

The Corporation of the County of Wellington County Council

Minutes

July 31, 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, Steve O'Neill, David Anderson, Gregg Davidson, Dave Turton, Earl Campbell, Diane Ballantyne, Shawn Watters, Doug Breen, Chris White.

5. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

6. Confirmation of Council Minutes

1/7/23

Moved by: Councillor Campbell Seconded by: Councillor Turton

That the minutes of the Council meeting held on June 29, 2023 be confirmed as recorded and distributed.

Carried

7. Resolution First and Second Reading of By-Laws

2/7/23

Moved by: Councillor Breen Seconded by: Councillor Watters

That by-law 5833-23 be taken as read a first and second time by the Clerk, and be given consideration in Committee of the Whole.

Carried

8. Resolution Moving Council into Committee of the Whole

3/7/23

Moved by: Councillor Cork Seconded by: Councillor Dehn

That Council now move into Committee of the Whole.

Carried

9. Committee Minutes and By-Laws For Action

9.1 Roads Committee

4/7/23

Moved by: Councillor Davidson Seconded by: Councillor Turton

That the July 26, 2023 Minutes of the Roads Committee be received and referred to Council for adoption.

Councillor Cork requested that Item 4. Construction and Construction Management Contract Award – Arthur Garage be voted on separately.

5/7/23

Moved by: Councillor Davidson Seconded by: Councillor Turton

That the construction contract for the Arthur Garage be awarded to Dakon Construction Ltd. of Waterloo at the total contract amount of \$13,076,402.29, excluding HST @ 13%; and

That the budget as outlined in the Financial Summary be approved; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary construction agreements.

Carried

6/7/23

Moved by: Councillor Davidson Seconded by: Councillor Turton

That the July 26, 2023 Minutes of the Roads Committee, with the exception of Item 4. Construction and Construction Management Contract Award - Arthur Garage be received and referred to Council for adoption.

Carried

9.2 Social Services Committee

7/7/23

Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor O'Neill

That the July 26, 2023 Minutes of the Social Services Committee be received and referred to Council for adoption.

Carried

9.3 Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee

8/7/23

Moved by: Councillor Lloyd Seconded by: Councillor Duncan

That the July 26, 2023 Minutes of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee meeting be received and referred to Council for adoption.

Councillor Cork requested that Item 3. Construction and Construction Management Contract Award - Erin Library be voted on separately.

9/7/23

Moved by: Councillor Lloyd Seconded by: Councillor Duncan That the construction contract for the Erin Library be awarded to Demikon Construction Limited of Guelph at the total contract amount of \$9,104,892.50, excluding HST @ 13%; and

That the budget as outlined in the Financial Summary be approved and forwarded to the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee; and

That the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary construction agreements.

Carried

10/7/23

Moved by: Councillor Lloyd Seconded by: Councillor Duncan

That the July 26, 2023 Minutes of the Information, Heritage and Seniors Committee, with the exception of Item 3. Construction and Construction Management Contract Award - Erin Library be received and referred to Council for adoption.

Carried

9.4 Administration, Finance and Human Resources

11/7/23

Moved by: Councillor White

Seconded by: Councillor Campbell

That the July 26, 2023 Minutes of the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee be received and referred to Council for adoption.

Carried

Staff were directed to schedule a Special Meeting of Council in late September or October to discuss the Ten-Year Capital Plan.

10. Proposed By-Laws Resolution to Refer to Council

12/7/23

Moved by: Councillor Turton Seconded by: Councillor Cork

That by-law 5833-23 be considered and referred to Council for third reading.

Carried

11. Closed Meeting

13/7/23

Moved by: Councillor Ballantyne Seconded by: Councillor Watters

That Council move into a closed meeting for the purposes of considering labour relations or employee negotiations, authority under another act and information explicitly supplied in confidence by Canada, a province or territory or a crown agency of any of them.

Carried

12. Report from Closed Meeting

The Warden reported that County Council has ratified the renewal of the collective agreement between CUPE Local 97 and the County of Wellington.

CUPE Local 973 represents approximately 160 full-time employees working in the Social Services Department at the County of Wellington for the divisions of Ontario Works, Housing Services and Children's Early Years.

The ratification is for a one-year collective agreement covering the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. Highlights include a 3.5% economic adjustment retroactive to January 1, 2023, enhancements to vacation and some benefits, as well as significant wording changes.

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

14/7/23

Moved by: Councillor Dehn Seconded by: Councillor White

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

Carried

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

15/7/23

Moved by: Councillor Watters Seconded by: Councillor Breen

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

Carried

15. Resolution for Third Reading of By-Laws

16/7/23

Moved by: Councillor Seeley Seconded by: Councillor Dehn

That by-law 5833-23 be taken as read a third time by the Clerk and passed.

Carried

16. Adjournment

At 11:13 am, the Warden adjourned the meeting until September 28, 2023 or at the call of the Chair.

Andy Lennox - Warden	Jennifer Adams - County Clerk