

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 19, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH
HYBRID MEETING - IN PERSON AND VIA WEB CONFERENCING
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Prkb6FefuVA>**

Members Present:

Mayor: Andrew Lennox
Councillors: Lisa Hern (via Zoom)
Steve McCabe
Penny Renken

Member Absent:

Councillor: Sherry Burke

Staff Present:

Chief Administrative Officer: Brooke Lambert
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk: Karren Wallace
Deputy Clerk: Catherine Conrad
Chief Building Official: Darren Jones
Human Resources Manager: Amy Tollefson
Acting Treasurer: Mary Jo Marshall
Manager, Community and Economic Development: Dale Small
Recreation Community Coordinator: Tasha Grafos
Recreation Services Manager: Tom Bowden
Manager of Development Planning: Curtis Marshall

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2023-222

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Agenda for the June 19, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed with the deletion of the following items:

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. PLANNING

- b. Report DC 2023-023 Maple Hill Estates Inc., Amending Development Agreement, Part of Park Lots 1 and 2 South of Clyde Street Plan Mount Forest Mount Forest, Part 6, 61R21657, Township of Wellington North

AND

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 6000-23 being a by-law to regulate the parking or stopping of vehicles on highways, public parking lots and in some instances, private property within the Township of Wellington North
- b. By-law Number 048-23 being a by-law to amend By-law 030-22 being a bylaw to enter into a Development Agreement with Maple Hill Estates Inc.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest disclosed.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Report CAO 2023-006 Wellington North Indigenous Land Acknowledgement
 - Martin Cooper, Senior Associate, Archaeological Services Inc. (A.S.I.), providing a brief verbal summary of the project

Mr. Cooper provided a summary of the Wellington County Indigenous Land Acknowledgement project. ASI was retained by six of the municipalities in Wellington County to assist in the development of Indigenous Land Acknowledgements. A land acknowledgement involves making a statement acknowledging the presence of Indigenous peoples past and present and recognizing Indigenous traditional lands and treaties. Land acknowledgements can also identify the displacement and exclusion of Indigenous peoples from their traditional territories. A short information booklet about land acknowledgements and their importance was developed for use by municipal staff. The report and land acknowledgement developed as part of this project should be considered as living documents to be reviewed on a regular basis and updated as needed. Land acknowledgements are an opportunity for the larger society to state the wrongs of the past and contribute to a feeling of inclusivity and should not be a source of further alienation. It should not be the culmination of a municipality's attempt at reconciliation, but a starting point. Once adopted, one should seek opportunities to improve the relationship between Non-Indigenous and Indigenous members of the community, as well as ways to reach out and support Indigenous communities.

Engagement with rights-bearing Indigenous nations as it relates to the Wellington County Municipalities Land Acknowledgement Project began in December 2021 with a circulation of a project notice by email to identified nations. The notice described the decision to undertake the project, its goals and timelines, and provided the contact information for the Working Group Chair, and invited recipients to contact the Chair of the Working Group to discuss the project further or request a meeting. The Six Nations of the Grand River identified interest in being involved in discussions for the project. Representatives of the Six Nations of the Grand River, the Mississauga of the Credit First Nation, and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation provided written comments on the report. ASI met with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation to discuss technical aspects of the report. Members of the Working Group and ASI met twice with representatives of the Six Nations of the Grand River to discuss their comments and concerns on the report. ASI worked with the community to address these concerns and made revisions to relevant sections of the report.

RESOLUTION: 2023-223

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CAO 2023-006 being a report on Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

AND THAT Council adopt the proposed Land Acknowledgement for the Township of Wellington North, as follows:

The lands that we know today as the Township of Wellington North have been home to Indigenous peoples since time immemorial. We acknowledge that we are on the treaty lands and traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee.

With increasing encroachment by non-Indigenous settlers in the Township of Wellington North, the Anishinaabe and the Haudenosaunee could not continue their traditional lifestyle and settled in their villages on the Credit River, Lake Huron, Lake Simcoe, and in the Grand River Valley. These nations uphold their Treaty Rights within our jurisdiction.

