

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WELLINGTON NORTH
MINUTES OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 17, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.
MUNICIPAL OFFICE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KENILWORTH
HYBRID MEETING - IN PERSON AND VIA WEB CONFERENCING
[November 17, 2025 Township of Wellington North Council Meeting \(youtube\)](#)**

Members Present: Mayor: Andrew Lennox
Councillors: Lisa Hern
Steve McCabe
Penny Renken

Member Absent: Councillor: Sherry Burke

Staff Present:
Chief Administrative Officer: Brooke Lambert
Deputy Clerk: Catherine Conrad
Executive Assistant to the CAO: Tasha Grafos
Manager of Infrastructure and Engineering: Tammy Stevenson
Director of Finance: Jeremiah Idialu
Acting Human Resources Manager: Tonya Wilson
Manager Environment and Development Services: Corey Schmidt
Community Development Coordinator: Mike Wilson
Economic Development Officer: Robyn Mulder
Manager of Development Planning: Curtis Marshall

CALLING TO ORDER

Mayor Lennox called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RESOLUTION: 2025-327

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Agenda for the November 17, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted and passed.

CARRIED

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

Councillor McCabe declared a pecuniary interest with:

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5. ADMINISTRATION

b. Report CLK 2025-016, Award of George Kirkness Municipal Drain

His cousin is the owner of Rice Construction

O'CANADA

COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATE

Steve O'Neill, County Councillor, Ward 4

Councillor O'Neill addressed the Province's decision to discontinue Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE). As of November 14, 2025, all ASE programs across the Province have officially ended. The County cameras will remain in place and continue to collect data as speeding remains an issue. The Province is offering \$214,000 to the County to assist with speeding solutions within the 7 member municipalities.

Councillor O'Neill also spoke of expanding the business recycling program, the challenges of collection, and changes to the residential collection method. He also explained that there would not be additional fees for disposing of mattresses and box springs at County waste sites as these can be recycled.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Dustin Lyttle, Triton Engineering

- Arthur Water & Sanitary Systems, Technical Study Update

Mr. Lyttle provided an overview of the Water and Sanitary Systems study for Arthur, highlighting:

- Population growth and development expectations
- Current water system and growing water supply needs
- Future water systems that will be required and associated costs
- Recommendations and next steps for Wellington North's water and sanitary systems

2. Tammy Stevenson, Manager of Infrastructure & Engineering

- Report INF 2025-019, Arthur Master Servicing Technical Update

RESOLUTION: 2025-328

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report INF 2025-019 being a report on Arthur Master Servicing Technical Update;

AND THAT Council direct staff to post the Arthur Master Servicing Technical Update report on the Township website.

CARRIED

3. Derek Ali, MBA, P,Eng., President, DFA Infrastructure

John Murphy CPA, CMA, AMCT, Consultant DFA

- Wastewater Rates and Financial Plan

Mr. Murphy appeared before Council to discuss the Township's wastewater rates:

- October 29, 2025 Council approved the recommended annual 2% projected water rate increase, but the annual 8% wastewater rate was deferred.
- Alternative scenarios to the 8% increase and the impact those options would have were outlined. The three alternate options for the increase included, 5%, 4%, and 3.75%.

4. Jeremiah Idialu, Treasurer/Director of Finance

- Report TR 2025-011 being a report on the Township of Wellington North's Water and Wastewater Rate Study

RESOLUTION: 2025-329

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report TR 2025-011 being a report on the Township of Wellington North's Wastewater Rate Study;

AND THAT Council direct staff to implement Option 2, being an annual wastewater rate increase of 4% annually from 2026 until 2031.

CARRIED

QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

No questions on agenda items registered.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF COUNCIL AND PUBLIC MEETING

1. Special Meeting of Council, October 29, 2025

2. Regular Meeting of Council, November 3, 2025

RESOLUTION: 2025-330

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on October 29, 2025 and the Regular Meeting of Council held on November 3, 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

4a, 5b, 5c,

ADOPTION OF ALL ITEMS NOT REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

RESOLUTION: 2025-331

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT all items listed under Items For Consideration on the November 17, 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 Safe Communities Wellington County Leadership Table Meeting held on September 17, 2025.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2025-042 on the MacDonald's Home Appliance Community Improvement Plan application;

AND THAT Council approve a Façade & Signage Improvement Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to the MacDonald's Home Appliance for renovations to the façade.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report C&ED 2025-041 being a report on Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion in Wellington North;

AND THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the “All Are Welcome Here” decal design contest.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive the Vendor Cheque Register Report dated November 7, 2025.

