



TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT

Council Meeting Minutes **Monday, July 13, 2020** **Council Meeting** **Electronic Online Participation** **7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor L. Armstrong, Councillors A. Hallman, C. Gordijk, B. Fisher, J. Gerber and J. Pfenning

Staff Present: Chief Administrative Officer G. Whittington, Director of Information and Legislative Services D. Mittelholtz, Director of Public Works J. Molenhuis, Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation S. Jackson, Director of Development Services H. O’Krafka, Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer P. Kelly, Fire Chief R. Leeson, Director / Curator Castle Kilbride T. Loch, Manager of Information and Legislative Services T. Murray, Manager of Planning / EDO A. Martin, Manager of Finance A. Romany

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

7.1 **Council Meeting Minutes July 13, 2020 and Special Council Meeting Minutes July 27, 2020**

Resolution No. 2020-114

Moved by: Councillor A. Hallman Seconded by: Councillor J. Gerber

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

Council Meeting July 13, 2020 and Special Council Meeting July 27, 2020.

CARRIED.

Councillor A. Hallman requested that page 116 of the minutes reflect the technical issues she experienced during the Council Meeting.

Councillor A. Hallman requested that page 125 clarify that the request was to have the Resolution forwarded to all Boards of Trade or Chambers of Commerce in Wilmot.

8. PUBLIC MEETINGS

8.1 REPORT NO. DS 2020-18

Zone Change Application 06/20

Deonisie Ardelean and Priscilla Ardelean

2232 Nafziger Road, Phillipsburg

Resolution No. 2020-115

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT Report DS 2020-020 be received for information.

CARRIED.

Mayor L. Armstrong declared the public meeting open and stated that Council would hear all interested parties who wished to speak. He indicated that if the decision of Council is appealed to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal, the Tribunal has the power to dismiss an appeal if individuals do not speak at the public meeting or make written submissions before the by-law is passed.

Mayor L. Armstrong stated that persons attending as delegations at this meeting are required to leave their names and addresses which will become part of the public record and advised that this information may be posted on the Township's official website along with email addresses, if provided.

The Manager of Planning / EDO outlined the report.

Mr. Deonisie Ardelean, applicant, provided an overview of project.

The Manager of Planning / EDO noted that comments have been received after the report was written that staff will summarize in a subsequent report.

Mayor L. Armstrong asked if anyone else wished to address Council on this matter. There were none and the Public Meeting was declared closed.

9. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

9.1 SUSTAINABLE WATERLOO REGION

Tova Davidson, Executive Director

Ms. Davidson provided an update of the work that Sustainable Waterloo Region and its members have done over the years. She advised that the Township was the recipient of a partnership award this year for the work done over the last year. Ms. Davidson noted that every municipality in the Region declared a climate emergency in the past year. Ms. Davidson advised that the Green House Gas reduction targets have been collectively exceeded set targets.

9.1.1 REPORT NO. CS 2020-031

Sustainability Working Group Annual Report

Resolution No. 2020-116

Moved by: Councillor J. Pfenning Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT the annual report COR 2020-031, from the Sustainability Working Group be received for information; and further,

THAT the Sustainability Working Group staff composition be amended in the Terms of Reference, Governance Policy #CL-05.7, as follows:

Five (5) Full-time Staff covering (at least one must be a SMT member):

- o Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services
- o Development Services
- o Public Works and Engineering
- o Corporate Services (Budget/Finance Division)
- o Corporate Services (Asset Management Division)

The committee may invite other members of staff not listed in the membership as resources to assist with specific projects being undertaken (non-voting).

CARRIED.

The Manager of Finance / Deputy Treasurer outlined the report.

The Manager of Finance / Deputy Treasurer clarified that the amended Terms of Reference continues to include a member of Council on the Working Group, the revision was specific to the staff members of the Working Group.

Council thanked Sustainable Waterloo Region for their work and to staff for their dedication.

Mayor L. Armstrong requested a change in the agenda and move to Item 11.2.2, followed by Item 11.2.1 and 11.4.1

10. REPORTS

10.1 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

10.1.2 REPORT NO. DS 2020-020

Township Zoning By-law Update

Resolution No. 2020-117

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT Council approve amendments to By-law 83-38, being the Township of Wilmot Zoning Bylaw, as outlined in Report DS 2020-13 and DS 2020-020.

