

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOLLASTON

December 08, 2020

By Electronic Participation

And In-Person Council, Nominees and Staff at Coe Hill Legion

Mayor Kruger called the special meeting of Council to Order at 9:00 a.m. on the above noted date, with all members present at the Coe Hill Legion.

Staff Present:

Clerk/Administrator:

B. Crocker

Office Assistant:

J. Peplinski

Consultant:

B. Wannamaker

The Mayor opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement and greetings to those in attendance. The Mayor then read the purpose of the meeting and the general order of the proceedings.

No potential conflict of interest declared.

MOTION NO.: 01

CONLIN - COLTON

RESOLVED, THAT the following individuals, who have signified in writing that they are legally qualified to hold office and consented to accept the office if they are appointed to fill the vacancy, be considered for appointment to fill such vacancy. The following individuals are: Graham Blair, Jane Johnson, Larry Legault, Wendy Mortimer, and Jeffrey Swartman.

Opposed: None

At this time, Mayor Kruger indicated that she had received a phone call from Terry O'Connor who advised that he was not able to commit to the Township for the next 2 years.

At this time, the Clerk drew a name from a container for the first nominee to speak with council. The Clerk read the name of the nominee and presented it for viewing to those watching the meeting electronically. The first name drawn was Jeffrey Swartman. Upon attending the meeting, Mr. Swartman was given the opportunity to explain why he wished to run for the position of Councillor. When completed, each member of council had an opportunity to ask Mr. Swartman a question. Once Mr. Swartman had answered the questions, he left the area, and the Clerk drew a name for the next nominee.

The next name drawn was Jane Johnson. When the Clerk went to call upon Ms. Johnson, she was advised that Ms. Johnson was not in attendance.

The Clerk then drew the next name which was Wendy Mortimer. Ms. Mortimer was given an opportunity to explain why she wished to run for the position of Councillor. Once completed, each member of Council had an opportunity to ask Ms. Mortimer the same four questions asked to Mr. Swartman. Once Ms. Mortimer had answered the questions, she left the area, and the Clerk drew a name for the next nominee.

The Clerk then drew the next name which was Larry Legault. Mr. Legault was given an opportunity to explain why he wished to run for the position of Councillor. Once completed, each member of Council had an opportunity to ask Mr. Legault the same four questions asked to Mr. Swartman and Ms. Mortimer. Once Mr. Legault had answered the questions, he left the area, and the Clerk drew a name for the next nominee.

The Clerk then drew the final name which was Graham Blair. Mr. Blair was given an opportunity to explain why he wished to run for the position of Councillor. Once completed, each member of Council had an opportunity to ask Mr. Blair the same four questions as asked to Mr. Swartman, Ms. Mortimer, and Mr. Legault. Once Mr. Blair had answered the questions, he left the area and the Clerk indicated that there were no more nominees to be interviewed.

For reference purposes, the questions asked by members of council are as follows:

Mayor Kruger: Obviously, you have an interest in our municipality as you have put your name forward. Could you please explain to us how you hope to contribute to our municipality and where your main focus would be?

Deputy-Mayor Conlin: If chosen to fill the vacant Councillor position what would your availability be for the following:

- i. Council meetings when they are being done live again. (including special and emergency meetings);
- ii. Community events when the COVID-19 restrictions have been relaxed;
- iii. Training sessions that must be attended by council members;
- iv. Any committee meetings that you have been assigned to.

Councillor Colton: How would you describe the role of a Councillor within the municipality, to a member of the general public?

Councillor Morrison: What single quality do you hope to exemplify while on council and how would you do this?

MOTION NO.: 02 COLTON – MORRISON

RESOLVED, THAT Council votes for the Office of Councillor as follows:

Mayor Kruger has voted for:	Jeffrey Swartman
Deputy-Mayor Conlin has voted for:	Jeffrey Swartman
Councillor Colton has voted for:	Jeffrey Swartman
Councillor Morrison has voted for:	Jeffrey Swartman

Opposed: None

MOTION NO.: 03 CONLIN – MORRISON

RESOLVED, THAT By-law No.: 71-2020, being a by-law to appoint Jeffrey Swartman to fill the Office of Councillor, for the remainder of the term thereof, ending on November 14, 2022, be passed this 08th day of

December, to be signed by the Mayor and Clerk with the Corporate seal affixed hereto.

Opposed: None

At this time, the Clerk indicated that she would like to arrange for Mr. Swartman to attend the meeting so that he could sign the Declaration of Office. Council had to wait a few minutes for Mr. Swartman to return to the meeting. During this time, the Clerk moved the laptop to the table where the Mayor was seated. At this time, the Mayor re-stated the resolution to appoint Mr. Swartman and the By-law to appoint Mr. Swartman.

Mr. Swartman then returned to the meeting at which time he was advised that he was voted in unanimously as Councillor. Mr. Swartman accepted the position and the Clerk then read the Declaration of Office to him before he signed the same.

MOTION NO.: 04 COLTON – MORRISON

RESOLVED, THAT Council adjourn at 10:00 a.m. to meet again on December 14, 2020 or at the call of the Mayor.

Opposed: None

Original signed at office

MAYOR: LYNN KRUGER

Original signed at office

CLERK: BERNICE CROCKER