Today, the Township of Wellington North remains home to Indigenous peoples from across Turtle Island. We are grateful to have the opportunity to share and respect Mother Earth and are committed to building constructive and cooperative relationships with Indigenous nations.

AND FURTHER THAT this Land Acknowledgement be included as a sign of respect and remembrance at key Township meetings/business as follows:

Shall be included:

- Inaugural meetings of Council
- Official meetings with Indigenous nations
- Formal Unveilings/Ceremonies

May be considered if appropriate:

- Other Council meetings or Committee/Public meetings
- Community meetings
- Public Information Centres, Open Houses, and/or public workshops where there is a formal presentation or welcome

Further, The Land Acknowledgement can also be placed at the beginning of important municipal documents such as the Official Plan, Heritage Registry, Archaeological Management Plan, Transportation Master Plan, Water, Wastewater Master Plan, etc. also outlined herein;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to updated the procedure by-law to include the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

CARRIED

2. Sean Kelly, pl.ural

- Wellington North Community Improvement Program Update 2023

Mr. Kelley presented the 2023 Community Improvement Plan Update. Successes of the Wellington North CIP include twelve years of community improvement, financial incentives cultivating over 150 applications, over \$442K provided by the Township, yielding over \$3.5M in improvements, and leveraged over \$2.7M for Wellington North business owners and their tenants. A Community Improvement Plan (CIP) is an economic development tool required to provide financial incentives to provide grants and loans to businesses and landowners. CIP goals, updates and opportunities were reviewed. This CIP update continues with Wellington North's current community improvement project areas to include the settlement areas of Mount Forest and

Arthur, hamlets, as well as the full extent of the township for certain programs. The financial incentive programs have been updated and include a new green energy grant.

RECESS TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLUTION: 2023-224

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the June 19, 2023, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council for the purpose of holding a Public Meeting under the Planning Act:

- John and Mary Weber, Minor Variance
- Cannabis Zoning By-law

CARRIED

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2023-225

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the June 19, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council at 8:09 p.m.

CARRIED

PASSAGE OF BY-LAWS ARISING FROM PUBLIC MEETING

- a. By-law Number 047-23 being a by-law to amend By-law 66-01, being a Zoning By-law for the Township of Wellington North. (Cannabis)

RESOLUTION: 2023-226

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 047-23 being a by-law to amend By-law 66-01, being a Zoning By-law for the Township of Wellington North, as amended be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted. (Cannabis)

Recorded vote requested by: Councillor Renken		
Member of Council	Yea	Nay
Mayor Andrew Lennox	X	
Councillor Lisa Hern	X	
Councillor Steve McCabe	X	
Councillor Penny Renken		X
Totals	3	1

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, June 5, 2023
2. Public Meeting, June 5, 2023

RESOLUTION: 2023-227

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council and the Public Meeting held on June 5, 2023 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

3a, 4a, 6a, 7b

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2023-228

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the June 19, 2023 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 Recreation, Parks and Leisure Committee meeting held on June 6, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Planning Report prepared by Matthieu Daoust, Senior Planner, County of Wellington, dated June 5, 2023, regarding Draft Plan of Subdivision – 23T-22006, VED Homes, Part Park Lot 3, South of Domville St., Arthur.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North support the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision and related condition of draft plan approval for 23T-22006, VED Homes, Part Park Lot 3, South of Domville St., Arthur.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2023-024 being a report on a development agreement for Seawaves Homes Ltd.;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the by-law to enter into the agreement in the form, or substantially the same form as the draft Agreement, with Seawaves Homes Ltd.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2023-08 being the Building Permit Review for the period ending May 31, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated June 14, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2023-024 being a report on Jack's Way Security Reduction;

AND FURTHER THAT Council grant 5053745 Ontario Inc., for its Jack's Way subdivision in the community of Mount Forest (Draft Plan 23T-18004), a reduction in securities to the amount of \$617,590.00;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to reduce the security amount to \$617,590.00.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2023-025 being a report on Jefferey Way Security Reduction;

