



# TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

## **Televised Council Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, May 8, 2017**

**Regular Council Meeting**

**Council Chambers**

**7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor L. Armstrong, Councillors A. Junker, P. Roe, B. Fisher, J. Gerber and M. Murray

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer G. Whittington, Director of Clerk's Services B. McLeod, Deputy Clerk D. Mittelholtz, Director of Public Works G. Charbonneau, Director of Facilities and Recreation Services S. Nancekivell, Director of Development Services H. O'Kafka, Acting Fire Chief B. Otterbein, Director of Finance P. Kelly, Curator/Director of Castle Kilbride T. Loch, Manager of Accounting A. Romany, Financial Analyst / Accounts Payable J. McNeil

- 1. MOTION TO CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION (IF NECESSARY)**
- 2. MOTION TO RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**
- 3. MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 4. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**
- 5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST UNDER THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT**

None disclosed.

### **6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

**6.1 Council Meeting Minutes April 24, 2017.**

**Resolution No. 2017-91**

**Moved by: A. Junker**

**Seconded by: B. Fisher**

THAT the minutes of the following meetings be adopted as presented:

Council Meeting April 24, 2017.

CARRIED, AS AMENDED.

Councillor B. Fisher noted for Agenda Item 9.2.1, that the inquiry made with regards to dumping investigations was made by Councillor J. Gerber.

## **7. PUBLIC MEETINGS**

### **7.1 Court of Revision**

#### **Cressman and Don Myers Municipal Drains 2017**

#### **Resolution No. 2017-92**

**Moved by: A. Junker**

**Seconded by: M. Murray**

That a Court of Revision now be called for the purposes of the Cressman and Don Myers Municipal Drain 2017.

CARRIED

#### **Resolution No. COR 2017-03**

**Moved by: A. Junker**

**Seconded by: M. Murray**

THAT Mayor L. Armstrong be appointed as Chair for the Cressman and Don Myers Municipal Drain 2017 Court of Revision.

CARRIED.

The Director of Clerk's Services confirmed that no written appeals had been received for the Court of Revision.

Mayor L. Armstrong asked twice if there were any verbal appeals to the Court of Revision. There were none.

**Resolution No. COR 2017-04****Moved by: M. Murray****Seconded by: B. Fisher**

THAT the Assessment Schedule for the Cressman and Don Myers Municipal Drain 2017 as prepared by Dietrich Engineering Limited on March 22, 2017 be upheld.

CARRIED.

**Resolution No. COR 2017-05****Moved by: M. Murray****Seconded by: A. Junker**

THAT the Court of Revision for the Cressman and Don Myers Municipal Drain 2017 be adjourned.

CARRIED.

**8. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS****8.1 Discover Your Wilmot Grant Presentations**

Mayor L. Armstrong presented Discover Your Wilmot Grant funding to the following recipients:

- Wilmot Terry Fox Run
- Wilmot Heritage Fire Brigades
- Createscape Waterloo Region
- Nith Valley SnoSurfers
- New Hamburg Live
- NH Studio Tour
- New Hamburg Board of Trade
- New Dundee Public School
- Grandview Public School
- Mike Rice, Canada Day Stunt Show
- Angie Hallman, Guinness World Record Attempt
- Sabrina Hallman, Bring a BIG Flag to Wilmot
- Wilmot Rugby Club

**8.2 Jim Rodger, Chair****Prime Ministers Statue and Educational Resource Committee Update**

Mr. Rodger introduced himself as one of the co-founders of Createscape Waterloo Region. He advised Council of the new name being used in conjunction with the Prime Minister Statue project – Prime Ministers Path, which will be used to market and promote the project. He spoke about the goal of the Committee to bring life-sized bronze statues of all of Canada's Prime Ministers to the property. He highlighted the success of the first statue on the Prime Ministers Path, Sir John A. Macdonald, and how it has been warmly received by visitors interacting with the statue and the international media. Mr. Rodger announced that three new statues will be unveiled in 2017, two of which will be on June 29<sup>th</sup> prior to a concert on the front lawn of Castle Kilbride.

Mayor L. Armstrong thanked Mr. Rodger and Createscape for all the effort they have given in bringing this project to Wilmot.

