

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.
CLOSED SESSION PRIOR TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH
HYBRID MEETING - IN PERSON AND VIA WEB CONFERENCING**

Members Present:	Mayor:	Andrew Lennox
	Councillors:	Lisa Hern
		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
	Human Resources Manager:	Amy Tollefson
	Manager Community & Economic Development:	Dale Small
	Manager of Recreation Services:	Tom Bowden
	Senior Project Manager:	Tammy Stevenson
	Senior Planner:	Matthieu Daoust

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2023-333

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Agenda for the September 25, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest disclosed.

CLOSED MEETING SESSION

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

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

RESOLUTION: 2023-334

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 6:31 p.m. that is closed to the public under subsection 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, specifically:

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;

CARRIED

1. REPORTS

- Verbal Report regarding H. Bye Aggregate Pit Agreement
- Report EDO 2023-020 Senior of the Year and Ontario Volunteer Award Nominations for 2024
- Report EDO 2023-021 Economic Development Office Update

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- September 11, 2023

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2023-335

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-336

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the verbal report regarding H. Bye Aggregate Pit Agreement;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-337

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North defer Report EDO 2023-020 Senior of the Year and Ontario Volunteer Award Nominations for 2024.

CARRIED

Staff were directed to bring the report to the October 10, 2023 closed meeting of Council

RESOLUTION: 2023-338

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EDO 2023-021 Economic Development Office Update

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-339

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the September 11, 2023 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Andrew Lennox, Mayor

- Deferred to October 10, 2023 Council Meeting.

RECESS TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLUTION: 2023-340

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the September 25, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:33 p.m. for the purpose of holding a Public Meeting under the Planning Act:

- Eugene Sidlar, Minor Variance

CARRIED

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2023-341

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the September 25, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:43 p.m.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, September 11, 2023

RESOLUTION: 2023-342

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 11, 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, 3b, 3c, 4b

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2023-343

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the September 25, 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 Planning Report prepared by a. Jessica Rahim, Senior Planner, County of Wellington, dated September 20, 2023, regarding Cachet Developments Inc., Parts 1-87, Blocks 134-143, Registered Plan 61M-248, Township of Wellington North (Arthur), Part Lot Control Exemption Application.

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 the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated September 20, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Maitland Conservation, August 2023 Update Report.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2023-344

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CAO 2023-010 Wellington North Power Inc. (WNP) Loan Application Approval;

AND FURTHER THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North, as the primary shareholder, grants approval to Wellington North Power Inc. (WNP) to borrow up to

\$1,100,000 from Infrastructure Ontario to finance

- Smart Meter Replacement / Reverification Capital Project (proposed budget \$350,000.00)
- New Large Developments (proposed budget \$550,000.00)
- Restoring a healthier Current Ratio (proposed budget \$200,000.00)

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-345

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2023-030 being a report on Township of Wellington North 25th Anniversary.

AND THAT staff be directed to work with the Cultural Roundtable to plan appropriate recognition activities to celebrate the 25th anniversary and bring their recommendations to Council by early 2024.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-346

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2023-033 Canine Control Contract;

AND THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the by-law to amend By-law 030-2016 being a By-law for the provision of canine control services.

CARRIED

Council directed staff to bring a report regarding the numbers of times canine control is utilized.

RESOLUTION: 2023-347

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence dated September 15, 2023, from The Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Responding to the Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations.

CARRIED

Council directed staff to bring a report to the October 10th Council Meeting regarding ranking of top five Task Force recommendations.

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Renken (Ward 1):

- The Mount Forest Community Garden held a dinner last week. It was nice to people enjoying the garden and see the excitement about the plants.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- The Arthur Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting and Mount Forest Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting and Awards of Excellence are being held on the same date, October 18th. The Mount Forest Chamber had to

reschedule which resulted in their meeting being on the same date as the Arthur Chamber of Commerce AGM.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- The Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority had a meeting on September 21st regarding updating their strategic plan. They are working on the 2024 budget. Agreements have been sent to member municipalities for category 3 programs that allow further conservation restoration, development, and management of natural resources. Category 1 and 2 programs are mandated by the Province.
- Thank you to CAO Brooke Lambert, Councillor Hern and Councillor Renken for their participation in the IPM parade last week.

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 086-2023 being a by-law to amend By-law 030-16 authorize the execution of an agreement between R. & R. Pet Paradise (Rick Rauwerda) and The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North
- b. By-law Number 087-2023 being a by-law to exempt lands from Part Lot Control (Cachet Developments Inc.)

RESOLUTION: 2023-348

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 086-2023 and 087-2023 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating Carolyn (Curtis) Greig

With over 30 years experience, Carolyn (Curtis) Greig is a long-time educator with her main focus in helping special needs high school students develop their language and literacy skills. This in turn, led to her involvement in the board of education's literacy committee and the founding of the reading tutor program in area high schools. She grew up in Arthur and became a teacher where she taught in British Columbia, Yukon, and Ontario.

The books she has written focus on some basic "growing up" fundamentals that we wish all our children to be conscious of, sharing, manners, friendship, loyalty, acceptance, prayer, and bullying. They focus on first, listening to the stories and then advancing to reading parts of the stories which are written in capital letters and later reading themselves.

From her love of dogs, the main character in the books is a dachshund named Jerry who has other dog friends that can parallel to a child's real life with their friends and in the book "School Days", a book about bullying teaches that, in spite of our differences; we all have unique talents and special abilities. The book, "The Rescue" takes place in the Elora Gorge and her 2nd book "The Birthday Party" emphasizes the Golden Rule: treat people the way you would like to be treated.

Carolyn lives in Arthur with her husband Henry and her current dachshund. We thank her contribution as an author and for enriching our community.

Submitted by Bonny McDougall, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2023-349

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 088-23 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 September 25, 2023 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2023-350

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Regular Council meeting of September 25, 2023 be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED

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