CARRIED.

The Manager of Planning / EDO outlined the report.

Mr. Rory Farnan appeared as a delegation. His written statement was provided and is attached as Appendix A.

Ms. Samantha Lernout appeared as a delegation and provided a PowerPoint Presentation and is attached as Appendix B.

Ms. Pat Chevalier appeared as a delegation. Ms. Chevalier noted that her comments were more from the health oriented perspective and the need for bylaws to ensure appropriate distance to protect public health and safety.

The Manager of Planning / EDO advised that the recommendations from the delegations will be included as part of the review.

Council also endorsed the recommendations from the delegations for further review of the portions of the Zoning By-law specific to aggregate properties.

10.2.1 REPORT NO. DS 2020-19

Zone Change Application 03/20

Tri-County Mennonite Homes

Neville Street, New Hamburg

Resolution No. 2020-118

Moved by: Councillor B. Fisher

Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT Council approve Zone Change Application 03/20 by Tri-County Mennonite Homes to change the zoning of a portion of the property from Zone 11 (Open Space) to Zone 4 (Residential) along with the following site specific regulations:

1. to reduce the required setback of parking from the front property line from 7.6m to approximately 2.9m; and
2. to increase the maximum building height from 10.5m, or 3 storeys (whichever is greater) to a height ranging from 4 storeys (approximately 13m) at the front of the building to 5 storeys (approximately 19m) at the rear of the building.

CARRIED.

The Manager of Planning / EDO outlined the report.

The Fire Chief confirmed that the current compliment of the department would satisfy any emergency needs and future planning would take into consideration any additional needs.

10.2 INFORMATION AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

10.2.1 REPORT NO. ILS 2020-16

Relocation of the Sir John A. Macdonald Statue and

Endorsement of the Consultation Process

Resolution No. 2020-119

Moved by: Councillor Seconded by: Councillor

THAT Council not accept Report NO. ILS 2020-16; and

THAT staff be directed to immediately relocate the Sir John A Macdonald statue to a rental storage facility.

Councillor A. Hallman raised a Point of Information noting that on page 963 there is a hate word that needs to be removed.

Councillor A. Hallman asked the CAO for clarification on measures taken by the Township to avoid conflict under the Income Tax Act respective of the boundary between education relative to the Township's CRA registration. The CAO advised that he would have to gather more information and provide a response later.

Councillor A. Hallman advised that she is rejecting this report as it does not include any consultation with the Indigenous Community or the True and Reconciliation Committee. The CAO advised that there is clarity being looked at on the immediate removal versus consultation to allow for staff to continue.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services clarified that interpretation of the Motion was that immediate indicated priority of the relocation of the statue followed by consultation with the Indigenous Community. Councillor A. Hallman advised that she had sent an introductory email to begin those conversations and feels that it was not followed up on.

Councillor J. Gerber expressed an immediate action of relocation was his understanding of the Motion and if that was an error it will need to be clarified.

Councillor J. Pfenning noted that the immediate removal of the statue was a priority; however, the recommendations to Council of where to place it temporarily would have included those consultations.

Councillor J. Gerber asked Councillor A. Hallman if there is an option that is not included in the report that would satisfy the Indigenous voices we have already heard from, Councillor A. Hallman noted that the report does not include conversations with the Indigenous Community or reflection on the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services advised that Council has the option to direct staff to have the consultation and reflect upon the Truth and Reconciliation, then bring the report back to Council for consideration.

Councillor B. Fisher advised that directing staff to redo the report is his preferred approach, and asked if staff had an idea of how long that might take. The Director of Information and Legislative Services advised that at this time, staff are unable to estimate a timeline.

Councillor J. Gerber noted that he would like to hear from the delegations prior to making a decision.

Councillor A. Hallman asked for the report to be rejected and have staff fully complete the direction of the Motion.

Councillor C. Gordijk agreed with Councillor A. Hallman and expressed her concerns with option 3 as it may be unethical that a group of citizens are offering to move the statue at their costs. Councillor C. Gordijk also rejected the report and noted that she would like the report to come back with clear options as set out in the Motion and that the statue be removed.