Councillor A. Junker expressed his pride in having this project in Wilmot and in having the work of a local artist featured in it.

**8.3 Prema Anjaria, Chair****Castle Kilbride Advisory Committee Update**

Ms. Anjaria thanked Mayor L. Armstrong and Council for the opportunity to provide an update on the activities of the Castle Kilbride Advisory Committee. She provided Council with the details of the exhibits and events taking place this year at the Castle including; To Canada with Love from Wilmot, Hooked on our Heritage, the Lecture Series featuring Jim Rodger and Ruth Abernathy, the Maids Tea and Tour, Anne Picnic and the annual favourite Summer Concert Series.

**8.4 Ron Weber****Breakfast in the Park and Baden Cruise Nights**

Mr. Weber provided Council with a brief history of the Breakfast in the Park event that takes place in Petersburg on Sundays from May to September. In addition to the breakfast, visitors are treated to a car show. He noted that the Father's Day event began with nine cars and served four hundred breakfast, has grown to three hundred cars and two thousand breakfasts being served. He also highlighted for Council the success of the

Cruzin' at the Pond event in Baden which is another car show he has organized which has grown in size and popularity. Both events are supported by local service clubs and bring funds to the organizations which allows them to give back to the community.

Mayor L. Armstrong thanked Mr. Weber and all of the people and organizations involved in bringing these events to Wilmot.

Councillor B. Fisher thanked Mr. and Mrs. Weber and all the volunteers who have made Baden a tourist destination with the car show on Wednesdays, the Castle Summer Concert Series on Thursdays and the Prime Ministers Path.

### **8.5 Tina Broda and Michael Rice**

#### **150th Canada Day Festivities**

Ms. Broda advised Council of the efforts of the Canada Day Committee in planning the event which is being made possible through many generous sponsors. She showed Council a map of the venue, highlighting events and activities that are annual favourites and new for this year. Among the events being planned include a Guinness World Record attempt, fireworks and a community wide decorating contest.

Councillor J. Gerber thanked the Canada Day Committee for their efforts and hard work and in being able to combine traditional activities with new attractions.

### **8.6 Gord Perrin**

#### **New Dundee Victoria Day Celebration**

Mr. Perrin summarized for Council the long history of the Victoria Day Celebration in New Dundee which actually began as a summer garden party over sixty years ago. He spoke about the coming together of the local service clubs and organizations to form a committee responsible for organizing the celebration. He noted several of the activities which are part of the festivities including: a silent auction; bouncy castles; town wide garage sales; clowns, entertainment food booths from the New Dundee Optimists, the Women's Institute and the New Dundee Board of Trade; and a Canada 150 themed parade. For the evening activities he advised that there will be fireworks and a midway.

Councillor A. Junker thanked Mr. Perrin and the Committee for their efforts in providing a large number of activities for the one day celebration. He recommended that all visitors park and walk to the main venues as it is a very busy event.

**8.7 Veronica Qubrossi**  
**Healthy Kids Community Challenge**  
**Water Does Wonders Campaign**

Ms. Qubrossi expressed to Council that she became involved in this campaign because of the importance of this message to children. She gave a brief history of the Healthy Kids Community Challenge and what the goals of challenge are. The focus of the current campaign was brought to area schools to educate and promote to children the importance of drinking water. She highlighted several of the events they had been involved in as part of the challenge and some of the successes they had.

Mayor L. Armstrong thanked Ms. Qubrossi for her presentation and work with the Healthy Kids Community Challenge.

Councillor A. Junker expressed his gratitude in having Ms. Qubrossi and the Healthy Kids Community Challenge become involved with the Living Well Festival. He also noted the benefits to having water bottle filling stations at the WRC.

**8.8 Tova Davidson**  
**Sustainable Waterloo Region**

**8.8.1 REPORT NO. FIN 2017-25**  
**Sustainability Committee Annual Staff Report**

**Resolution No. 2017-93**

**Moved by: P. Roe**

**Seconded by: B. Fisher**

THAT the annual report from the Sustainability Committee be received for information purposes.

CARRIED.

The Manager of Accounting highlighted the report and introduced Ms. Davidson.

