

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOLLASTON

June 25, 2021

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 3:00 p.m. on the above noted date, with Mayor Kruger and Councillor Swartman present at the Coe Hill Legion and Councillor Morrison present electronically. Regrets sent by Deputy Mayor Colton

Staff Present:

Clerk/Administrator:

B. Crocker

Office Assistant:

J. Peplinski

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

No potential conflict of interest declared.

MOTION NO.: 01

SWARTMAN - MORRISON

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, Michael Fuerth, Wendy Mortimer, and Brian Robinson.

Opposed: None

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 Wendy Mortimer. At this time, the clerk went downstairs to advise Wendy Mortimer that she was the first individual drawn to speak with Council. When the Clerk came back upstairs, she advised the Mayor that Wendy Mortimer had indicated that she was withdrawing her name from the council vacancy process. The Mayo advised those in attendance of Ms. Mortimer's withdrawal.

The Clerk then drew another name from a container for the second nominee to speak with Council. The second name drawn was Michael Fuerth. Upon attending the

meeting, Mr. Fuerth 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. Fuerth a question. Once Mr. Fuerth had answered the questions, he left the area, and the Clerk drew a name for the next nominee.

The next name drawn was Brian Robinson. Mr. Robinson was given an opportunity to explain why he wished to run for the position of Councilor. Once completed, each member of Council had an opportunity to ask Mr. Fuerth questions. Deputy Mayor Kruger and Councillor Morrison asked the same questions as asked to Mr. Fuerth. Councillor Swartman asked different questions. Once Mr. Robinson had answered the questions, he left the area, and the Clerk drew a name for the final nominee.

The Clerk then drew the last 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, Mayor Kruger and Councillor Morrison asked the same questions as asked to the prior to nominees. Councillor Swartman asked different questions. 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:** Please explain to us what confidentiality means and how you plan on maintaining confidentiality when you are pressured by stakeholders. For example, please provide a response you would give an individual who is pressuring for confidential information.

**Councillor Morrison:** How with you, as a Council member, demonstrate integrity when dealing with matters regarding small businesses? How will you prevent your own personal/business bias from affecting your decisions at Council?

**Councillor Swartman:** For Michael Fuerth: During the last election there were a lot of accusations and some very hurt feelings. Are you now able to move past the previous election, let it go and move forward in a positive manner?

For Brian Robinson: Given the fact that you are Deputy Mayor Colton's significant other, do you honestly feel you will be able to make independent decisions?

For Graham Blair: You have made many public statements to various news media outlets and through your What's Happening Wollaston Flyer, that campers are not ratepayers. You spent 15 years as a member of this Council previously. You are a realtor and I suspect very familiar with MPAC and how and what property types are assessed. Can you please explain how you plan to make amends for your comments and represent campers that are legally recognized ratepayers if you are the successful candidate?

At this time of the meeting, Council members were given the opportunity to vote for a candidate of their choice. The following motion was adopted:

MOTION NO.: 02                      SWARTMAN – MORRISON

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

Mayor Kruger has voted for:	Brian Robinson
Councillor Swartman has voted for:	Michael Fuerth
Councillor Morrison has voted for:	Michael Fuerth

Opposed: None

At this time, the Mayor indicated that Michael Fuerth had a majority of votes for the appointment of Councillor. The Clerk then went downstairs to thank all individuals for attending and request Mr. Fuerth attend upstairs. When Mr. Fuerth attended upstairs, he was advised that he was voted in as Councillor. The following By-law was adopted:

MOTION NO.: 03                      SWARTMAN – MORRISON

RESOLVED, THAT By-law No.: 47-2021, being a by-law to appoint Michael Fuerth to fill the Office of Councillor, for the remainder of the term thereof, ending on November 14, 2022, be passed this 25<sup>th</sup> day of June 2021, to be signed by the Mayor and Clerk with the Corporate seal affixed hereto.

Opposed: None

At this time, the Clerk read the Declaration of Office to Mr. Fuerth. Mr. Fuerth accepted the position and signed the Declaration of Office.

MOTION NO.: 04                      SWARTMAN – MORRISON

RESOLVED, THAT Council adjourn at 2:50 P.m. to meet again on July 12, 2021 or at the call of the Mayor.

Opposed: None

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**MAYOR: LYNN KRUGER**

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**CLERK: BERNICE CROCKER**