



# **The Corporation of the County of Wellington**

## **County Council Inaugural**

### **Minutes**

November 25, 2022  
Council Chambers

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#### **1. Call to Order**

The Inaugural Meeting of Wellington County Council was held at 10:00 am in the Council Chambers at the Wellington County Administration Centre on November 25, 2022.

The County Clerk, Donna Bryce presided.

#### **2. O Canada**

Councillor Watters led the singing of O Canada.

#### **3. Introduction of 2022-2026 County Council**

Scott Wilson, Chief Administrative Officer introduced the members of Wellington County Council for the term 2022-2026.

Chris White - Mayor, Township of Guelph/Eramosa  
Doug Breen - Councillor, Ward 8  
Shawn Watters - Mayor, Township of Centre Wellington  
Diane Ballantyne - Councillor, Ward 6  
Earl Campbell - Councillor, Ward 2  
Andy Lennox - Mayor, Township of Wellington-North  
Dave Turton - Mayor, Town of Minto  
Gregg Davidson - Mayor, Township of Mapleton  
David Anderson - Councillor, Ward 1  
Steve O'Neill - Councillor, Ward 4  
James Seeley - Mayor, Township of Puslinch  
Michael Dehn - Mayor, Town of Erin  
Jeff Duncan - Councillor, Ward 9  
Mary Lloyd - Councillor, Ward 5  
Campbell Cork - Councillor, Ward 3  
Matthew Bulmer - Councillor, Ward 7

**4. Indigenous Advisory Committee**

Led by Colleen Brunelle, the Indigenous Advisory Committee (Tammy Bastien, Amber Holmes and Jennie Matthews) presented a Land Acknowledgement for Wellington County, conducted the Smudging Ceremony and performed the Migizi - Eagle Honour Song for Councillors and staff in attendance.

**5. Declaration of Office**

Sumita Pillay-Dason, County Solicitor administered the Declaration of Office to each County Councillor.

**6. Election of Warden**

Ms. Bryce called for nominations for the position of Warden for the term 2022-2024.

Councillor Breen nominated Councillor Davidson.

Councillor Davidson confirmed his nomination to stand.

Councillor Campbell nominated Councillor Lennox.

Councillor Lennox confirmed his nomination to stand.

Ms. Bryce called three times for further nominations.

There being no further nominations, Ms. Bryce declared the nominations closed and conducted an election by secret ballot.

Councillor Lennox was elected Warden for 2022-2024.

**7. Resolution Appointing Warden**

1/10/22

**Moved by:** Councillor White

**Seconded by:** Councillor Watters

That Wellington County Council confirm the appointment of Councillor Lennox as the Warden for 2022-2024.

**Carried**

**8. Declaration of Office Administered to the Warden Elect**

Ms. Pillay-Dason administered the Declaration of Office appointing Councillor Lennox to the Office of Warden and presented him with the Chain of Office.

**9. Presentation to Warden**

Councillor White presented Warden Lennox with the Warden's Pin, the gavel and the keys to the Warden's Office.

Warden Lennox assumed the Chair and presided over the remainder of the meeting.

**10. Remarks and Introductions by Warden**

Warden Lennox provided remarks about his time in municipal politics (see attached). He also thanked Ms. Pillay-Dason, County Solicitor for participating in the Inaugural Meeting and administering the Declaration of Office.

Past Wardens David Adsett, Kelly Linton and Councillor Chris White were recognized.

Past Councillors Barb McKay and Pierre Brianceau were recognized.

Senator and former County Councillor Rob Black brought greetings on behalf of the Senate of Canada. A letter sent by Matthew Rae, MPP was read.

City of Guelph Mayor Cam Guthrie was recognized.

County Mayors introduced Councillors and staff in attendance from their respective municipalities.

**11. Election of Committee Chairs**

**11.1 Chair - Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee**

Warden Lennox called for nominations for the position of Chair, Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee.

Councillor Breen nominated Councillor White.

Councillor White confirmed his nomination to stand.

Warden Lennox called three times for further nominations.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed and Councillor White was appointed Chair, Administration, Finance and Human Resources.

#### **11.2 Chair - Economic Development Committee**

Warden Lennox called for nominations for the position of Chair, Economic Development Committee.

Councillor White nominated Councillor Breen.

Councillor Breen confirmed his nomination to stand.

Councillor Campbell nominated Councillor Duncan.

Councillor Duncan confirmed his nomination to stand.

