

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – JULY 14, 2025 AT 2:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH
HYBRID MEETING - IN PERSON AND VIA WEB CONFERENCING
[July 14, 2025, Township of Wellington North Council Meeting \(youtube\)](#)**

Members Present:

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

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
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
Community Development Coordinator: Mike Wilson
Planner: Asavari Jadhav-Admane
Planner: Zach Prince**

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2025-183

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Agenda for the July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed as amended by moving consideration of Report TR 2025, Arthur Area Curling Club interest free loan immediately after Presentations.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

No pecuniary interest disclosed.

O'CANADA

PRESENTATIONS

1. Arthur Curling Club, Chris Roelofsen, President, and Tracey Skochinski, Treasurer
 - Loan request

Mr. Roelofsen and Ms. Skochinski appeared before Council to request an interest free bridge loan. Through a partnership with the Township, the Club was successful with their Canadian Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund grant application. The Club

is now working to fundraise for the remaining funds required. The fundraising plan will involve several different aspects, from community events to private and corporate donor programs. Repairs will start April 1m 2026 and be completed by September 1, 2026.

RESOLUTION: 2025-184

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report TR 2025-005 being a report on the Arthur Area Curling Club interest free loan;

AND THAT Council approve a bridge loan not to exceed \$200,000.00 for repairs on the Arthur Area Curling Club;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to prepare a loan agreement with the Arthur Area Curling Club in the amount of \$200,000 at zero percent interest rate for a period of five years, commencing July 1 2026;

AND FURTHER THAT if the loan is not paid by July 1, 2031 that interest be charged at a rate based on the applicable Bank of Canada prime rate as of July 2, 2031;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the by-law to enter into the agreement.

CARRIED

RECESS TO MOVE INTO MEETINGS UNDER THE PLANNING ACT

RESOLUTION: 2025-185

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North recess the July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council at 2:13 p.m. for the purpose of holding meetings under the Planning Act.

CARRIED

PUBLIC MEETING

- ZBA 01/25 Housekeeping
- ZBA 07/2512375532 Canada Incorporated

RESUME REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

RESOLUTION: 2025-186

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North resume the July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council at 2:49 p.m.

CARRIED

QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

No questions on agenda items were registered.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Regular Meeting of Council, June 23, 2025

RESOLUTION: 2025-187

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 23, 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

2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, 4a

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2025-188

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the July 14, 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 Arthur Business Improvement Area meeting held on May 2, 2025.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the summary of the Grand River Conservation Authority General Membership Meeting held on June 27, 2025.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2025-025 being a report on the temporary amendment to the Alcohol Risk Management Policy Section 2.1 for the Mount Forest Rib Fest "Get Your Hillbilly On" on July 17, 2025;

AND THAT Council approve the amendment to the Alcohol Risk Management Policy Section 2.1 to allow the sale and consumption of alcohol through a Special Occasion Permit (SOP) that includes the Entrance/Foyer and a portion of the West parking lot at the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2025-189

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2025-020 being a report on the upcoming Volunteer Celebration and Newcomer Welcome event;

AND THAT Council invite all volunteers and newcomers in our community to join us on Thursday, September 18, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Mount Forest and District Sports Complex for a Volunteer Celebration and Newcomer Welcome event.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2025-190

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Burke

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2025-024 being a report on the award of RFQ 2025-022 Mount Forest Sliding Door Replacement;

AND THAT the Council award RFQ 2025-022 to Golden Triangle Door Automation at a total cost to the Township of \$ 36,172.36 (including HST);

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize staff to sign any necessary agreements with Golden Triangle Door Automation.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2025-191

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report TR 2025-006 being a report on the Development Charges By-law update and Draft Amending By-law dated June 19, 2025, prepared by DFA Infrastructure International Inc.

AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the public meeting process and statutory notice requirements for consideration of the amending by-law.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION: 2025-192

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report INF 2025-014 being a report on George Street (Arthur) Pedestrian Crossing;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to combine 2 existing parking stalls in the municipal parking lot located at 154 George Street and create one (1) new barrier free parking stall;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to submit Triton warrant analysis report to MTO for approval of a new Level 2, Type B PXO at the existing mid-block pedestrian curb extension location.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Renken tabled the following notice of motion:

THAT Council directs staff to bring a report on the feasibility of adopting a by-law that would preserve the historical facades (exterior only) of the commercial buildings constructed before 1985 in the downtown core areas as set out in the zoning by-law.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Renken (Ward 1):

- Farmers' Market progressing nicely with something special every week.

Councillor Burke (Ward 2):

- Farmers' Market will move from the Parkside Drive location to King Street for the Fireworks Festival. The Mount Forest Aquatics Fundraising Committee will have a swag table at the market.
- The Fireworks Festival Committee is still looking for volunteers
- The Aquatics Committee is actively following up on fundraising leads

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority, Thursday, July 17th

BY-LAWS

- a. By-law Number 042-2025 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North and Arthur Area Curling Club for a loan

RESOLUTION: 2025-193

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 042-2025 be read and passed.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating Mike Murphy

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2025-194

Moved: Councillor Burke

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT By-law Number 043-2025 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 July 14, 2025 be read and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2025-195

Moved: Councillor Hern

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Regular Council meeting of July 14, 2025 be adjourned at 3:13 p.m.
CARRIED

Signed by:



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MAYOR

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Karen Wallace

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