Ms. Davidson thanked Council for this opportunity to present the Sustainable Waterloo Region (SWR) Annual Report. She provided Council with a brief history of SWR and highlighted some of the achievements of member organizations in the area of

sustainability. She provided additional details on the TravelWise program and their goal of reducing the number of single-occupancy vehicles. Other on-going programs she highlighted were Climate Action WR and Charge WR which focus on reducing the carbon footprint and promoting the installation charging stations for electric vehicles. She introduced one of SWR's newer initiatives, a partnership with The Cora Group and the David Johnson Research and Technology Park in the building of a Net Positive facility.

Councillor J. Gerber inquired about the costs involved for charging stations. Ms. Davidson responded that the average cost is approximately \$15,000 including installation and that it is recommended that conduits be installed as parking lots and being built. She noted that charging stations can be either publicly or privately owned and that some grant funding opportunities exist.

In response to Councillor J. Gerber, Ms. Davidson clarified that the solar panels being used for the Net Positive building are regular solar panels and that the building as a whole is being designed to use less energy.

Ms. Davidson confirmed for Councillor B. Fisher that websites do exist for commuters and other travelers to arrange carpooling.

Ms. Davidson confirmed for Councillor P. Roe that some charging stations have two charging ports as a cost effective design for making more charging stations available.

**8.9 Jerry Van Ooteghem, President and CEO and Jim Phillips, Chair  
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro**

**Resolution No. 2017-94**

**Moved by: J. Gerber**

**Seconded by: A. Junker**

THAT the audited financial statements of the corporation for the year ended December 31, 2016 as audited by KPMG LLP, as presented, are hereby received;

THAT James Phillips, Dave Schnarr and during their tenure, Berry Vrbanovic, Les Armstrong, Scott Davey, Bil Ioannidis and Jerry Van Ooteghem be and are hereby elected Directors of Kitchener Power Corp. for the ensuing year; and,

THAT KPMG, LLP be hereby appointed Auditors of Kitchener Power Corp. for the ensuing fiscal year and the Directors are authorized to set their remuneration.

CARRIED.

Mr. Phillips introduced himself and Mr. Van Ooteghem and brought greetings from the Kitchener Power Corp. Board of Directors.

Mr. Van Ooteghem provided Council with a statistical breakdown of the financial status of the Corporation, how it rates in contrast with local and province-wide comparators and the year-over-year changes. He also spoke to the performance metrics which appear to have decreased in terms of service reliability but may be influenced by a new tracking system. He noted that performance metrics do not include major storm events such as ice storms and that, despite the decrease, the service indicators are above provincial minimum standards.

Mr. Phillips presented Council with a \$45,000 reforestation grant and a \$325,136 dividend cheque.

Mayor L. Armstrong noted that, as a member of the Board of Directors, he has seen the efficiency of Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro staff.

Councillor J. Gerber thanked Mr. Phillips and Mr. Van Ooteghem for their presentation and he asked that they pass along to their staff Wilmot's appreciation for all their hard work and efforts. He also expressed his appreciation for Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro demonstration as a leader in this industry.

Councillor A. Junker expressed his appreciation for the efforts on the part of Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro in increasing their communication to residents during outages by including a outages map on their website.

Mr. Van Ooteghem added that the outages map is a significant improvement that offers real-time information to residents.

Mayor L. Armstrong noted the financial challenge faced by power corporations in running an efficient operation while asking customers to use energy

## **9. REPORTS**

### **9.1 CAO – no reports**



**9.2 CLERK'S SERVICES – no reports**

**9.3 FINANCE**

**9.3.1 REPORT NO. FIN 2017-24**

**2017 Final Tax Levy**

**Resolution No. 2017-95**

**Moved by: M. Murray**

**Seconded by: P. Roe**

THAT report FIN 2017-24 prepared by the Manager of Accounting, regarding the 2017 Final Tax Levy By-law be received.

CARRIED.

The Manager of Accounting highlighted the report.

**9.4 PUBLIC WORKS – no reports**

**9.5 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – no reports**

**9.6 FACILITIES AND RECREATION SERVICES**

**9.6.1 REPORT NO. PRD 2017-03**

**Facilities & Recreation Services Quarterly Activity Reports**

**Resolution No. 2017-96**

**Moved by: B. Fisher**

**Seconded by: A. Junker**

THAT the Facilities & Recreation Services Activity Reports for the first quarter of 2017 be received for information.