Warden Lennox called three times for further nominations.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed and an election by ballot was conducted.

Councillor Duncan was appointed Chair, Economic Development.

#### **11.3 Chair - Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee**

Warden Lennox called for nominations for the position of Chair, Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee.

Councillor Campbell nominated Councillor Lloyd.

Councillor Lloyd confirmed her nomination to stand.

Warden Lennox called three times for further nominations.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed and Councillor Lloyd was appointed Chair, Information, Heritage and Seniors.

#### **11.4 Chair - Planning and Land Division Committee**

Warden Lennox called for nominations for the position of Chair, Planning and Land Division Committee.

Councillor Breen nominated Councillor Watters.

Councillor Watters confirmed his nomination to stand.

Councillor Duncan nominated Councillor Seeley.

Councillor Seekey confirmed his nomination to stand.

Warden Lennox called three times for further nominations.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed and an election by ballot was conducted.

Councillor Seeley was appointed Chair, Planning and Land Division.

#### **11.5 Chair - Roads Committee**

Warden Lennox called for nominations for the position of Chair, Roads Committee.

Councillor Seeley nominated Councillor Davidson.

Councillor Davidson confirmed his nomination to stand.

Warden Lennox called three times for further nominations.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed and Councillor Davidson was appointed Chair, Roads Committee.

#### **11.6 Chair - Social Services Committee**

Warden Lennox called for nominations for the position of Chair, Social Services Committee.

Councillor Cork nominated Councillor Anderson.

Councillor Anderson confirmed his nomination to stand.

Warden Lennox called three times for further nominations.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed and Councillor Anderson was appointed Chair, Social Services.

**11.7 Chair - Solid Waste Services Committee**

Warden Lennox called for nominations for the position of Chair, Solid Waste Services Committee.

Councillor Campbell nominated Councillor O'Neill.

Councillor O'Neill confirmed his nomination to stand.

Warden Lennox called three times for further nominations.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed and Councillor O'Neill was appointed Chair, Solid Waste Services.

**11.8 County Councillor for Wellington County Police Services Board**

Warden Lennox called for nominations for the position of County Councillor for Wellington County Police Services Board.

Councillor Lloyd nominated Councillor Anderson.

Councillor Anderson confirmed his nomination to stand.

Councillor Duncan nominated Councillor Campbell.

Councillor Campbell confirmed his nomination to stand.

Warden Lennox called three times for further nominations.

There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed and an election by ballot was conducted.

Councillor Campbell was appointed County Councillor for Wellington County Police Services Board.

**12. Resolution to Destroy Ballots**

2/10/22

**Moved by:** Councillor Duncan

**Seconded by:** Councillor Seeley

That Council authorize the destruction of the used ballots.

**Carried**

**13. Resolution for Appointment of Warden's Advisory Committee**

3/10/22

**Moved by:** Councillor Cork

**Seconded by:** Councillor Bulmer

That the Warden's Advisory Committee for 2022-2024 be comprised of:

Warden: Lennox

Councillors: White, Duncan, Lloyd, Seeley, Davidson, Anderson, O'Neill and Campbell.

**Carried**

**14. Recess for Reception at the River Run Centre**

At 11:50 am, County Council recessed until 2:00 pm.

**15. Resolution Moving Council into Committee of the Whole**

4/10/22

**Moved by:** Councillor Seeley

**Seconded by:** Councillor Dehn

That Council now go into Committee of the Whole.

**Carried**

**16. Committee Minutes for Action - Warden**

**16.1 Warden's Advisory Committee Minutes November 25, 2022**

5/10/22

**Moved by:** Warden Lennox

**Seconded by:** Councillor White

That the open and closed minutes of the November 25, 2022 Warden's Advisory Committee be received and referred to Council for adoption.

**Carried**

**17. Resolution that the Committee of the Whole Rise and Report**

6/10/22

**Moved by:** Councillor Ballantyne

**Seconded by:** Councillor Watters

That the Committee rise as Council to report and confirm the actions taken in Committee of the Whole.

**Carried**

**18. Resolution to Adopt Action of Council in Committee of the Whole**

7/10/22

**Moved by:** Councillor O'Neill

**Seconded by:** Councillor Seeley

That the actions taken in Committee of the Whole today be confirmed by this Council.

**Carried**



**19. Adjournment**

At 2:05 pm, the Warden adjourned the meeting until Monday, January 9, 2023 or at the call of the Chair.

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Andy Lennox - Warden

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Donna Bryce - County Clerk