

## **Report to Committee of the Whole**

**Date:** 4/13/2026  
**From:** Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Clerk  
**Re:** Merrickville Turbine Licence Agreement

### RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive for information the draft Licence Agreement for the Merrickville Turbine;

AND FURTHER THAT Committee direct staff to bring the necessary by-law to the April 27<sup>th</sup> Regular Council Meeting to authorize and sign the agreement as presented.

### BACKGROUND

At the [September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Regular Council Meeting](#), the following motion was passed regarding the request for ownership transfer from the Friends of the Merrickville Turbine:

Moved by Councillor Maitland  
Seconded by Councillor Gural

*THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the letter from the Friends of the Merrickville Turbine regarding the request to transfer ownership of the heritage artifact known as the Merrickville Turbine;*

*AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to bring back further background information and report to the October 14<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole Meeting to consider the request.*

Carried.

### ANALYSIS

The initial request letter is attached to this report as Schedule "A" for reference. The draft Agreement between Parks Canada Agency and the Municipality has now been obtained and is attached as Schedule "B" to this report.

The purpose of taking over the current lease between Parks Canada and the Friends of the Merrickville Turbine is to preserve the Merrickville Turbine, as noted in the request letter from the Louis Birta, President of the Friends of the Merrickville Turbine.

### BUDGET/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no budget implications or it has been confirmed that there is no impact to the Municipality's insurance costs by transferring ownership of the Turbine to the Village.

## CONCLUSION

Staff recommend that Committee recommend to Council that the agreement be approved and authorized by way of by-law at the April 27<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.

## ATTACHMENTS

Schedule "A" – Request Letter to Council from Louis Berta (Friends of the Merrickville Turbine)

Schedule "B" – Draft Licence Agreement between Parks Canada and the Village of Merrickville-Wolford

Submitted by:

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Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Clerk

Approved by:

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Darlene Plumley, CAO