Councillor J. Pfenning acknowledged the difficulties surrounding this item, and agreed that the report should go back to staff.

Councillor J. Gerber asked if it is a better act of ally-ship to take action and relocate the statue rather than wait based on a concern with the report and do more consultations.

Councillor A. Hallman expressed that the Motion outlined the immediate relocation and consultation.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services asked for clarification on the process.

Councillor A. Hallman clarified that staff identify locations, then consult with the Indigenous Community for their feedback.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services asked the Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer for clarification on the budget concerns under emergency purchase to which he noted that should the relocation be declared an emergency then the Procurement By-law would allow for that.

Councillor B. Fisher expressed that he feels the report needs to come back to Council for approval.

The CAO asked for clarity in respect to obtaining input, where do we get that from.

Councillor A. Hallman advised that she sent an introductory email including the Clerk as well as previous contacts provided.

Mayor L. Armstrong asked if the citizens of Wilmot are being left out of the conversation.

Councillor A. Hallman advised that the motion that was passed stipulated immediate relocation and consultation.

Councillor J. Gerber noted there are two steps, one being the relocation of the statue to allow for the second step of the consultations to be done. Councillor J. Gerber noted the report options can satisfy short term needs of the Indigenous Community based on feedback already received from delegations.

Councillor J. Pfenning pointed out that taxpayers and residents of the Township also includes Indigenous residents. Councillor J. Pfenning noted that she questions as well whether deferring the report is the best approach as Council has already heard that the removal of the statue is preferred. She expressed her concerns surrounding the concept of accepting a report that creates questions on how the decision is being approached.

Councillor C. Gordijk also noted that she would like to see the statue removed; however, is not happy with the report. She noted that the community needs to do some healing and that begins with the removal of the statue and into storage.

Councillor J. Pfenning noted that when talking about removal of the statue, this is a temporary removal and suggested that the concrete and/or the chairs could stay.

Councillor J. Gerber again asked if the report is going to be discussed or is it going to be refused. He suggested that noting concerns of the report while still moving forward could be an option and allowing the delegations to present.

Mayor L. Armstrong agreed and noted that there are several delegations waiting to speak and asked if Council was going to hear them or turn them away.

Councillor A. Hallman noted there is the option to suspend the rules to consider that would allow the opportunity to hear the delegations.

The Curator / Director of Castle Kilbride noted that the statue removal does affect the concrete pad as it would not stay intact for the removal.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services noted that the options available to Council, the deferral of the report or amendment of the recommendation. She noted that the delegations have been waiting and that the Procedural By-law does not specifically outline the rules surrounding hearing delegations or not; however, the delegations have registered and the item is an agenda item.

Mayor L. Armstrong asked members of Council to decide which direction they wanted to move forward with.

Councillor J. Gerber noted that Council should decide if they are accepting the report or not to allow for some clarity for the delegations.

Councillor J. Pfenning advised that if Council is not voting on the report, delegations should still be able to present.

Councillor J. Pfenning asked Councillor A. Hallman if an amendment to the recommendation would satisfy.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services provided clarification and noted that Council does need to make a decision on the report and provided a proposed amendment. She noted that the question on reporting back to Council needed clarification or if staff are being directed to act based on the feedback from the Indigenous Community already received.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services suggested taking a break and she will rewrite the recommendation for Council's consideration.

Mayor L. Armstrong advised that at this time, Council will hear from the delegations.

Mr. Glen Mathers appeared as a delegation. Mr. Mathers provided an overview of the vision of the Prime Ministers Path and the focus of the project. He noted that the path is intended to focus on leadership in Canada and that this is a multi-year educational project that would have various aspects added to it over time. Mr. Mathers noted that the Save our Statues group has been subjected to various defamatory comments and their requests to discuss the matter with the individuals wanting the statue relocated have not been accepted.

Councillor J. Pfenning responded to a comment from Mr. Mathers that she is not an administrator of any of the community pages or social media groups that Mr. Mathers accused her of managing.

