# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 6, 2023 AT 2:00 P.M. CLOSED SESSION PRIOR TO OPEN SESSION AT 1:00 P.M. MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH HYBRID MEETING - IN PERSON AND VIA WEB CONFERENCING https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=edMv8ph8Mu4

Members Present: Acting Mayor: Steve McCabe

Councillors: Sherry Burke (via Zoom)

Lisa Hern Penny Renken

Member Absent: Mayor: Andrew Lennox

**Staff Present:** 

Chief Administrative Officer: Brooke Lambert Director of Legislative Services/Clerk: Karren Wallace

Deputy Clerk: Catherine Conrad

Chief Building Official: Darren Jones
Director of Finance: Jerry Idialu
Human Resources Manager: Amy Tollefson

Manager Community & Economic Development: Dale Small

Director of Fire Services: Chris Harrow Recreation Services Manager: Tom Bowden

Senior Planner: Jessica Rahim

#### **CALLING TO ORDER**

Acting Mayor McCabe called the meeting to order.

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2023-397 Moved: Councillor Hern Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Agenda for the November 6, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted

and passed as amended.

To include a closed session item:

Report OPS 2023-040 Arthur Works Yard Land purchase opportunity

And, to include an open session item:

b. By-law No. 103-2023 being a by-law to authorize the executive of an agreement of purchase and sale.

And, to change the number of the Confirmatory By-law to 104-2023.

**CARRIED** 

#### **DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Burke declared an indirect pecuniary interest with the following as her employer prepared the sketches for the consent applications:

#### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### 2. PLANNING

a. Report DC 2023-028, Consent Application B68-23 5043449 Ontario Inc. (Ron Speer)

and

b. Report DC 2023-029, Consent Application B75-23 Schill Land Holdings Inc.

Councillor Hern declared a deemed pecuniary interest with the following as she is in the legislated notification area of the consent application:

#### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### 2. PLANNING

c. Report DC 2023-030, Consent Application B79-23 Stuart Wright & Wrighthaven Farms Ltd.

#### **CLOSED MEETING SESSION**

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

- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations
- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

**RESOLUTION: 2023-398** 

Moved: Councillor Burke Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North go into a meeting at 1:01 p.m. that is closed to the public under subsection 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001, specifically:

- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations
- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;

#### **CARRIED**

#### 1. REPORTS

- CAO 2023-014 Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal Update North Arthur Developments Inc. (Cachet)
- OPS 2023-040 Arthur Works Yard Land purchase opportunity
- HR 2023-004 Non-union Employee and Council Remuneration

#### 2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

October 23, 2023

#### 3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2023-399 Moved: Councillor Burke Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a

closed meeting session at 2:00 p.m.

**CARRIED** 

RESOLUTION: 2023-400 Moved: Councillor Hern Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive

Report CAO 2023-014 Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal Update North Arthur

Developments Inc. (Cachet)

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

**CARRIED** 

RESOLUTION: 2023-401 Moved: Councillor Hern Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive

Report OPS 2023-040 Arthur Works Yard Land purchase opportunity;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION: 2023-402** 

Moved: Councillor Renken Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive

Report HR 2023-004 Non-union Employee and Council Remuneration;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-403
Moved: Councillor Hern
Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive

Report CAO 2023-014 Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal Update North Arthur

Developments Inc. (Cachet)

AND FURTHER THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2023-404 Moved: Councillor Burke Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the

Closed Meeting Minutes of the October 23, 2023 Council Meeting.

#### RECESS TO MOVE INTO COURT OF REVISION

RESOLUTION: 2023-405 Moved: Councillor Hern Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the Regular Council Meeting of November 6, 2023 at 2:02 p.m. for the purpose of holding a Court of Revision for the George Kirkness (Asbridge) Drain.

**CARRIED** 

#### RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2023-406 Moved: Councillor Hern Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the

November 6, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council at 2:23 p.m.

CARRIED

## **PRESENTATIONS**

 Report EM 2023-001 2023 Annual Emergency Management Programme Report

Hurania Melgar, Emergency Manager/CEMC, reviewed her annual report and explained how the municipality fulfilled the requirements set out in the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and Ontario Regulation 380/04.

