

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH  
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MAY 21, 2024 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  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqXMCiVST2Q>**

**Members Present:** Mayor: Andrew Lennox  
Councillors: Sherry Burke  
Lisa Hern  
Steve McCabe (arrived at 6:40 pm)  
Penny Renken

**Staff Present:**

Chief Administrative Officer:	Brooke Lambert
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk:	Karren Wallace
Deputy Clerk:	Catherine Conrad
Executive Assistant to CAO:	Tasha Grafos
Director of Finance:	Jeremiah Idialu
Human Resources Manager:	Amy Tollefson
Chief Building Official:	Darren Jones
Senior Project Manager:	Tammy Stevenson
Manager Community & Economic Development:	Mandy Jones
Senior Planner:	Jessica Rahim

#### **CALLING TO ORDER**

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

#### **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

RESOLUTION: 2024-165

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Agenda for the May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

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

None

#### **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;
- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

RESOLUTION: 2024-166

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

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;

(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;

CARRIED

1. REPORTS

- CAO 2024-009 Litigation Update
- C&ED 2024-024, 244 Isabella Street Arthur, Lease Agreement

2. REVIEW OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

- May 6, 2024

3. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED MEETING SESSION

RESOLUTION: 2024-167

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North rise from a closed meeting session at 6:58 p.m.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-168

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CAO 2024-009 Litigation Update;

AND THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-169

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2024-024, 244 Isabella Street Arthur, 244 Isabella Street Arthur Lease Agreement;

AND THAT Council approve the confidential direction to staff.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-170

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North approve the Closed Meeting Minutes of the May 6, 2024 Council Meeting.

CARRIED

## **O'CANADA**

## **COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE**

Steve O'Neill, Ward 4 County Councillor

Effective January 1, 2026 blue box material becomes the responsibility of the producer. Wellington County will begin the transition phase on July 1, 2025.

Producers do not have to pick up from commercial, industrial, or institutional sectors. The County will pick up once a week and have identified 14 business areas with 560 businesses that would be eligible, however it is understood some won't use the County collection as they already have their own arrangements.

Regular garbage and green bins are not impacted, only recycling. Residential pick up will not be affected. The blue box program will be consistent throughout the Province so every municipality will recycle the same items. After the transition there could be additional items added.

## **RECESS TO MOVE INTO MEETINGS UNDER THE PLANNING ACT**

RESOLUTION: 2024-171

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:16 p.m. for the purpose of holding meetings under the Planning Act.

CARRIED

## **COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

- A03/24 Dale Eastep

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the May 21, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:34 p.m.

CARRIED

## **QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)**

No registration of questions on agenda items.

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

1. Regular Meeting of Council, May 6, 2024
2. Public Meeting, May 6, 2024

RESOLUTION: 2024-172

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council and the Public Meeting held on May 6, 2024 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, 1c

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

RESOLUTION: 2024-173

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT all items listed under Items for Consideration on the May 21, 2024 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 Township of Wellington North Growth Management Plan Project Advisory Committee Meeting #4 held on Tuesday, April 30, 2024.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Safe Communities Wellington County Leadership Table meeting held on March 20, 2024.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated May 14, 2024.

CARRIED

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

RESOLUTION: 2024-174

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur Business Improvement Area Special Meeting held on April 25 2024.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-175

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North publicly support the banner initiatives of the Arthur BIA on the main street of Arthur

recognizing historically significant buildings and people, diversity equity and inclusion and Canada Day celebrations;

AND THAT staff work with the Arthur BIA and Wellington North Power to determine an installation schedule.

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to work with the BIA to determine the installation schedule of all the banners based on the resources available; and that staff work with the BIA in their communication efforts.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-176

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North amend By-Law 134-2022 being a By-law to appoint member to Arthur Business Improvement Area Board of Directors as follows:

1. THAT the following individual be appointed to sit as a Board member of the Arthur Business Improvement Area Board of Directors for the 2022-2026 term:
  - Chris McIntosh, Treasurer
2. THAT the following individual be removed from the Arthur Business Improvement Area Board of Directors for the 2022 - 2026 term:
  - Money Dadwin

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2024-177

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Mount Forest Business Improvement Area meeting minutes of April 9, 2024 and May 14, 2024.

CARRIED

Councillor Renken noted that in the May 14, 2024 minutes she is listed as staff, but she was there in her personal capacity as she is not a member of the BIA.

### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

No notice of motion tabled.

### **COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT**

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- Louise Marshall Hospital Board has experienced emergency room closures, and every effort is made to avoid closures.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- SVCA meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>. The resignation of the General Manager was announced.
- ROMA meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The June meeting will be held in Thunder Bay
- Nuclear Waste Management Ontario meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>

Mayor Lennox:

- Mayor's roundtable discussion included physician recruitment with a companion program to work to try to minimize healthcare shortages.

### **BY-LAWS**

- a. By-law Number 036-2024 being a by-law to authorize the purchase of real property being Part Lot 6 Concession 5 formerly Arthur Township, being Part 1 on 61R-22700 Township of Wellington North (Alette Holsteins – site triangle)
- b. By-law Number 037-2024 being a by-law to amend By-law 134-2022 being a by-law to appoint members to the Arthur Business Improvement Area Board of Directors
- c. By-law Number 038-2024 being a by-law to set the rates for 2024 taxation and to provide for the collection thereof
- d. By-law Number 039-2024 being a by-law to repeal by-laws rendered redundant by employment or consultant changes
- e. By-law Number 040-2024 being a by-law to authorize a Sewage Allocation Agreement between The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North and Marlanna Homes Inc.
- f. By-law Number 041-2024 being a by-law to authorize a Sewage Allocation Agreement between The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North and John Welton Custom Homebuilding Ltd.
- g. By-law Number 042-2024 being a by-law to authorize a Sewage Allocation Agreement between The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North and 5053745 Ontario Inc.
- h. By-law Number 043-2024 being a by-law to appoint a Deputy Treasurer (Laura Rooney)
- i. By-law Number 044-2024 being a by-law to amend By-law 136-22 being a by-law to appoint members to the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable
- j. By-law Number 045-2024 being a by-law to amend By-law 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.

RESOLUTION: 2024-178

Moved: Councillor

Seconded: Councillor

THAT By-law Number 036-2024, 037-2024, 038-2024, 039-2024, 040-2024, 041-2024, 042-2024, 043-2024, 044-2024 and 045-2024 be read and passed.

CARRIED

**CULTURAL MOMENT**

- Celebrating Farm to Table Sales and the Farmers' Market

Consider the usual journey undertaken by your fruits and vegetables to the grocery store. Days can pass before they arrive from their place of origin. As time passes, the nutrients and taste of food decline. There are a variety of ways to take advantage of direct farm marketing. Most people know about farmers' markets, but there are other methods of getting fresh produce. A popular option in Wellington North is some form of on-farm process.

Often called farm gate or roadside, these stands teem with fresh food and flowers through summer and fall. You may find something as simple as a farm wagon or a buggy parked on the roadside. Some farmers will build rustic little stands or huts that can somewhat protect the buyer from the weather. Many of these operations are provided on an honour system for payment because everyone on the farm is busy with production. Sadly, there is the occasional instance of people taking advantage of that trust, but most understand the idea of paying for their purchases.

"Pick Your Own" operations are another way to enjoy fresh-to-the-table food. It is a great outdoor family activity with the reward of eating food you have picked with your own hands. Children learn in a meaningful way, where our food comes from. These businesses require more supervision to ensure that pickers are in the right area of the field, and that damage is kept to a minimum.

A Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) subscription provides an assortment of fresh produce to the consumer in a regularly available assortment of whatever is ripe on the farm. Although the boxing up of various food shares requires time and labour, the timing is flexible to allow the farmer to get important work done. Some farms will offer a half-share of a CSA for those who are not cooking for a family.

If you prefer a more traditional approach to buying farm products, the Wellington North Farmers' Market is the place for you. With several vendors offering fresh produce, meat, and other agricultural products, the Wellington North Farmers' Market is a great place to shop locally while buying fresh product directly from the source.

The Wellington North Farmers' Market opens for the season on Saturday, June 15 at 8:30 a.m. at the Victory Community Centre, 320 King Street in Mount Forest. The Market will run every Saturday until September 28. Check out the Market on Facebook for more information.

Submitted by Doris Cassan, Wellington North Cultural Roundtable

**CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

RESOLUTION: 2024-179

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 046-2024 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 May 21, 2024 be read and passed.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT**

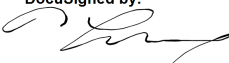
RESOLUTION: 2024-180

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Regular Council meeting of May 21, 2024 be adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR

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*Karren Wallace*  
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