

	In Support	Requested Clarification
1	Sarah Telford	Robbie Giles
2	Mike Velables	Robert Foster
3	Terry Gilhen	
4	Gary Decatur	
5	Sandy and Denis Ochoski	
6	Graeme Bonham-Carter	
7	Mathew Daniel	
8	Paul Cormier	
9	Mandy Gille	
10	Chris Chinkiwsky	
11	Mark Scullino	
12	Denis Faulkner	
13	Tammy and Alessandro Giuliani	
14	Terry Bartlett	
15	Patrick Dawson	
16	Janet Lamoureux	
17	Catherine and Jeff Swan	
18	Carol Mahoney	
19	Gary Viola	
20	Pam Marriott	
21	Jim Luty	
22	Robyn Eagle	
23	Wendy Weglo	
24	Yves Grandmaitre	
25	Suzanne and Peter Murphy	
26	Terri Graham	
27	Vicki Graham	
28	Charles Merredew	
29	Paul Marriott	
30	Michele Philip	
31	Suzanne Friedrich	
32	Lynn Barr-Tedford	
33	Jill Finbow	

We believe Merrickville is a tourist destination and is stronger financially and better overall when we embrace initiatives that support tourism.

I think a public washroom would be a boon for our village. Last year's garage day we let a stranger into our house to use the washroom, on Main St. E. She was older and clearly needed to use one quickly. If we had public washrooms people would stay and visit Merrickville longer and that means there would be a stronger chance of them visiting and purchasing from more of our local businesses.

The Village of Merrickville lacks a suitable accessible public washroom for visitors and tourists. Currently, all we have to offer is a plastic porta potty located behind the vet, in the parking lot.

After six years of offering our washroom to visitors to the village, Stella Luna Gelato had to enforce a "customers only" washroom policy last summer, as the cost of water, paper towel and soap was more than our budget could handle given the number of people entering for the sole purpose of needing to use the washroom. The village map loosely indicates a public washroom at the Blockhouse, however, the manner in which the map indicates its location seems to generate some confusion - as a result, we get a steady stream of visitors walking around the back of the property and through the shop looking for the public washroom. We occasionally find people relieving themselves behind our shed.

It's my understanding that after a fundraiser held at Mainstreet Family Restaurant, over \$21K in funds were raised thanks to the generous businesses and residents of our Municipality and beyond. The unit being considered is compact, has all the amenities, energy efficient with water saving features. Monies saved from the removal of the rental porta potty would be used towards operational costs for the new washroom.

A public washroom **is a necessity** for economic development and to support our residents and business community.

We look forward to the Village's cooperation.

I am writing to express my support for the installation of an accessible washroom in the village of Merrickville.

If we, as a village, are to entertain (feed and provide beverages for) visitors and residents alike it is only reasonable that we also provide washroom facilities for their use. Portable washrooms are insufficient in terms of accessibility and comfort/safety during the winter season and during heat waves.

This much-needed basic amenity will provide positive benefit to the village and its many visitors and residents.

I've lived in Merrickville-Wolford for 10 years and I've seen this issue come and go with various proposals but no resolution. In my opinion it's essential to have a public washroom available in the village. I don't visit the village often myself, but on a number of occasions when I have, I've been approached by a visitor to the village asking for such facilities. It's embarrassing to have to tell them there's a porta potty behind the vet, especially when these visitors are bringing much needed dollars to our merchants. So yes, I fully support the idea of a proper, permanent washroom facility. I understand that there are initial and on-going expenses to consider; however, I believe this is a no-brainer and that the benefits to the community outweigh the costs.

My name is Lynn Barr-Telford. I have lived in Merrickville-Wolford for about 50 years and the village is our family home. I have always enjoyed being a part of the community. My daughter, Sarah, requires the use of a wheelchair. With this, we experience challenges with accessibility on a daily basis. The village of Merrickville-Wolford presents a number of challenges that limit our ability to fully engage in our community including, for example, a lack of accessible parking spaces; inaccessible buildings, stores and restaurants; and the lack of a fully accessible public washroom.

I applaud and support the current efforts to provide an accessible public washroom in the downtown core as a move forward towards a more accessible Merrickville-Wolford. Features like an actuator on the door and a threshold-less entry would allow people with mobility disabilities to be more independent while exploring the downtown area. This washroom would be an asset to the community. A strong community is one with thriving businesses, community groups, and opportunities for all to engage in our beautiful village.

Our community has a long way to go when it comes to accessibility. But each effort we make takes us in a direction towards a more inclusive experience for visitors, residents and for contractors who work within the village. Thank you for your support of this initiative.

I fully support the proposal to build a public washroom in the village.

Long overdue and badly needed.

It is clear from the fundraising success for this proposal that there is a great deal of support from the community.

This is to support the municipality in providing a public restroom in the downtown area of Merrickville. Though we reside in an adjoining township, we often “market” Merrickville to whomever comes to visit our farm. We also collect our mail at the Merrickville Post Office and make use of the Drug Mart, the grocery store, Mrs. McGarrigle’s and several other of the great businesses downtown. We believe that the availability of a public washroom in the downtown will pay for itself in tourist and visitor appreciation dollars. You only have to drive down our road to Merrickville during tourist season to understand why it is important for visitors to have the proper amenities, so that they will stay in town longer and invest more in the local economy.

I wish to add my support for a public, accessible washroom as proposed by the Chamber of Commerce. To me, it is a constant source of embarrassment to send visitors to the non-accessible port-a-potty as it does not reflect well on the village.

I fully support the proposal for a new public washroom to replace the current port-a-potty. With a high volume of tourists coming to our beautiful village every year, another option that is disability accessible presents an all welcoming destination.

Before addressing the latest “accessible bathroom initiative”

I wish I knew/I need to know?

- What is driving the latest request?
- Where are the records of the past 10 years of discussions and decisions related to this topic?
- What comparator municipalities have we contacted to explore their solutions?
- Have we reached out to AMO, ROMA or FCM to seek possible solutions?
- Given the inaccessibility of Merrickville shops and sidewalks – who and how many people are we trying to serve?
- Is there an intent by the Municipality and the Chamber to plan for Seniors and those with disabilities who visit and live here?
- Is the placement of public washrooms part of an infrastructure plan?
- Are the washrooms at the Community Centre, Rink, Depot, and Porta potty beside our Veterinarian Services not sufficient? If they are inadequate – Why?
- What is meant by accessible in the latest initiative? (close to Main and St. Lawrence? OR accessible to those with a wide range of disabilities?)
- Is signage and promotion of the location of existing facilities sufficient? If not – who is responsible?
- Is maintenance and ongoing supervision adequate? If not – why not?
- Are hours of availability adequate? If not – why not?

Once these questions and others have been openly discussed and considered, possible alternatives to the existing facility offerings can be examined.

Will the municipality be paying the sewer and water costs for a public washroom and will it be at commercial or residential rates.

In the past some councils have considered sewer and water to be an in-kind service the municipality can give away.

I would like to see this project equipped with its own water meter so that the expenses can be borne by the project and its sponsors rather than by the families that pay for the sewage treatment plant.