

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JUNE 2, 2025 AT 2:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH
HYBRID MEETING - IN PERSON AND VIA WEB CONFERENCING
[June 2, 2025 , Township of Wellington North Council meeting \(youtube\)](#)

Members Present:

Councillors: Sherry Burke
Lisa Hern
Steve McCabe
Penny Renken

Members Absent:

Mayor: Andrew Lennox

Staff Present:

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk: Karren Wallace
Deputy Clerk: Catherine Conrad
Executive Assistant to the CAO: Tasha Grafos
Director of Finance: Jeremiah Idialu
Chief Building Official: Darren Jones
Development Clerk: Tammy Pringle
Manager of Infrastructure and Engineering: Tammy Stevenson
Manager Environment and Development Services: Corey Schmidt
Manager Recreation Community & Economic Development: Mandy Jones
Community Development Coordinator: Mike Wilson
Economic Development Officer: Robyn Mulder
Planner: Asavari Jadhav-Admane

CALLING TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Sherry Burke called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2025-149

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Agenda for the June 2, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Acting Mayor Burke declared an indirect pecuniary interest in By-law 030-2025 as her employer did work for the owner named in the agreement attached to the by-law.

O'CANADA

RECESS TO MOVE INTO MEETINGS UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

RESOLUTION: 2025-150

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the June 2, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council at 2:04 p.m. for the purpose of holding meetings under the Planning Act.
CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- A10/25 Darryl Nyenhuis
- A11/25 Scott Lennox
- A12/25 Cara & Ryan Eccles

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2025-151

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the June 2, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council at 2:44 p.m.
CARRIED

QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

No questions registered for questions on agenda items.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, May 5, 2025

RESOLUTION: 2025-152

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 5, 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

Item 1a, 3a, 5a and By-law 030-2025

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2025-153

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the June 2, 2025 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 Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee meeting held on April 29, 2025.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Arthur Business Improvement Area meeting held on April 16, 2025.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Grand River Conservation Authority, Summary of the General Membership Meeting held on May 23, 2025.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report DEV 2025-010 being a report on naming a new private street within Harvest View Estates which will be located at 210 Gordon Street, in Arthur.

AND THAT the Council of the Township of Wellington North assigns "Harvest Lane" as the name for a private road within the development.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated May 9, 2025.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Ausable, Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Region, May 2025 Municipal Newsletter.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2025-154

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the minutes of the Wellington North Cultural Roundtable meetings held on March 20, 2025 and May 15, 2025.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2025-155

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report CBO 2025-008 being the Building Permit Review for the month of April 2025.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2025-155

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the correspondence dated April 16, 2025 from Nicole Martin, CAO/Clerk, Township of Amaranth, resolution regarding Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human and Social Health.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 2025-156

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

Whereas the Standing Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry published a report in 2024 titled "Critical Ground: Why Soil is Essential to Canada's Economic, Environmental, Human and Social Health" (the Report) that contained twenty five (25) recommendations in total for the federal government;

And whereas the work that Senator Black has done to bring not only the importance of soil to the forefront for the federal government, but Canadian agriculture - in specific Ontario agriculture, food security and how much the Ontario agricultural industry contributes to the federal and provincial Gross Domestic Product, is of critical significance to Wellington North - indeed all of Wellington County.

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Wellington North fully supports all of the recommendations included in the Report;

And that the Township of Wellington North urge the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario to implement all the recommendations contained within the Report and commit to recognizing a sense of urgency and act accordingly in order to protect and conserve soil as per Recommendation 25;

And further that this motion be circulated to the following parties:

- Rob Black, Senator
- John Nater, MP Perth Wellington
- Senate Standing Committee on Agriculture and Forestry
- All municipalities within the County of Wellington
- Wellington Federation of Agriculture
- Ontario Federation of Agriculture

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- Exciting pool update coming soon. The Committee has started planning for 2025 fundraising events including the Christmas home tour-volunteers are always needed
- The hospital gala is on Saturday June 14, 2025.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Advised on upcoming ROMA events in Mississippi Mills next week.
- Attended the Cultural Symposium last week in Harriston and it was very well attended and informative

BY-LAWS

Councillor Hern assumed the Chair as Acting Mayor Burke had declared a pecuniary interest.

RESOLUTION 157

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 030-2025 be read and passed.
CARRIED

Acting Mayor Burke resumed the Chair.

RESOLUTION: 2025-158

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Numbers 031-2025, 032-2025, 033-2025, 034-2025 and 035-2025 be read and passed.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating Trees of Wellington North

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2025-159

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 036-2025 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 June 2, 2025 be read and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2025-160

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Regular Council meeting of June 2, 2025 be adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

CARRIED

Signed by:

Sherry Burke

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ACTING MAYOR

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Karren Wallace

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