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2025-014 declaration of surplus land 9135 Highway 6, Kenilworth;

AND THAT Council declare the lands at 9135 Highway 6, Kenilworth to be surplus to the needs of the municipality;

AND FURTHER THAT the Clerk be directed to provide notice of the declaration of surplus land pursuant to the Sale and Disposition of Land Policy 21.15

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive correspondence from Hon. Robert J. Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, dated October 30, 2025, regarding amendments to the Development Charges Act, 1997 (DCA) that were made by Bill 17, the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025, and corresponding changes to Ontario’s Building Code.

CARRIED

CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION

RESOLUTION: 2025-332

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor McCabe

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive for information Report INF 2025-012 being a report on Fall Traffic Counts.

CARRIED

Councillor McCabe left the meeting as he had declared a pecuniary interest.

RESOLUTION: 2025-333

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2025-016 Award of George Kirkness Municipal Drain;

AND THAT Council award Request for Proposal 2025-021 George Kirkness Drain (Asbridge) Highway 6 Crossing to Rice Construction Contracting Inc. at a project cost of \$108,000 (including contingencies) excluding applicable taxes;

AND FURTHER THAT Council award Request for Proposal 2025-022 George Kirkness Drain (Asbridge) Tile Drain to Dozlan Construction at a project cost of \$221,368 (including contingencies) excluding applicable taxes

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorize the Clerk or their designate to sign any necessary agreements with the successful bidders to execute this project.

CARRIED

Councillor McCabe returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION: 2025-334

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Wellington North receive Report CLK 2025-017 being a report on the remuneration for members of Council for 2027 to 2030;

AND THAT remuneration for the position of Mayor be set at \$40,000.00;

AND FURTHER THAT remuneration for the position of Councillor be set at \$25,000.00;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the by-law to authorize the approved remuneration, effective January 1, 2027.

CARRIED

NOTICE OF MOTION

No notice of motion tabled.

COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING PROGRAM REPORT

Councillor Renken (Ward 1):

- Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee is hosting a Holiday Home Tour fundraiser on Saturday, November 22, 2025. Tickets are \$30, available at The Mount Forest Greenhouse, M&M Food Market, Plumes Main Street Interiors, and Coldwell Banker WIN Realty.

Councillor Hern (Ward 3):

- Grand River Conservation Authority special committee meeting on November 28, 2025. A recommendation will be brought forward relating to the Province's move to consolidate Conservation Authorities
- Arthur Chamber meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2025 in the David Kozinets Meeting Room in Arthur.

Councillor McCabe (Ward 4):

- Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority meeting Thursday, November 20, 2025 will include discussion regarding the fate of Conservation Authorities in Ontario as the Province proposes to consolidate conservation authorities and create a new oversight committee. Council was encouraged to submit feedback on the proposal before the deadline of December 22, 2025. It was stated that if this consolidation proceeds, it is likely that the input of smaller municipalities will be lost.
- November 11, 2025, Remembrance Day Ceremony in Arthur, well attended
- Wellington North Fire Services Awards took place on Saturday, November 15, 2025. Congratulations to all of the recipients.
- November 28, 2025 installation of Margarett Rae Morrison (Luckock) plaque in Arthur

Mayor Lennox:

- Christmas Parades are approaching; Arthur Opti-Mrs. Santa Claus Parade, November 29, 2025, 7:00 p.m. and Mount Forest Lions Santa Claus Parade, December 5, 2025, 7:00 p.m.

BY-LAWS

- By-law Number 072-2025 being a by-law to declare lands to be surplus to the needs of the Municipality described as Part Lt 7 Survey George Cushing's Arthur Township, Lt 8 Survey George Cushing's Arthur Township, Part Lt 20, Con EOSR, Division 4 Arthur Township as in AN17217 and AN15896 Wellington North (9135 Highway 6)
- By-law Number 073-2025 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Winter Maintenance Agreement between 207302 Ontario Inc. (Coffey) and The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North.
- By-law Number 074-2025 being a by-law to authorize the execution of the Winter Maintenance Agreement between Maple Ridge Estates Inc. (Coffey) and The Corporation of the Township of Wellington North.

RESOLUTION: 2025-335

Moved: Councillor Renken

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 072-2025, 073-2025 and 074-2025 be read and passed.

CARRIED

CULTURAL MOMENT

- Celebrating Lieutenant Samuel Lewis Honey, VC

CONFIRMING BY-LAW

RESOLUTION: 2025-336

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Hern

THAT By-law Number 075-2025 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 November 17, 2025 be read and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION: 2025-337

Moved: Councillor McCabe

Seconded: Councillor Renken

THAT the Regular Council meeting of November 17, 2025 be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Signed by:

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MAYOR

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DEPUTY CLERK