CARRIED.

**9.7 FIRE – no reports**

**9.8 CASTLE KILBRIDE – no reports**

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**10.1 Grand River Conservation Authority – Grand Actions, April 2017**

**10.2 Regional Municipality of Waterloo – Southwestern Integrated Fibre Technology (SWIFT) Network**

**Resolution No. 2017-97**

**Moved by: J. Gerber**

**Seconded by: P. Roe**

THAT Correspondence Items No. 10.1 and 10.2 be received for information.

CARRIED.

The CAO confirmed for Councillor J. Gerber that the Region of Waterloo will be funding the SWIFT Network in the Region.

**11. BY-LAWS**

**11.1 By-law No. 2017-21 – Final Tax Levy**

**Resolution No. 2017-98**

**Moved by: A. Junker**

**Seconded by: B. Fisher**

THAT By-law No. 2017-21 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.

**12. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

**13. QUESTIONS/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 13.1 In response to Councillor J. Gerber, Mayor L. Armstrong noted that he received the Region of Waterloo's survey notification for a proposed All-way Stop of Waterloo Street and Huron Street directly with only one envelope to provide a response with. The Deputy Clerk added that staff can contact the Region for other possible avenues for response to the survey which can be circulated through the Township website and through the Township's Twitter account.

- 13.2 The Director of Facilities and Recreation Services responded to Councillor J. Gerber about the booking of free meeting spaces for sports teams when the bookings are made through the parent associations.

Mayor L. Armstrong suggested that Councillor J. Gerber and the Director of Facilities and Recreation Service discuss which organizations or coaches are raising this topic so that staff can clarify the matter.

- 13.3 A member of the public asked to address Council on an undisclosed topic. No member of Council made a motion to allow him to address Council. He was directed to follow proper delegation procedures in having a topic brought to the floor of Council following a review of the matter by staff.
- 13.4 Mayor L. Armstrong advised Council that a postcard was received from Sadee Zister who was unable to attend the Council for a Day program. Her entry was one of the winning entries but a family holiday prevented her from attending,
- 13.5 Councillor A. Junker announced that the Healthy Communities Coalition will be hosting a guided walk through Schmidt Woods on May 27, 2017 at 2:00 pm.
- 13.6 Councillor A. Junker noted an article that was in Agenda Item 10.1 from the Grand River Conservation Authority on the benefits of planting native species in gardens and flower beds. He requested that Township staff and our local partners be encouraged to consider native species in Township flower beds.
- 13.7 Mayor L. Armstrong announced that this is the last meeting for Mr. Gary Charbonneau who is retiring as the Director of Public Works. He offered his sincere thanks to Mr. Charbonneau for everything he has done to benefit the Township of Wilmot.

Mr. Charbonneau thanked current and past Members of Council and staff for their support over the years.

Councillor A. Junker expressed his gratitude to Mr. Charbonneau for service to the Township and noted how much he enjoyed working with him.

Councillor B. Fisher echoed the sentiments of Mayor L. Armstrong and Councillor A. Junker and wished Mr. Charbonneau good luck in his retirement.

- 13.8 Councillor B. Fisher announced a plaque unveiling at the Foundry Street Parkette on June 8, 2017 from 6:00 to 7:00 pm for the completion of the parkette and the pedestrian bridge rehabilitation. Attendees are encouraged to wear red and white to commemorate the Canada 150 celebrations.
- 13.9 Councillor J. Gerber noted the sold out performances of Mary Poppins by TCP. He congratulated the group to their efforts.
- 13.10 Councillor P. Roe announced that the St. Agatha Strawberry Festival will be taking place on June 17, 2017 and will include a full agenda of events.

**14. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**15. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

**15.1 By-law No. 2017-22**

**Resolution No. 2017-99**

**Moved by: M. Murray**

**Seconded by: B. Fisher**

THAT By-law No. 2017-22 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meeting held on May 8, 2017 be introduced, read a first, second, and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.

**16. ADJOURNMENT (8:57 P.M.)**

**Resolution No. 2017-100**

**Moved by: B. Fisher**

**Seconded by: P. Roe**

THAT we do now adjourn to meet again at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED.

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Mayor

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Clerk