- The Emergency Management Programme Committee met on February 15, 2023 to review the Township's Emergency Management Programme including its Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment, Emergency Response Plan, training needs, proposed annual exercise, and Public Education.
- Members of the Township's Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG), both primary and alternates, have satisfied the training requirements for this year.
- The Township's MECG members participated in an emergency management exercise held on July 24, 2023.
- Public education included providing information during Emergency Preparedness Week, May 7-13, using the County's social media, Wellington Advertiser County Page, radio ads, and a presentation to a Kindergarten class in Mount Forest; and by participating in "Safe Community Day" on October 5 where students from across the County had the opportunity to view a video on Emergency Preparedness and ask questions to staff.
- The critical infrastructure list was updated by the Township at the Committee meeting.

RESOLUTION: 2023-407 Moved: Councillor Burke Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report EM 2023-001 Annual Emergency Management Programme Report regarding

the status of the Township's Emergency Management Programme for 2023 for information:

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North accepts the annual status report of the Township's Emergency Management Programme for 2023. CARRIED

#### RECESS TO MOVE INTO PUBLIC MEETING

RESOLUTION: 2023-408 Moved: Councillor Hern Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the November 6, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council at 2:31 p.m. for the purpose of holding a Public Meeting under the Planning Act:

- Pinestone Construction Inc., Minor Variance A12/23
- Pinestone Construction Inc., Minor Variance A13/23
- 2073022 Ontario Inc., Minor Variance A14/23
- Pinestone Construction Inc., Minor Variance A15/23
- Pinestone Construction Inc., Minor Variance A16/23
- Pinestone Construction Inc., Minor Variance A17/23
- 940749 Ontario Limited (Harvestview), Zoning By-law Amendment 20/23

#### **CARRIED**

#### RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2023-409 Moved: Councillor Burke Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the

November 6, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council at 4:15 p.m.

CARRIED

#### O'CANADA

#### ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

- 1. Regular Meeting of Council, October 23, 2023
- 2. Public Meeting, October 23, 2023

RESOLUTION: 2023-410

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council and the Public Meeting held on

October 23, 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

1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 2c, 3b, 4b, 6a

#### ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2023-411 Moved: Councillor Burke Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the November 6, 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 Vendor Cheque Register Report dated October 31, 2023.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2023-037 being a report to set the 2024 water and sewer fees and charges;

AND THAT Council authorize a 1.5% increase to water and sewer rates for the year 2024 consistent with the recommendations from the 2020 Water and Wastewater Rate Study prepared by DFA Infrastructure International Inc. dated November 13, 2020;

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 receive for information Report CLK 2023-038 Procedure By-law;

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Procedure by-law at the November 20, 2023 meeting.

AND FURTHER THAT the By-law will become effective January 1, 2024.

**CARRIED** 

#### CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2023-412
Moved: Councillor Hern
Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors Special Meeting and the Board of Directors Meeting held on September 21, 2023.

**CARRIED** 

RESOLUTION: 2023-413
Moved: Councillor Hern
Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee meeting held on October 24, 2023.

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Council Burke left the meeting as she had previously declared a pecuniary interest with Report DC 2023-028 and Report DC 2023-029.

RESOLUTION: 2023-414

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2023-028 being a report on Consent Application (Severance) B68-23 known as Part Lots 13 & 14, Concession 5 in the former Township of Arthur.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North support consent application B68-23 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;
- THAT driveway access can be provided to the retained and severed lands to the satisfaction of the Township of Wellington North;

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

**RESOLUTION: 2023-415** 

Moved: Councillor Renken Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC2023-029 being a report on Consent Application (Severance) B75-23 known as Part Lot 13, Concession 2 in the former Township of Arthur.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North support consent application B75-23 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

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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;
- THAT the Owner shall decommission the existing septic system and apply for and obtain a building permit for a new septic system and that the septic system be constructed to the satisfaction of the building department;
- THAT driveway access can be provided to the retained and severed lands to the satisfaction of the Township of Wellington North;
- THAT the owner obtain zoning approval for a reduction in interior side yard, proposed is 15.2 m whereas the by-law requires 18.3 m for the farm shed on the retained portion on the property;
- THAT a dwelling be prohibited on the retained lands to the satisfaction of the County of Wellington Planning Department;

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.

Councillor Hern left the meeting as she had previously declared a pecuniary interest with Report DC 2023-030.

RESOLUTION: 2023-416
Moved: Councillor Burke
Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DC 2023-030 being a report on Consent Application (Severance) B79-23 known as Part Lot 24, Concession 5 in the former Township of Arthur.

