by-law to constitute and appoint a Committee of Adjustment for the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North

RESOLUTION: 2022-373

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT By-law Number 126-22 being a by-law to constitute and appoint a Committee of Adjustment for the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

RECESS TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLUTION: 2022-374

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the December 5, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council for the purpose of holding a Public Meeting under the Planning Act:

- Pinestone Construction Ltd., Minor Variance

CARRIED

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2022-375

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the December 5, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council at 2:38

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS

Helen Edwards, Seniors' Centre for Excellence (SCE), Senior Health Service Coordinator

- Request for support

Ms. Edwards was joined by Doris Cassan, Kaye Ayres, and Sharon Rodgers. Ms. Edwards presented information about the Active Connected and Engaged (ACE) Coordinator position, examples of the responsibilities of the role and some recent Zoom statistics. This position was in place prior to the pandemic through a New Horizons grant. During the pandemic the position was used to start up virtual programming as there was a lot of concern about seniors being isolated. Emergency funding was used along with funding from municipalities.

Wellington North Council was asked to consider a donation of \$10,000 to support the Ace position. They currently have enough funds to get through to March.

Doris Cassan, Kaye Ayres and Sharon Rodgers provided testimonials on the importance of the programs, and the ACE position. Being able to connect with others through Zoom helps to combat loneliness in a more personal way. Seniors don't need to travel or worry about the weather to connect with others.

Ryan Deska, Director, Community Engagement and Development, Habitat for Humanity, Guelph Wellington

- Bringing Affordable Home Ownership to Guelph-Wellington

Mr. Deska shared Habitat for Humanity's vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live. They rely on Re-Store sales, private donations, and investment through community bonds for funding. Assisting with affordable home ownership allows families to build intergenerational wealth. Details of projects in Fergus and Guelph were provided. They are building bigger projects that included stacked townhouses and apartments. They are looking at 70+ affordable units in the next five years. The community bonds program is an opportunity for the public to invest in projects directly while having an interest earning investment. That gives Habitat the ability to purchase properties as they are a not-for-profit charitable organization and are not able to accrue large cash reserves. They are currently accepting applications from eligible people and families for housing.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, November 7, 2022
2. Inaugural Council Meeting, November 21, 2022

RESOLUTION: 2022-376

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 7, 2022 and the Inaugural Council Meeting held on November 21, 2022 be adopted as circulated.
CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

No business arising from previous meetings of Council.

IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

1f-3, 2a, 2d, 4a, 6a, 6b, 6d,7a, 7b, 8b

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2022-377

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the December 5, 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 Maitland Valley Conservation Authority Members Meeting #7-2022 held on July 20, 2022, and Members Meeting #8-22 held on September 21, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur Chamber of Commerce Directors Meeting held on October 12, 2022, Annual General Meeting held on October 19, 2022, and the Directors Meeting held on November 9, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Mount Forest Business Improvement Area Annual General Meeting held on November 9, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur Business Improvement Association Annual General Meeting held on November 16, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Arthur Business Improvement Association Board of Directors:

Chair

- Angela Alaimo

Treasurer

- Tom Gorecki

Directors (Voting):

- Gord Blyth
- Jim Coffey
- Paula Coffey
- Money Dadwan
- Sheila Faulkner

Directors (Non-voting)

- Mitch Keirstead

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Safe Communities Wellington County Leadership Table meeting held on September 21, 2022.

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 November 8, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Damascus Hall Agreement, as recommended by the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the amended 2023 Recreation Rates and Fees, as recommended by the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the 2024 Recreation Rates and Fees, as recommended by the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Recreation Programs Cancellation and Refund Policy as updated, as recommended by the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Planning Report from Matthieu Daoust, Senior Planner, County of Wellington, dated December 5, 2022, regarding 152 Frederick Street West, Arthur, Zoning By-law Amendment. (Surinder Chaudhry)

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report DC 2022-050 regarding the Final Approval of the 2495535 Ontario Inc. Site Plan Agreement for the land at 237 Industrial Drive.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2022-14 being the Building Permit Review for the period ending October 31st, 2022.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated November 28, 2022