Mr. David Atkinson appeared as a delegation in support of the statue, noting that listening to the Council debate the previous resolution was not entirely clear to staff of what was being requested. Mr. Atkinson noted that the Notice of Motion states a relocation not a removal. He noted that this has taught him history of Canada that he would not have otherwise known. Mr. Atkinson noted that the Truth and Reconciliation report calls for more education of the Indigenous history and feels that keeping the statue will allow for that education. Mr. Atkinson noted this is Canada's history and it is not perfect and the removal of the statue because of a wart on history is the wrong move.

Ms. Nancy Birss appeared as a delegation. Her prewritten statement was provided and is attached as Appendix C.

Councillor J. Pfenning noted that the dialogue is the basis of reconciliation and noted that the dialogue to date has included insulting comments; however, noted that no one can be forced to come to the table when they feel hurt or attacked.

Councillor B. Fisher noted that further discussions with various groups could be done, and noted that he liked the delegation's suggestion of building a box over the statue. Councillor B. Fisher advised that having both groups satisfied with the relocation is the ultimate goal.

Councillor C. Gordijk also noted that she is not in a position to pressure any one person or group to come to the table. She disagreed with the idea of a box as it could be subjected to vandalism and that complete removal is the most viable option.

Councillor A. Hallman noted that she will share contact details with members of the Indigenous Community should they wish to have a conversation with the delegation.

Councillor J. Gerber expressed appreciation for the willingness to have the conversations when the parties are ready.

Ms. Birss clarified that she was not implying a force or pressure to come to the table, rather a small group of people that can have direct, intimate dialogues that encourages the discussions.

Ms. Kate Laing appeared as a delegation and thanked the leadership of Council in wanting to listen to the Indigenous voices on this matter. Ms. Laing noted that the third option was not part of the Notice of Motion and removal is the only option. Ms. Laing expressed her concerns for the transparency of the process and that moving the statue and completing the consultation process is the intent of the motion and challenged Council to live up to that promise.

Mr. Dennis and Mrs. Pat Mighton appeared as delegations. Their prepared written statement is attached as Appendix D.

Ms. Aimee Coslovich appeared as a delegation, commented on disparaging remarks on social media and that moving forward is a positive move. She expressed her disappointment of comments of white privilege and personal attacks, noting that coming to a solution together is the goal. Ms. Coslovich acknowledged the need to have further conversation and that the harm the Path has caused needs to be rectified.

Ms. Mary Eileen McClear provide a pre-recorded video delegation. Her prepared statement was provided and is attached as Appendix E.

Mr. Robert Roth appeared as a delegation. His prepared statement was provided and is attached as Appendix F.

Ms. Ruth Abernethy appeared as a delegation. Her prepared statement was provided and is attached as Appendix G.

The Manager of Information and Legislative Services noted that Councillor J. Pfenning has shut off her video to ensure a more stable internet connection and confirmed that she is still participating in the meeting.

Mr. James Spencer appeared as a delegation and noted that there was confusion at the outset of the meeting and the Indigenous community members have been clear that the

statue is causing harm when it is in view. He noted the statue is disrespectful and expressed his view that there are groups that are not listening. Mr. Spencer noted he felt the recommendation of this report are not in keeping with the original Notice of Motion. He asked for clarification on what Council is voting on since Councillor A. Hallman raised a Point of Order.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services clarified that Point of Order / Point of Information are not motions that trigger a vote, they are to draw attention to something they feel is not in order and it is the role of the Chair to note and correct then proceed.

Mr. Spencer expressed that Option 3 of keeping the statue in the public eye is going against what has been advised in previous delegations and removing the statue is the only option.

Mr. Harrison Rees appeared as a delegation. His prepared statement was provided and is attached as Appendix H.

Additional correspondence received from members of the public who requested they be added to the public record are attached as Appendix I.

Mayor L. Armstrong advised that the original Motion as it was passed did not specify where the statue was to go and staff was unable to make that decision and as a result the report was intended to assist in that final decision.

Councillor J. Gerber noted that considering the report and the original Notice of Motion identified two directives, one is to pause the expansion of the Path and second is to relocate the Sir John A. Macdonald statue. Councillor J. Gerber noted that the removal or relocation of the statue does not preclude the conversations that are to happen. He noted the long term goal is to work towards reconciliation and that should be what is considered. He noted that he is in support of removing and storing the statue during the reconciliation process.

Councillor C. Gordijk agreed with Councillor J. Gerber that the main goal is proper reconciliation. She noted that relocating the statue to the back of the park should not have been an option as it is not in keeping with the original motion. Councillor C. Gordijk expressed her opinion on the idea of having funds provided particularly to move the statue to the back is unethical and the only option is to remove and store the statue.

Councillor B. Fisher advised that the original Notice of Motion was confusing for him and understands the reason for the report. He advised he was hoping to move forward with the consultation process and he was hoping to come to a compromise to please everyone during that process.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services noted that procedurally we need to pass a motion to continue the meeting past 11:00 pm and that Council consider dealing with all business on the agenda as many reports have been deferred several times.

Resolution No. 2020-120**Moved by: Councillor J. Gerber****Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman**

THAT the meeting time be extended beyond the 11:00 PM curfew and that all matters on the Agenda be disposed of.

CARRIED.

Councillor J. Pfenning expressed her concern for the risk of approving a report that did not meet the Motion. She noted that she is not in favour of having this issue deferred any further. She noted the temporary relocation of the statue out of site is the viable solution to respectful dialogue. She acknowledged the trauma that has been experienced and she does not want anyone to feel unwelcome.

Councillor A. Hallman requested that the Director of Information and Legislative Services present the amended recommendation.

She noted that the motion in the report would then not be carried and asked if Council would like to accept the amendment or if there is another direction Council would like to go.

The Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer noted that the Procurement By-law outlines that the opinion of the CAO in designating an emergency in terms of preventing danger to Township property. He advised that if that is the route taken then approval by Council is not required.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services noted that Councillor A. Hallman had provided contact information as a starting point for consultations.

Councillor A. Hallman asked for clarification that the report submitted to Council would be refused and the proposed amendment is what is being discussed.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services confirmed that what staff would be directed to do is what is outlined in the proposed amendment. She asked Councillor A. Hallman to clarify if the original Motion intended staff to provide a report to Council on how the remainder of the Motion will be implemented. Councillor A. Hallman noted that the report before Council is being turned down and that the proposed amendment is being considered.

Councillor A. Hallman confirmed that a report on the remainder of the original Motion and the results of the conversations would come back to Council.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services asked if Council would be voting on the amended motion.

Mayor L. Armstrong asked Council to advise if they would like to vote.

Councillor C. Gordijk noted that she does not want the original Motion to be ignored through this proposed amendment. She advised that she also does not accept this report and does not want another report to come back to discuss the inevitable removal of the statue and asked if Council can direct staff to remove the statue, then continue with the consultations.

The CAO advised that the proposed amendment identifies options and if Council would like to have the statue removed and stored the amendment can identify that direction.

Mayor L. Armstrong noted that there is another statue expected to arrive and the CAO noted that there is no space large enough in a Township facility to store both statues therefore a rental unit will be utilized.

Councillor C. Gordijk asked for clarification that although she is in favour of option 2, she is not accepting of the report and if the proposed amendment would reflect that.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services advised that the original motion is 2 parts, one being endorsement of the report, secondly being options for the statue. She noted that the amendment can be updated to provide further clarification to identify that it be removed.

Councillor C. Gordijk noted that she is trying to avoid another relapse and just have the statue removed, noting that the continual listening is not productive since Council has heard from the delegations.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services noted that the potential amendment included a report back to Council on how the removal was undertaken and that can be removed and included in the final report to Council once the entire process has been complete.

Councillor J. Pfenning advised that she is prepared to move the new recommendation as amended including in the motion pending the response from the Indigenous consultation that the statues are housed in Township facilities to reduce costs. She noted that she wished to have a report back to Council on the removal.

Mayor L. Armstrong asked if there were any further amendments to the proposed amendment.

Councillor J. Pfenning asked that the amendment include should the consultations with Indigenous people agree with putting it in storage that every effort be made to accommodate it in Township facilities.

Mayor L. Armstrong advised that staff have identified that there is not a Township facility that can house the statue.

The Director of Facilities, Parks and Recreation advised that the challenge with locating in Township facilities is that the storage facilities are allocated to user groups and Township equipment would then need to be stored outside which increase risk to damage and theft.

Councillor J. Pfenning asked if there was available space at the Public Work yard and the Director of Public Works and Engineering advised that facility would also then require equipment to be stored outdoors and that is also a security risk.

Councillor J. Pfenning noted that she understands that staff will proceed with the best intentions of the community and moved the amended motion as written.

Councillor C. Gordijk advised that she did not hear the answer to her original question of the statue being relocated and then another lengthy Council meeting in September.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services advised that if the motion is approved as revised, then a paired down consultation process would occur to ensure that identified location is acceptable, the statue would then be relocated and a report to Council on what has been done with the statue and a revised outline of how the remainder of the original motion would be carried out.

Councillor J. Gerber noted that he is slightly uncomfortable with coming back to more consultation on the relocation of the statue; however, noted that at this point directing staff to remove the statue to a storage facility is preferable and does not require any further consultation on the temporary relocation.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services noted that the conversations can be initiated and that can include a geographical location that the statue is being housed in as an exact location of the statue could be considered a security risk.

Councillor J. Gerber advised he would be voting against the motion and would rather get the direction to staff to continue.

Mayor L. Armstrong noted that the motion can be amended to advise staff to immediately remove the statue to a rental storage facility with no further consultation.

Councillor J. Pfenning and Councillor A. Hallman approved that friendly amendment.

Councillor J. Pfenning advised that the consultation was intended on not having the statue in open view; therefore, the relocation to a storage facility is acceptable.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

11.1 REPORT NO. ILS 2020-13

Quarterly Activity Report

11.2 REPORT NO. FD 2020-03 (deferred from July 13 and 27, 2020)

Second Quarter Activity Report

11.3 REPORT NO. ILS 2020-12

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11.4 REPORT NO. ILS 2020-19

Consideration of Drainage Engineer's Report

For the Nachurs Alpine Municipal Drain 2020

Concession South of Snyder's Road Part Lot 19

RP58R13951 Parts 2 to 4, 7 and 8

Nafziger Road, Baden

Township of Wilmot

11.5 REPORT NO. PW 2020-13 (deferred from July 13, 2020)

Q1 and Q2 Department Activity Report

January – June 2020

11.6 REPORT NO. CK 2020-003 (deferred from July 13 and 27, 2020)

Quarterly Activity Report – April, May & June 2020

11.7 REPORT NO. FRS 2020-008 (deferred from July 13 and 27, 2020)

Parks, Facilities & Recreation Services Second Quarter Activity Reports

11.8 REPORT NO. DS 2020-014 (deferred from July 13 and 27, 2020)

2nd Quarter 2020 Building Statistics Summary

11.9 REPORT NO. ILS 2020-15

**Volunteer Member Appointment:
Sustainability Working Group**

Resolution No. 2020-121

Moved by: Councillor J. Pfenning Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT Report Nos. ILS 2020-13, FD 2020-03, ILS 2020-19, PW 2020-13, CK 2020-003, FRS 2020-008, DS 2020-014 and ILS 2020-15 be received for information purposes.

CARRIED. AS AMENDED.

Mayor L. Armstrong noted that Item 11.3 is being removed from the Consent Agenda as there is a proposed amendment.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services advised that she would provide Council clarification regarding the increase in firearms discharge calls.

The Director of Public Works and Engineering advised that the automated speed enforcement report is expected at the next meeting.

The Director of Public Works and Engineering advised that the Gingrich Road deficiencies are part of the watermain connections project.

11.10 REPORT NO. ILS 2020-12

2021 Council Meeting Schedule

Resolution No. 2020-122

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk Seconded by: Councillor J. Penning

THAT the 2021 Council Schedule be approved, as amended.

CARRIED.

The Manager of Information and Legislative Services advised that there was a request to amend the 2021 Council Schedule to move the May 10 meeting to May 17.

12. REPORTS

12.1 CORPORATE SERVICES

12.1.1 REPORT NO. COR 2020-027 (deferred from July 13 and 27, 2020)

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2020 (un-audited)

Resolution No. 2020-123

Moved by: Councillor A. Hallman Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT report COR 2020-027, Statement of Operations (un-audited) as of June 30, 2020, as prepared by the Manager of Finance / Deputy Treasurer, be received for information purposes.

CARRIED.

The Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer outlined the report.

12.1.2 REPORT NO. COR 2020-028 (deferred from July 13 and 27, 2020)

Capital Program Review as of June 30, 2020 (un-audited)

Resolution No. 2020-124

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

THAT Report COR 2020-028, Capital Program Review as of June 30, 2020 (un-audited), as prepared by the Manager of Finance / Deputy Treasurer, be received for information purposes.

CARRIED.

The Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer outlined the report. The Director of Corporate Services / Treasurer clarified that there should be cost savings on the artificial turf project as the bids received were lower than anticipated.

The Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services advised that the tile floors in a number of washroom facilities throughout the Township were replaced with an epoxy surface.

12.3 PARKS, FACILITIES AND RECREATION SERVICES

12.3.1 REPORT NO. 2020-010

Dog Park Change Notice Approval

Resolution No. 2020-125

Moved by: Councillor B. Fisher

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT 39 Seven Inc. Construction Change Notice - 2 for RFP 2020-21, be approved to increase the size of the Permanent Dog Park site at William Scott Park, New Hamburg, as per their proposal dated August 13, 2020, in the amount of \$9,545.00 plus HST.

CARRIED.

The Director of Parks, Facilities and Recreation Services outlined the report.

12.4 INFORMATION AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

12.4.2 REPORT NO. ILS 2020-17

Regional Council Composition Review

Resolution No. 2020-126

Moved by: Councillor B. Fisher

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT Township of Wilmot Council support Option 1 – Status Quo and that the Director of Information and Legislative Services / Municipal Clerk be directed to advise the Regional Municipality of Waterloo of the preferred option for Regional Council composition.

CARRIED.

The Director of Information and Legislative Services outlined the report.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

13.1 Email from a resident Ron Kennell with a request to have his statement at the next council meeting.

Resolution No. 2020-127

Moved by: Councillor B. Fisher

Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

That Correspondence 12.1 be received for information.

CARRIED.

13.2 Emancipation Day Resolution – Municipality of Chatham-Kent

Resolution No. 2020-128

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk

Seconded by: Councillor A. Hallman

That Township of Wilmot Council acknowledges and supports the following Private Members Bill put forward by Majid Jowhari; M-36, *Emancipation Day*, 43rd Parliament, 1st Session that reads as follows:

That the House recognizes that:

- a) The British Parliament abolished slavery in the British Empire as of August 1, 1834
- b) Slavery existed in the British North America prior to its abolition in 1834
- c) Abolitionists and others who struggled against slavery, including those who arrived in Upper and Lower Canada by the Underground Railroad, have historically celebrated August 1, as Emancipation Day

- d) The Government of Canada announced on January 30, 2018 that it would officially recognize the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent to highlight the important contributions that people of African Descent have made to Canadian society, and to provide a platform for conforming anti-black racism; and
- e) The heritage of Canada's people of African descent and the contributions they have made and continue to make to Canada; and that in the opinion of the House, the government should designate August 1 of every year as "Emancipation Day" in Canada

THAT support for this motion is sent to our Member of Parliament and all House of Commons representatives, Bardish Chagger (Minister of Diversity and Inclusion and Youth), Ahmed Hussen (Minister of Families, Children and Social Development), and Steven Guilbeault (Minister of Canadian Heritage).

CARRIED.

14. BY-LAWS

- 14.1 By-law No. 2020-26 Zoning By-law**
- 14.2 By-law No. 2020-27 ZCA-03/20**

Resolution No. 2020-129

Moved by: Councillor C. Gordijk Seconded by: Councillor B. Fisher

THAT By-laws 2020-26 and 2020-27 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.

15. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

17. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION

18. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

- 18.1 By-law No. 2020-29**

Resolution No. 2020-130

Moved by: Councillor B. Fisher

Seconded by: Councillor C. Gordijk

THAT By-law No. 2020-29 to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meeting held on August 24, 2020 be introduced, read a first, second, and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

CARRIED.

19. ADJOURNMENT (12:55 AM)

Resolution No. 2020-131

Moved by: Councillor J. Gerber

Seconded by: Councillor J. Pfenning

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

CARRIED.