AND FURTHER THAT Council receive the correspondence from Frank Vanderloo, P. Eng, B.M. Ross and Associates Limited, dated June 13, 2023, regarding Mt. Forest Developments Inc. Subdivision (Jefferey Way, Mount Forest) Draft Plan 23T-18001 – Securities Reduction;

AND FURTHER THAT Council grant Mount Forest Developments Inc., for the Jefferey Way Subdivision (Draft Plan 23T-18001) in the community of Mount Forest, a reduction in securities to the amount of \$249,891.00;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to reduce the security amount to \$249,891.00.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2023-026 being a report on Cachet Developments (Arthur) Stage 3 Preliminary Acceptance;

AND FURTHER THAT Council receive the correspondence from Dustin Lyttle, Triton Engineering Services Limited, dated June 15, 2023, regarding Cachet Developments (Arthur) Phases 1 & 2 Preliminary Acceptance Stage 3 Municipal Services;

AND FURTHER THAT Preliminary Acceptance be granted for Phases 1 & 3 of Stage 3 Municipal Services works for Cachet Developments (Arthur) with the guarantee and maintenance period commencing on June 19, 2023.

WHEREAS, major trauma or injury is one of the principal causes of death for people in Canada, and all Wellington County residents have an equal right to education on and awareness of injury care, control and prevention strategies, and

WHEREAS, most injuries are predictable and preventable, and Parachute is Canada's national charity dedicated to reducing the devastating impact of preventable injuries for people on the road, at home and at play by providing them with the necessary information and tools, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Wellington North is committed to creating a safe environment contributing to the safety and well-being of our children; and

WHEREAS, hospitals, provincial agencies and community organizations are committed to their crucial role in reducing injuries and deaths by promoting safe practices; and

WHEREAS, National Injury Prevention Day raises awareness and promotes efforts to reduce injuries among children; the Township of Wellington North commends Safe Communities Wellington County and all involved in their endeavor to protect children from injury;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrew Lennox, Mayor of Township of Wellington North do hereby proclaim July 5, 2023 as

National Injury Prevention Day

and call upon the residents of the Township of Wellington North to join with me in this observation by June 15, 2023. Proclaimed and adopted this 19th day of June, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence, dated May 30, 2023, from Hawk\$ Nest, Rose Austin, General Manager, Saugeen Economic Development Corporation and Barb Fisher, General Manager, Bruce Community Futures Development Corporation regarding thank you for support as a community sponsor.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2023-229

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CBO 2023-07 being a report on the City of Guelph By-law Enforcement Services – 6 Month Extension;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to enter into amending agreement to extend By-law 122-21 with the City of Guelph for the purposes of providing By-law Enforcement Services to the Township of Wellington North

CARRIED

Councillor McCabe declared a pecuniary interest on Report EDO 2023-013, Community Improvement Program as he attends Sacred Heart Church in Kenilworth and refrained from commenting and voting.

RESOLUTION: 2023-230

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2023 – 013 on the Community Improvement Program,

AND FURTHER THAT Council receives the updated Community Improvement Program as presented by Sean Kelly from pl.ural.

AND FURTHER THAT after the 30-day public review period is over the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign a by-law to adopt the new Community Improvement Program,

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the following grants:

- \$2,500 Public Art Grant to the Arthur Chamber of Commerce
- \$2,500 Façade Improvement Grant to Sacred Heart Church in Kenilworth
- \$1,500 Accessibility Grant to Sacred Heart Church in Kenilworth.
- \$2,500 Façade Improvement Grant to Mount Forest Museum & Archives

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-231

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2023-023 being a report on Traffic Counts;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to include an annual \$10,000 traffic count allowance starting in the 2024 budget year.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-232

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive correspondence from Ken Thompson, President, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 134, Mount Forest, dated June 14, 2023, requesting approval for placing a tent in their parking lot to host a licensed music/beer tent in conjunction with the Mount Forest Fireworks Festival;

AND FURTHER that staff work with the RCL Branch 134 in submitting their request for a noise exemption for Friday, July 14th 3:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.; Saturday, July 15th 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.; and Sunday, July 16th 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Renken (Ward 1):

