



The Corporation of the County of Wellington

County Council

Minutes

February 23, 2023
Council Chambers

1. Call to Order

At 10:00 am, the Warden called the meeting to order.

2. O Canada

Councillor Watters led Council in singing O Canada.

3. Warden's Remarks

Warden Lennox welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Roll Call

Present: Warden Andy Lennox; Councillors Matthew Bulmer, Campbell Cork, Mary Lloyd, Jeff Duncan, Michael Dehn, James Seeley, David Anderson, Gregg Davidson, Earl Campbell, Diane Ballantyne, Shawn Watters, Doug Breen, Chris White.

Regrets: Councillors Steve O'Neill and Dave Turton

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Duncan declared a pecuniary interest with regard to Item 7.5 2023 Community Grants of the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee February 21, 2023 minutes as he is either a member of, or his principle residence is adjacent to the following organizations:

- Wellington County Historical Society
- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 442 Erin
- Erin Arts Foundation Inc.
- Century Church Theatre

6. Confirmation of Council Minutes

1/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Watters

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on January 26, 2023 be confirmed as recorded and distributed.

Carried

7. Closed Meeting

2/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Ballantyne

Seconded by: Councillor Watters

That Council move into a closed meeting for the purposes of considering personal matters about an identifiable individual, acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality, labour relations or employee negotiations, litigation or potential litigation, authority under another act, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, information explicitly supplied in confidence by Canada, a province or territory or a crown agency of any of them and trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence, which, if disclosed could reasonably be expected to prejudice the competitive position or interfere with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group or organization.

Carried

At 11:47 am, the Warden requested a 10-minute break.

8. Report from Closed Meeting

Warden Lennox advised that the necessary by-law will be enacted authorizing an application for approval to expropriate lands in the Township of Guelph/Eramosa, in the County of Wellington for the Wellington Road 124 project.

9. Resolution to Permit Presentations and Delegations

3/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Watters

Seconded by: Councillor Ballantyne

That persons desiring to address Council be permitted to do so.

Carried

**9.1 Smart Cities Annual Report - Our Food Future and Circular Opportunity
Innovation Launchpad Presentation**

4/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Seeley

That the Smart Cities Annual Report – Our Food Future and Circular Opportunity Innovation Launchpad (COIL) presentation by Justine Dainard, Project Manager, Smart Cities, County of Wellington, David Messer, Executive Director, Smart Cities, City of Guelph, Ashlee Cooper, Programme Advisor, Smart Cities, City of Guelph and Andrew Telfer, Circular Opportunity Innovation Launchpad (COIL) Manager, Smart Cities, City of Guelph be received for information.

Carried

9.2 Arthur Garage Project Presentation

5/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Dehn

Seconded by: Councillor Duncan

That the Arthur Garage Project Presentation by Lloyd Grinham, Owner, Grinham Architects be approved to go to tender as presented with the future ambulance option to be located at the front of the Wellington Road 12 property.

Carried

10. Resolution First and Second Reading of By-Laws

6/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Breen

Seconded by: Councillor White

That by-laws 5808-23 to 5811-23 be taken as read a first and second time by the Clerk, and that they be given consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Carried

11. Resolution Moving Council into Committee of the Whole

7/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Dehn

Seconded by: Councillor Duncan

That Council now go into Committee of the Whole.

Carried

12. Committee Minutes and By-Laws For Action

12.1 Planning Committee

8/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Seeley

Seconded by: Councillor Dehn

That the February 9, 2023 Minutes of the Planning Committee be received and referred to Council for adoption.

Carried

12.2 Roads Committee

9/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Dehn

Seconded by: Councillor Campbell

That the February 14, 2023 Minutes of the Roads Committee be received and referred to Council for adoption.

Carried

12.3 Solid Waste Services Committee

10/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Watters

Seconded by: Councillor Ballantyne

That the February 14, 2023 Minutes of the Solid Waste Services Committee be received and referred to Council for adoption.

Carried

12.4 Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee

11/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Lloyd

Seconded by: Councillor Duncan

That the February 15, 2023 Minutes of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee be received and referred to Council for adoption.

Carried

12.5 Economic Development Committee

12/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Duncan

Seconded by: Councillor Breen

That the February 21, 2023 Minutes of the Economic Development Committee be received and referred to Council for adoption.

Carried

12.6 Administration, Finance and Human Resources

13/3/23

Moved by: Councillor White

Seconded by: Councillor Breen

That Item 7.5 2023 Community Grants be approved.

Carried

14/3/23

Moved by: Councillor White

Seconded by: Councillor Breen

That the February 21, 2023 Minutes of the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee, excluding Item 7.5 2023 Community Grants be received and referred to Council for adoption.

Carried

13. Proposed By-Laws Resolution to Refer to Council

15/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Watters

Seconded by: Councillor White

That by-laws 5808-23 to 5811-23 be considered and referred to Council for third reading.

Carried

14. Reports from Staff

There were no reports from staff.

15. Correspondence for Council's Information

There was no correspondence for Council's information.

16. Resolution that the Committee of the Whole Rise and Report

16/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Duncan

Seconded by: Councillor Dehn

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

Carried

17. Resolution to Adopt Action of Council in Committee of the Whole

17/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Breen

Seconded by: Councillor White

That the actions taken in Committee of the Whole today be confirmed by this Council and the Minutes of the Committees be adopted.

Carried

18. Resolution for Third Reading of By-Laws

18/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Cork

Seconded by: Councillor Bulmer

That by-laws 5808-23 to 5811-23 be taken as read a third time by the Clerk and passed.

Carried

19. Notice of Motion

At the January 26, 2023 Council meeting, Councillor Cork presented the following Notice of Motion:

19/3/23

Moved by: Councillor Cork

Seconded by: Councillor Dehn

That County Council hold a special meeting in 2023, or early 2024 at the latest, to have a full and public *discussion* on whether we want to move some or all of the Wellington County Administration Centre out of the City of Guelph and back into our own County of Wellington, to a central location at Wellington Place in Aboyne, where we already own land and have free land for parking.

And that staff bring to that meeting:

1- A complete listing and best estimate of the market value of the land and buildings we own in Guelph.

2- A best estimate of the cost of what is being proposed by the County for downtown Guelph, including an updated cost of the proposed parking garage, including the

number of parking spaces required, public or private, and including the cost of the proposed office space and which staff will use it.

3- Three scenarios with costing for each:

1. Status quo. Stay in Guelph. Build parking garage with administration offices.
2. Partial move to Wellington Place with a suggestion for which departments might best relocate there.
3. Full move to Wellington Place with recommendation for any departments which must stay in Guelph, if any.

Debate ensued.

Councillor Cork requested a recorded vote.

Yeas: Warden Lennox, Councillors Cork, Lloyd, Dehn, Watters - **5**

Nays: Councillors Duncan, Seeley, Anderson, Campbell, Ballantyne, Breen, White, Bulmer - **8**

Absent: Councillor Davidson

Lost

20. Adjournment

At 2:16 pm, the Warden adjourned the meeting until March 30, 2023 or at the call of the Chair.

Andy Lennox - Warden

Jennifer Adams - County Clerk