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence from Murray Short, Engagement Partner, RLB LLP, dated November 1, 2022, regarding the 2022 Audit Plan.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report OPS 2022-032 being a report on the Township's Drinking Water Quality Management System (DWQMS) – 2022 Management Review Meeting Minutes.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report TR2022-04 being a report on 2023 fees and charges by-law updates (various services);

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the updates to reflect the changes outlined herein for the 2023 calendar year.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the By-law.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2022-022 being a report on an amendment to the Electronic Council and Committee meeting policy;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council endorses the amendment to the Electronic Council and Committee meeting policy as such:

the following clause:

“Scope

During any period where an emergency in any part of or all of the municipality has been declared by the municipal Head of Council, or the Premier, Cabinet under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act this policy applies to all members of Council and staff participating in a meeting electronically, either via video conference or telephone. Nonetheless, this policy is subject to rules and procedures in the Procedural By-law and/or other provincial legislation.”

to be amended to read:

“Scope

This policy applies to all members of Council and staff participating in a meeting electronically, either via video conference or telephone. Nonetheless, this policy is subject to rules and procedures in the Procedural By-law and/or other provincial legislation.”

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence from Jennifer Stephens, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer, Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, dated November 8, 2022, regarding the New Term of Council and Appointment of SVCA Board Members.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information the County of Wellington media release dated November 25, 2022, Wellington North Mayor Elected Wellington County Warden 2022 – 2024.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2022-378

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Arthur and Mount Forest Pickleball Groups, as recommended by the Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to work with each group to continue to provide Pickleball in each community, recognizing the scope of the MOU may have to change from time to time.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-379

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence from Steve Wever, President, GSP Group Inc., dated November 1, 2022, regarding Application for Zoning By-law amendment, File No. ZBA 14/22, 7970 Wellington Road 12, Township of Wellington North, removal of Holding (H) provision. (G & L White Farms (County Garage).

DEFEATED

Councillor Burke removed herself from the meeting as she had previously declared a conflict with Report DC 2022-049.

RESOLUTION: 2022-380

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2022-049 being a report on Consent Application (Severance) B137-22 known as Part Lot 21, EOSR, Division 1 in the former Township of Arthur.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North supports consent application B137-22 as presented with the following conditions:

- THAT the Owner satisfy all the requirements of the local municipality, financial and otherwise (included but not limited to Taxes paid in Full; a Fee of \$130.00 for Township Clearance Letter of conditions — or whatever fee is applicable at the time of clearance under the municipal Fees and Charges by-law) which the Township of Wellington North 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;
- THAT the Owner satisfy the requirements of the Township of Wellington North in reference to parkland dedication consistent with By-Law 011-22;
- THAT the Owner enter into an agreement apportioning any future maintenance costs on any municipal drain impacted by the application, and the owner shall provide a \$500.00 deposit to cover the cost of the re-apportionment if it is determined there are municipal drains impacted by the application and a \$250.00 fee for the Drainage Superintendent's review of the application to determine status of any drain; and
- THAT zoning compliance be achieved to the satisfaction of the Township.

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Development Clerk to file with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Planning and Land Division Committee at the County of Wellington, a letter of clearance of these conditions on completion of same.

CARRIED

Councillor Burke returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: 2022-381

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2022-030 being a report on Downtown Revitalization and the Mount Forest and Arthur Business Improvement Associations,

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the 2023 workplan, budget and tax levy for the Mount Forest BIA as presented and approved at the Nov. 9th, 2022, MF BIA Annual General Meeting,

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the 2023 workplan, budget and tax levy for the Arthur BIA as presented and approved at the Nov. 16th, 2022, Arthur BIA Annual General Meeting,

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the following as Directors for the Mount Forest BIA for this term of council. Chair Andrew Coburn, Dwight Benson, Jessica McFarlane, Kathleen Delchario, Kayla Morton, Bill Nelson as voting Directors and Jayme Hewson as a non-voting Director;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the following as Directors for the Arthur BIA for this term of council. Chair Angela Alaimo, Gord Blyth, Jim Coffey, Paula Coffey, Money Dadwin, Sheila Faulkner, Tom Gorecki as voting Directors and Mitch Keirstead as a non-voting Director.