- Cultural Roundtable, June 15th
 - Matthew Rae, MPP, Perth Wellington, presented the Senior of the Year certificate to Bonny McDougall
 - Mayor Lennox presented a \$10,000 cheque to Kate Rowley for the Lynes Blacksmith Shop Committee
 - Bonny McDougall, Chair, presented a \$1,000 cheque to Sharon Wenger and Stacey Stevenson for the Mount Forest Fireworks Festival
 - Executive Director Raymond Soucy from the Centre Wellington Community Foundation presented a \$1,500 cheque to Aletha McArthur from the New Growth Family Centre, Mount Forest
 - Minto, Mapleton and Wellington North have partnered on a Northern Wellington Culture Page that will go in the Community News section of the Wellington Advertiser the last issue of each month
 - The Town of Harriston, Cultural Roundtable will host a joint meeting with Minto, Hanover and Wellington North on September 6th at the Harriston Library
 - Wellington North Cultural Roundtable promotional brochure is being drafted and will showcase our major events and cultural assets

- Wellington North Culture Days will take place September 22nd to October 15th highlighting the newcomer welcome and volunteer celebration on September 14th at the Mount Forest Sports Complex. There will be culture days at the Mount Forest Farmers Market on September 23rd, the Metz Pumpkin Festival on September 30th, and the Lynes Blacksmith Shop will be open on September 30th. There will be a variety of events on October 14th to end the cultural days.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Arthur Chamber of Commerce meeting last week with discussion regarding the July 1st Canada Day Street Market. There will also be many free activities for kids.
- Mount Forest Chamber of Commerce meeting last week. Everything is on track for the Fireworks Festival. They are doing some upgrades to their website. They discussed the Ladies Night event and new committees.

BY-LAWS

- By-law Number 049-23 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Development Agreement, Parklot 52, Parklot 54 and Parklot 56, Judge MacDonalds Survey; Village of Arthur; Township of Wellington North with Seawaves Homes Ltd.
- By-law Number 050-23 being a by-law to extend By-law Number 122-21 being a by-law for compliance services with the City of Guelph

RESOLUTION: 2023-233

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 049-23 and 050-23 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating William G. Gorvett

Mr. William Gorvett was born in Devonshire England and came to Canada in 1854, settling in Markham, Ontario. One of his sons, William G. Gorvett, was born there on December 11, 1861. He farmed in Arthur Township for 3 years around 1880 and then moved to Arthur Village, becoming a carpenter and was in the building business. He married Elizabeth A. Leith on April 19, 1883.

In 1890, he purchased the first planing mill erected in Arthur Village, on Frederick Street West. He sold the business 4 years later but then repurchased it and ran it successfully.

Mr. Gorvett was elected to the council in 1897, and then served for another 3 terms. In 1905, he was elected as Reeve of the Village.

On July 14, 1921, the Enterprise News reported that shortly before 5 p.m., the mill was struck by lightning. The lightning seemed to have struck the hydro electric wires and followed them into the mill building, which was soon enveloped in flames. The damage

was estimated at \$12,000 to \$15,000 but Mr. Gorvett had no insurance. In 1905, this mill's predecessor and a large quantity of lumber were destroyed by fire as well, but he replaced them at that time. This time, he was of the opinion that he would not rebuild the mill. As the mill was one of the town's best industries and drew a large business from neighbouring towns, it was a decided loss to Arthur.

William had multi-interests such as building outside of his planing mill, was more or less interested in real estate, and owned a lumber yard in connection with the mill. He was a self-made man and owed his successes to his own efforts. The community considered him a first-class businessman and he was prominent both socially and commercially.

His brother John also settled in the Arthur area and became a successful farmer with mixed farming on Lot 24, Concession 1.

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

Resources: Historical Atlas of Wellington County 1906 and Arthur & Area Historical Society

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2023-234

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law Number 051-23 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 June 19, 2023 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT


RESOLUTION: 2023-235

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Regular Council meeting of June 19, 2023 be adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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