

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – MARCH 24, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH
HYBRID MEETING - IN PERSON AND VIA WEB CONFERENCING
[March 24, 2025 Township of Wellington North Council Meeting \(you tube\)](#)**

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

**Chief Administrative Officer: Brooke Lambert
Director of Legislative Services/Clerk: Karren Wallace
Deputy Clerk: Catherine Conrad
Executive Assistant to the CAO: Tasha Grafos
Director of Finance: Jeremiah Idialu
Human Resources Manager: Amy Tollefson
Chief Building Official: Darren Jones
Manager of Infrastructure and Engineering: Tammy Stevenson
Manager Environment and Development Services: Corey Schmidt
Manager Recreation Community & Economic
Development: Mandy Jones
Project Lead – Seniors Programs: Janice Benson
Community Development Coordinator: Mike Wilson
Planner: Asavari Jadhav-Admane**

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2025-089

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Agenda for the March 24, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No disclosure of pecuniary interest.

O'CANADA

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Andrew Lennox, Mayor

Supportive Housing

The Mayor noted housing continues to be a challenging file in Guelph as well as Wellington County. With the opening of a new transitional housing facility on Delphi Street in Guelph, it opens capacity in other places in Wellington.

The blue box transition teams from Wellington County have visited most of the businesses in the downtown core to provide details on moving to producer responsibility and what that means for businesses. The Mayor is looking for feedback from any of those businesses.

The implementation of automated speed enforcement in community safety zones has been successful in reducing speeds in the problem areas.

The Bridge 109 project is moving ahead and the Mayor will ensure he will provide information as he is updated.

RECESS TO MOVE INTO MEETINGS UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

RESOLUTION: 2025-090

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the March 24, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:08 p.m. for the purpose of holding meetings under the Planning Act.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- A03/25 Minor Variance- Ken Babey
- A04/25 Minor Variance – Paul Wideman
- A05/25 Minor Variance – Bart Clemmer

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2025-091

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the March 24, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council at 7:26 p.m.

CARRIED

DEPUTATIONS

Dwight Benson, Mount Forest BIA

Downtown Lighting Project

Mr. Benson outlined the Mount Forest BIA's lighting project, noting they want to retrofit the bulbs on the existing poles with LED bulbs, which will require rewiring each pole fixture and lamp. They are looking to make the downtown brighter by moving from the current amber lighting to the brighter LED bulbs for ambiance and safety.

The BIA has consulted Wellington North Power and have obtained quotes from two contractors.

Phase I of the project is the installation and rewiring at an estimated cost of \$7,200.00 exclusive of HST.

Phase II is to purchase 51 LED bulbs (adjustable lighting from 3,000 to 5,000 lumens) at a cost of \$10,728.99 exclusive of HST.

The BIA is hoping to share the costs with the municipality.

QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

No questions on agenda items registered.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, March 10, 2025

RESOLUTION: 2025-092

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 10, 2025 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

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ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2025-093

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

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 January 15, 2025.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated March 14, 2025.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report TR 2025-002 2024 Council Remuneration & Expenditures for information.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report INF 2025-006 award of the Industrial Street Urbanization project;

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign any necessary agreements with Armstrong Paving and Materials Group Limited to execute the Industrial Drive Urbanization project.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2025-094

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2025-013 Seniors Community Grant – TechTours for information.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2025-095

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report INF 2025-005 award of the John Street Reconstruction and Pedestrian Crossover at Queen Street East and Parkside Drive project;

AND THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign any necessary agreements with Moorefield Excavating Limited to execute the John Street Reconstruction and Pedestrian Crossover (Queen Street East and Parkside Drive) project.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2025-096

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CAO 2025-004 Wellington North Power Inc. Education Session Update

AND THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North communicate to the following direction to the Board of Directors of WNP Inc.:

- That Council values WNP Inc. as a long-term asset with the primary goal of providing reliable, responsive and cost-effective service to the local community;
- That the sustainability of the operations be a priority to ensure that it can remain a viable, long-term asset and that this consideration be at the forefront of all decision making by the Board; and
- That WNP Inc. take a more proactive role in identifying future opportunities as they relate to the growing energy needs in Ontario, future energy procurement processes and opportunities to partner with others for growth, improvement and operational efficiencies.

AND FURTHER THAT Council provide direction to the Board of WNP related to the target dividend such that it balances the ability of WNP Inc to ensure fiscal and operational sustainability with a demonstrated financial benefit to the Township;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to review the Wellington North Power Debt Repayment Reserve Fund and report back with recommendations, including how the fund could be used to provide investment towards initiatives that would further the 2024 Strategic Plan and 2025 Growth Management Action Plan, as they relate to the Township's goal of building a safe, sustainable and welcoming community.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2025-097

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report CAO 2025-005, regarding an application to the Canadian Housing Infrastructure Fund (CHIF);

AND THAT Council recognizes, understands, and endorses the CHIF aim to accelerate the construction and upgrading of housing-enabling drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and solid waste infrastructure;

AND FURTHER THAT Council support a joint application between Township of Mapleton and Township of Wellington North focused on accelerating the construction and upgrading of housing enabling wastewater infrastructure, thereby directly supporting the creation of new homes in the Northern part of the County of Wellington;

AND FURTHER THAT Council requests that Mayor Lennox obtain a letter of support from the MP for Perth Wellington, acknowledging the significance of advancing our mutual objectives and promoting increased federal investment.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Renken (Ward 1):

- The Cultural Moments as posted on YouTube have over 3,000 views
- Volunteer and newcomer event is in Arthur on May 1, 2025 and there will be service clubs, organizations, etc in attendance to showcase what Wellington North has to offer
- Kenilworth store will be open on May 4, 2025 from 10 to 2 to showcase their Canadian made products

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation celebrated their 35th anniversary on March 22, 2025

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Arthur BIA meeting on Wednesday March 26, 2025
- GRCA meeting Friday March 29, 2025
- Attended both Mount Forest and Arthur Chamber meetings
- The Mount Forest monopoly game are going well and there is a lot of talk about the pizza eating contest at the Mount Forest Fireworks Festival this summer
- Shawn McLeod is the Acting Chair of the Mount Forest Chamber

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Attended the SVCA meeting, first one back in the building since the lightening strike damages were complete

Mayor Lennox:

- The Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation has raised 20 million over 35 years.

BY-LAWS

RESOLUTION: 2025-098

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 019-2025 be read and passed.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating Seniors Centre for Excellence

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2025-099

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 020-2025 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 March 24, 2025 be read and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2025-100

Moved: Councillor McCabe

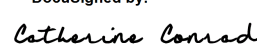
Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Regular Council meeting of March 24, 2025 be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CARRIED

Signed by:

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MAYOR

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DEPUTY CLERK