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the appointment by-laws.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-382

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2022-030 being a report on the R.J. Associates Burnside & Limited Report dated October 2022 (Rev. November 2022) on water supply for Arthur Rev. November 2022;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to include an Arthur water supply environmental assessment for \$200,000 as part of the 2023 capital budget;

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

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-383

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2022-031 being a report on amendments to the Township's traffic by-law and to repeal By-law 104-21;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the housekeeping amendments identified within this report;

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

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-384

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2022-033 being a report on the Township's Municipal Servicing Standards (MSS) update for information;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to post the draft MSS update on the municipal website for 60 days to solicit public feedback.

CARRIED

Councillor Burke inquired if there has been any consideration pertaining to integrating more trees into developments and a plan that developments do not cut down mature trees. Mayor Lennox commented that this revision anticipates any changes in terms of tree requirements for developments. While there is a desire for more trees from certain elements of the communities, there is a struggle between having more trees and ensuring they don't interfere with services. Perhaps a tree saving program would be needed. That would probably need to come to Council through a staff report or notice of motion to initiate.

RESOLUTION: 2022-385

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report CAO 2022-005 being an update on the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 (Bill 23).

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-386

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of Councillor Renken to the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable for the term of Council.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of Councillor Lisa Hern to the Mount Forest & District Chamber of Commerce as the municipal representative for the term of Council.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of Councillor Lisa Hern to the Arthur & District Chamber of Commerce as the municipal representative for the term of Council.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of Councillor Steve McCabe to the Wellington County Farm Safety Committee as the Wellington North representative for the term of Council.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of Councillor Burke to the Mount Forest Business Improvement Area Board as the Township of Wellington North representative for the term of Council.

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to bring a by-law to a future meeting of Council;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the By-law.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of Councillor Hern to the Arthur Business Improvement Association Board as the Township of Wellington North representative for the term of Council.

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to bring a by-law to a future meeting of Council;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the By-law.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of John Fruin as the municipal representative to the Saugeen Valley Drinking Water Source Protection Committee for the Municipality of Arran-Elderslie, Municipality of Brockton, Town of Hanover, Town of Minto, Township of Southgate and Township of Wellington North for the term of Council.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of Allan Rothwell as the municipal representative to the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee for the Township of Howick, Town of Minto, Municipality of North Perth, township of Perth East, Township of Mapleton and Township of Wellington North for the term of Council.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of Ed Podniewicz as the municipal representative to the Maitland Valley Conservation Authority for the Township of Mapleton, Town of Minto and Township of Wellington North for the term of Council.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of Ed Podniewicz as the municipal representative to the Maitland Source Protection Authority for the Township of Mapleton, Town of Minto and Township of Wellington North for the term of Council.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of Councillor Lisa Hern as the municipal representative to the Grand River Conservation Authority for the Township of Mapleton, and Township of Wellington North for the term of Council.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of Councillor Steve McCabe as the municipal representative to the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority for the Town of Minto and Township of Wellington North for the term of Council.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of Councillor McCabe to the Wellington North Health Professional Recruitment Committee as the municipal representative for the Township of Wellington North for the term of Council.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of Councillor Burke to the North Wellington Health Care Corporation Louise Marshall Hospital Board of Directors as the municipal representative for the Township of Wellington North for the term of Council.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of Councillor McCabe and Councillor Renken to the Upper Grand Trailway Wellington Sub Committee as the municipal representatives for the Township of Wellington North for the term of Council.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of Councillor Burke to the Lynes Blacksmith Shop Committee as the municipal representative for the Township of Wellington North for the term of Council.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of the following members of Council to the Recreation, Parks & Leisure Committee:

- Councillor McCabe
- Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of the following members of Council to the Mount Forest Pool Ad-Hoc Committee:

- Councillor Burke
- Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of approve the following appointments to the Mount Forest Fireworks festival:

- Councillor Burke
- EDO Dale Small

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the appointment of CAO, Brooke Lambert to the Wellington North Safe Communities as the Wellington North representative.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-387

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

Be it resolved that the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North endorses Ward 4 Councillor Steve McCabe for the position of ROMA Zone 2 Representative for the 2023 – 2027 ROMA Board of Directors.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Burke (Ward 2) attended a community garden meeting, with Councillor McCabe in Mount Forest. She was quite impressed with the number of people that turned out, many with gardening knowledge and thanked Al Sharpe for providing a property to use.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4) inquired if the Township could provide a room for the Community Garden group for meetings. Mayor Lennox inquired if a waiver of fees was submitted.