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North support consent application B79-23 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

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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;
- THAT the barn labeled as "Barn 250m2" in the application be demolished and the site left in a graded level condition to the satisfaction of the Township;
- THAT driveway access can be provided to the retained and severed lands to the satisfaction of the Township of Wellington North;
- THAT southeast triangle corner labelled as 'deviated road' and 'lands owned by the applicant' that are adjacent and included in the existing roadway to be deeded to the Township;
- THAT a dwelling be prohibited on the retained lands to the satisfaction of the County of Wellington Planning Department;

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 Hern returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: 2023-417
Moved: Councillor Hern
Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report TR2023-009 being a report on 2024 fees and charges by-law updates (various services);

AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the updates to reflect the changes outlined herein for the 2024 calendar year;

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

RESOLUTION: 2023-418

Moved: Councillor Burke
Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report OPS 2023-039 being a report on the 2025 Recreation and Program Rates and Fees;

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AND THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North approve the recommended 2025 Recreation and Program Rates and Fees;

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

RESOLUTION: 2023-419

Moved: Councillor Hern
Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive correspondence dated October 27, 2023 from Erik Downing, General Manager/Secretary-Treasurer (Acting), Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority

regarding 2024 Draft Budget.

**CARRIED** 

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

No notice of motion tabled.

#### COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

Mount Forest BIA Annual General Meeting will be held on November 15, 2023

#### **BY-LAWS**

- a. By-law 102-23 being a by-law to establish the fees and charges for various services provided by the Municipality and to repeal By-law 127-2022
- b. By-law No. 103-2023 being a by-law to authorize the execution of an agreement of purchase and sale.

RESOLUTION: 2023-420 Moved: Councillor Burke Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 102-2023 and 103-2023 be read a First, Second and Third time

and enacted. CARRIED

**RESOLUTION: 2023-421** 

Moved: Councillor Renken Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the November 6, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North be extended past the four (4) hours curfew as set out in Section 23.1 of By-law Number 111-21 being the Procedure By-law for governing the calling, place and proceedings of meetings of Council and its Committees.

#### **CULTURAL MOMENT**

Celebrating Lieutenant Samuel Lewis Honey

Samuel Lewis Honey was born in Conn, Ontario on Feb 9, 1894. Known as Lew, he was the eldest son of Rev. George and Metta Honey. Rev. Honey was the Methodist minister of the Conn circuit churches and would have occupied the Methodist parsonage at the corner of Maple St and Hwy 89 in Conn until 1896 when Rev. Honey was called to Listowel.

Samuel obtained a teaching certificate and then graduated in 1914 with a certificate in the study of teaching methods and took a course as a cadet instructor. He had planned to enter college but instead enlisted on Jan 22, 1915. He was promoted to Acting Sergeant during basic training and was in Devonport, England on Oct 31, 1915. Because of his Acting rank, Honey went to Aldershot to take special courses in physical training and bayonet fighting and then taught these courses at Bramshott Camp until August 1916.

After attaining the rank of Sergeant that same month, he was transferred to the 78th Infantry Battalion, and went to France. On Feb 22nd, 1917, he earned the Military Medal for Gallantry for raiding a German trench and covering his platoon while under heavy grenade fire. At the Battle of Vimy Ridge in April 1917 he earned the Distinguished Conduct Medal for leadership and maintaining morale in the face of extremely heavy fire. He became Lieutenant in 1917. After Vimy Ridge, he returned to Bramshott Camp, became an instructor, then attended an officers' training course before returning to the front in October 1917. His regiment pushed through three positions before taking the heavily fortified German position in Bourlon Wood. On Sept 27, 1918, all of the commanding officers were killed, and Honey assumed command. On that date he won his Victoria Cross. He rushed a German position single-handed, capturing the guns and ten prisoners. Then went out alone after dark to locate a German post and returned with a party to capture it. He was wounded on Sept 29th and died on Sept 30th, 1918, the last day of the 78th Battalion's attack.

Honey was idolized by his men. He was buried in France. In July 1964, a plaque was unveiled in front of Westcott United Church in Conn where it remained until 2008. After the church closed, the plaque was moved to the front of the Legion in Mount Forest. In 1975, his family presented his medals to the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa.

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

## **CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

**RESOLUTION: 2023-422** 

Moved: Councillor Renken Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 104-2023 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 6, 2023 be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted. CARRIED

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# **ADJOURNMENT**

RESOLUTION: 2023-423 Moved: Councillor Burke Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Regular Council meeting of November 6, 2023 be adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

DocuSigned by:	Karren Wallace
ACTING MAYOR	CLERK