

Village of Merrickville-Wolford Regular Council Minutes

Date: February 24, 2025
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Council Chambers

Members Present Mayor Cameron
Deputy Mayor Barr
Councillor Gural
Councillor Ireland
Councillor Maitland

Staff Present Kirsten Rahm, Treasurer/Manager, Finance
Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Clerk
Brad Cole, Fire Chief
Chad Kean, Manager of Public Works

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved By Councillor Maitland

Seconded By Councillor Gural

THAT the Agenda for the Regular Council Meeting held on February 24, 2025 be approved as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Public Question Period to Council

Ian Fraser noted Councillor Gural's past statement about the speed study recommendations that this is a good start, but that there should be consideration to add traffic calming measures as well. He noted that he is hoping that Council will think of these options in the future. He addressed the speeding concerns on Kilmarnock Road and the recommendation to have speed signs to indicate that it

is a busy road. He suggested that Council could consider traffic calming measures on this road as well to address how busy it is.

5. Motions for Consideration

Moved By Deputy Mayor Barr

Seconded By Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the Motions for Consideration document as presented.

Carried

6. Consent Agenda

Moved By Councillor Gural

Seconded By Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford approve all items listed under the Consent Agenda as presented and recommended.

Carried

6.1 Adoption of Minutes

6.1.1 Regular Council Meeting - January 27, 2025

6.1.2 Special Council Meeting - February 3, 2025

6.1.3 Special Council Meeting - February 10, 2025

6.1.4 Committee of the Whole Meeting - February 10, 2025

6.2 By-laws

6.2.1 By-law 14-2025 - Repeal of Designation By-law (106 Colborne St. East)

6.2.2 By-law 15-2025 - Adopt Speed Policy

6.3 Public Works

6.3.1 Speed Study Recommendations

6.3.2 Brush Amnesty Program for 2025

6.3.3 Flower Baskets for 2025 Season

6.4 Fire Department/Emergency Management

6.4.1 Noise Exemption Request - 2025 EOFA Fire Games

6.5 Committees and Boards

6.5.1 Public Library Board Meeting Minutes - November 26, 2024

6.5.2 Public Library Board Meeting Minutes - December 17, 2024

6.5.3 Public Library Board Meeting Minutes - January 20, 2025

6.6 Action Items

6.6.1 Merrickville Lions Club - Campground Sublicense Agreement

6.6.2 OCWA Operational Plan - Re-endorsement and Commitment

6.7 Correspondence

6.7.1 OCWA Water Quality Report - January 2025

6.7.2 EOWC Ontario Election Priorities & Recommendations

6.7.3 Letter to Transport Canada - Lasalle Causeway

7. Delegations

None.

8. Planning Matters

8.1 Uncommitted Reserve Capacity Update

Moved By Deputy Mayor Barr

Seconded By Councillor Gural

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the update from Neil Caldwell, Engineer, regarding the uncommitted reserve capacity.

Carried

9. By-laws

None.

10. Staff Reports

10.1 Public Works Department

10.1.1 Departmental Activity Update

Moved By Deputy Mayor Barr

Seconded By Councillor Maitland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the Departmental Activity Update Report from the Public Works Department.

Carried

10.2 Fire Department/Emergency Management

10.2.1 Departmental Activity Update

Moved By Councillor Ireland

Seconded By Councillor Gural

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the Departmental Activity Update Report from the Fire Department/By-law Enforcement.

Carried

10.3 Finance Department

10.3.1 2025 Community Grants

Moved By Deputy Mayor Barr

Seconded By Councillor Maitland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of Merrickville-Wolford allocate funds in the amount of \$12,000 funds and In-Kind requests in an estimated amount of \$8,075 for the Community Grant Program;

AND FURTHER THAT the Public Works Department and Emergency Services Department provide an accounting of the approximate staff time allocated to the functions supported by the grant to determine the true cost of the support provided by the Municipality;

AND FURTHER THAT Staff provide a revised structure and allocations policy prior to undertaking the 2026 budget.

Carried

10.4 Building Department

None.

10.5 CAO/Administration

10.5.1 Departmental Activity Update

Moved By Deputy Mayor Barr

Seconded By Councillor Maitland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the Departmental Activity Update Report from the Administration/Finance Departments.

Carried

11. Action Items

11.1 Council Support Request - ATF & OTF Grant Funding Application

11.1.1 Active Transportation Fund

Moved By Councillor Ireland

Seconded By Councillor Gural

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford authorize staff to submit a funding application to the Active Transportation Fund (2025 Intake) for a maximum amount of \$340,000.

Carried

11.1.2 Ontario Trillium Grant

Moved By Deputy Mayor Barr

Seconded By Councillor Gural

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford authorize staff to submit a funding application to the Ontario Trillium Fund (2025 Intake) for a maximum amount of \$200,000.

Carried

11.2 EOWC Resolution of Support - US Trade Tariffs Negotiations

Moved By Councillor Maitland

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Barr

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the resolution from the EOWC regarding support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' negotiations with the US Government on trade tariffs;

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to circulate a resolution of support to the EOWC.

Carried

12. Committee Reports

None.

13. Notice of Motions

None.

14. Announcements/Statements from Members

Councillor Gural provided a reminder that the provincial election was upcoming on February 27th. She noted that if you are not able to vote on the 27th, that you can still vote at the election office in Brockville this week before election day.

15. Closed Session

None.

16. Resume Open Session

None.

17. Confirmatory By-law 16-2025

Moved By Councillor Ireland

Seconded By Councillor Gural

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford give First, Second, Third and Final Reading to By-law 16-2025 Being a By-law to

Confirm the Proceedings of Council for the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2025;

AND FURTHER THAT authorization be given to the Mayor and Clerk to sign, seal and place in the By-law Book for the Municipality By-law Number 16-2025.

Carried

18. Adjournment

Moved By Councillor Maitland

Seconded By Deputy Mayor Barr

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford adjourn at 6:24 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Michael Cameron

Clerk Julia McCaugherty-Jansman