Councillor Renken (Ward 1) was in support of the community garden.

Mayor Lennox commented on the exceptional turn out at the Arthur and Mount Forest Christmas parades and thanked staff for their work in decorating the truck used by Council.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 122-22 being a by-law to provide for an interim tax levy on all assessment within specific tax classes and to provide a penalty and interest rate for current taxes in default and tax arrears
- b. By-law Number 123-22 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023
- c. By-law Number 125-22 being a by-law to amend By-law 66-01, being a Zoning By-law for the Township of Wellington North (Crown survey Pt park lot 2 S; Smith St Carrol survey Pt Lots 6 & 9 and RP 61R21974; Parts 1, 11 to 15 and know Municipally as 152 Frederick St W, Geographic Town of Arthur)
- d. By-law Number 127-22 being a by-law to establish the fees and charges for various services provided by the municipality and to repeal By-law 117-21.
- e. By-law Number 128-22 being a by-law to amend By-law 007-22 being a by-law to establish 2023 fees and charges for recreation services provided by the municipality
- f. By-law Number 129-22 being a by-law to establish 2024 fees and charges for recreation services provided by the municipality and to repeal by-law 007-02
- g. By-law Number 130-22 being a by-law to regulate traffic in the Township of Wellington North and to repeal By-law No. 104-21

RESOLUTION: 2022-388

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 122-22, 123-22, 125-22, 127-22, 128-22, 129-22 and 130-22 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating Santa Claus Parades

The Santa Claus Parade is not an original concept. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, the word 'parade' is used to refer to a 'pompous show' rather than a public procession.

Ancient cities often had special, elaborately constructed streets for their processions. The earliest reference to a parade is found in cave paintings dating back ten thousand years. These events consisted of prehistoric men triumphantly carrying the game they killed back to their camp.

The idea for the Santa Claus parade originated with Eaton's Company in Toronto as a promotion for their department stores. The first parade was held on December 2nd, 1905 with a single float. It became the largest Santa Claus parade by the 1950's and Eaton's ended its association with the parade in 1982. Today, it is funded by corporate sponsors.

Before Mount Forest began having a Santa Claus Parade, The Lions Club had Santa Comes To Town which began in 1939. Tickets were given to children to attend the movie theatre and at the end of the movie Santa would appear and the children received bags of candy. One year, Santa arrived by helicopter to the Fire Hall.

The Santa Claus Parades, in Mount Forest, were originally held on a Saturday afternoon beginning in 1975. In 1988 the parades started to be held on Friday evenings to promote more business involvement. This is believed to be the first night time parade in southwestern Ontario. There have been as many as 85 bands/floats. During Covid 2020 and 2021 a very successful 'Reverse Parade' was held to continue the uninterrupted reputation of bringing Santa To Town. In 2022 the plans are to hold a traditional night parade on the usual 1st Friday in December.

The evening parades in Arthur and Mount Forest have a magical feeling with the floats being lit up, and the stars overhead. While they offer businesses and organizations recognition with their decorated floats, they also offer the residents, especially the children (young and old), some good old-fashioned fun and a beginning to the Christmas spirit.

Submitted by Penny Renken on behalf of the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

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

(d) labour relations or employee negotiations;

RESOLUTION: 2022-389

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 4:08 p.m. that is closed to the public under subsection 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, specifically:

(d) labour relations or employee negotiations

CARRIED

1. REPORTS

- HR 2022-015 – Non-Union Employee Remuneration

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- November 7, 2022

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2022-390

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session at 4:13 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-391

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report HR 2022-015 – Non-Union Employee Remuneration;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2022-392

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the November 7, 2022 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2022-393

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 131-22 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 December 5, 2022 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2022-394

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Regular Council meeting of December 5, 2022 be adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK