



**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MEETING MINUTES**

June 25, 2024, 5:45 p.m.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4805 William Hastings Line, Crosshill, Ontario N0B 2M0

Council Present: Mayor Joe Nowak
Councillor Shelley Wagner
Councillor Lori Sebben
Councillor Derek Brick
Councillor Claude Hergott

Staff Present: Municipal Clerk, Grace Kosch
Chief Administrative Officer, Rik Louwagie
Deputy Clerk, Amy Harron
Director of Public Works, Chris Cook
Director of Recreation, Danny Roth
Fire Chief, Paul Redman
Director of Planning, Tim Van Hinte

Recreation Service Interim Treasurer, Jeff Dyck
Board Chairs Present: Linwood Recreation Service Board Chair, Sandi Albrecht
(absent)
Wellesley Recreation Service Board Chair, Jeff Quint (absent)
Hawkesville Recreation Service Board Chair, Pearl Frey
(absent)
St. Clements Recreation Service Board Chair, vacant (absent)
Heidelberg Recreation Service Board Chair, vacant (absent)

1. Closed Session Meeting (5:00pm)

1.1 Motion to convene closed session meeting

Moved by: Shelley Wagner
Seconded by: Lori Sebben

That this portion of the meeting be closed to the public in order to consider the following:

Section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act - litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board re: Planning Matter

CARRIED

1.2 Motion to adjourn closed session

Moved by: Derek Brick

Seconded by: Claude Hergott

That the closed session does now adjourn and the Committee of the Whole meeting resume.

CARRIED

2. Meeting called to order at 5:45pm

3. Land Acknowledgment

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest (if any) in accordance with the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

5. Delegations

Moved by: Lori Sebben

Seconded by: Shelley Wagner

That Pedram Izadpanah and Giovani Bettisini be received as delegations.

CARRIED

5.1 Pedram Izadpanah, Partner and Giovani Bettisini, True North Safety Group re: Township Wide Speed Assessment Report

Giovanni Bettisini spoke to a presentation regarding the Speed Limit Assessments performed. Mr. Bettisini provided detail on the process of the assessments and purpose of speed limits. Mr. Bettisini presented the recommendations based on the assessment on speed limit reduction throughout the Township.

Derek Brick asked if the speed limits are similar across the Region of Waterloo?

Mr. Bettisini responded that there was not a direct comparison within the Region of Waterloo, however many municipalities in the province use this similar assessment so it would be consistent Province wide.

Mayor Nowak asked how much change is needed based on new signage?

Director of Public Works, Chris Cook responded that there would be changes to the by-law and a significant amount of additional signage. Director Cook noted that a report will be brought back to Council with a plan on how this work would be implemented.

Councillor Hergott asked for more detail on the rationale behind changing gravel roads from 80km/h to 70km/h.

Mr. Bettisini provided reasoning behind the reduction including speed study data collected by the Public Works department.

6. Public Meeting

7. Recreation Committee

7.1 Minutes from the previous meeting

Moved by: Lori Sebben

Seconded by: Claude Hergott

The minutes from the previous Committee of the Whole Meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

7.2 Service Board Reports

Hawkesville - no report

Heidelberg - no report

Linwood - no report

St. Clements - no report

Wellesley - no report

7.3 Staff Reports

1. Rec 5/2024 - Sale of Surplus Municipal Assets from the Wellesley Arena & Community Centre - Motion required

Director of Recreation, Danny Roth stated that this report is to declare items from the old Wellesley Arena and Community Centre as surplus and move forward with disbursement of items including moving some to other facilities and the sale of others.

Councillor Brick asked what kind of items are being referred to for sale?

Director Roth responded that the arena boards and glass system as it could not be repurposed in another facility. Director Roth added that items such as floor scrubbers that can be used at a different facility will be relocated.

Councillor Brick noted that he would like to see a list of assets and approximate value before anything is sold.

Moved by: Shelley Wagner
Seconded by: Claude Hergott

That the Council of the Township of Wellesley declare items and fixtures within the Wellesley Arena and Wellesley Community Centre located at 1004 Catherine Street Wellesley and 1000 Maple Leaf Street Wellesley, that cannot be repurposed in other Township facilities as surplus; and further,

That Council direct staff to post these items and fixtures for sale on approved competitive public bidding websites such as Govdeals.

CARRIED

7.4 Director Update

Director of Recreation, Danny Roth provided a department update including Pickup Hub which is being used for currently programming. Director Roth also provided an update on the resolved St. Clements septic issue and noted that the recreation complex stairs will be closed from July 2nd to 5th for tiling.

7.5 Accounts/Financial Statement

8. Planning & Development Committee

8.1 Staff Reports

8.2 Director Update

Director of Planning, Tim Van Hinte provided a department update noting progress of the Asset Management Plan and the current state of planning applications.

9. Road & Bridge Committee

9.1 Staff Reports

9.2 Director Update

Director of Public Works, Chris Cook provided a department update including the Township of Wellesley Tree Giveaway Program dates of Saturday, October 19th and Saturday, October 26th. Director Cook added that the trees requiring removal on Queens Bush Road have been identified and road reconstruction will begin the second week of July.

Director Brick asked for an update on the Nafziger Road turn around.

Director Cook responded that a notice has been provided to effected residence and the meeting will be held July 11th at 5:00p.m.

Mayor Nowak asked for more information on the Queens Bush Road reconstruction.

Director Cook responded that phase two is happening in two phases with the first from slightly east of Catharine Street to Village Road and the second section between Village Road and Greenwood Hill Road.

10. Property & Fire Committee

10.1 Staff Reports

10.2 Director Update

Fire Chief Redman provided a department update highlighting the Community Risk Assessment and the events planned for the summer within the community.

11. Administration/Finance & Personnel Committee

11.1 A. F. & P. 22/2024 - Old Wellesley Arena and Community Centre Land Survey Results - Motion required

Director of Planning, Tim Van Hinte provided Council with an update of notice provided to the public regarding the report. Director Van Hinte also identified the highlighted area on the report providing clarification to the recommendation.

Councillor Brick asked why this work was not budgeted rather than funding through reserves?

Director Van Hinte responded that staff did not know the specific time that this would move forward to the next step.

Councillor Brick suggested that we settle into the new facility and leave this land to sit. Councillor Brick suggested bringing the item back to budget for discussion.

CAO Louwagie added that this report was brought forth by direction of Council and if Council would like property to sit that can be the course of action at this time.

Councillor Hergott asked what the purpose of stopping the process would be?

Councillor Brick stated that he sees a broader discussion on the use of this land and the opportunity to explore how the buildings could be repurposed.

Councillor Sebben asked if staff could investigate what other retired facilities like New Hamburg and Ayr are repurposed for?

CAO Louwagie confirmed that the direction of Council is to bring this item back at budget time.

Councillor Brick confirmed that is his request.

Moved by: Shelley Wagner
Seconded by: Lori Sebben

That the Council of the Township of Wellesley authorize staff to prepare an invitation to bid/request for quotation for consulting services to undertake a development feasibility study in order to assist Council in seeking more detailed feedback from the public with respect to the future of the lands. The study shall include the preparation of mixed use development concepts for public feedback, including a cost benefit analysis for construction and servicing, development and ownership options and a recommended public engagement process.

DEFEATED

11.2 Director Update

Interim Treasurer, Jeff Dyck provided a department update noting that the department is running efficiently in the current state.

12. For Information

Moved by: Claude Hergott
Seconded by: Lori Sebben

That the information items be received as presented.

CARRIED

13. Unfinished Business

13.1 A. F. & P. 22/2024 - Old Wellesley Arena and Community Centre Land Survey Results - Motion Required

14. Other Business

15. Closed Session

15.1 Motion to resume closed session

Moved by: Claude Hergott
Seconded by: Derek Brick

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15.2 Motion to adjourn closed session

Moved by: Lori Sebben
Seconded by: Shelley Wagner

That the closed session meeting adjourn and the Committee of the Whole meeting resume.

CARRIED

16. Next Meetings

Council Meeting July 9, 2024 6:45pm
Council Meeting August 27, 2024 6:45pm
Committee of the Whole Meeting September 10, 2024 5:45pm

17. Adjournment

Moved by: Shelley Wagner
Seconded by: Lori Sebben

That the Committee of the Whole meeting does now adjourn.

CARRIED