

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WOLLASTON

July 26, 2021

By Electronic Participation

Mayor Kruger called the regular meeting of Council to order at 3:00 p.m. on the above noted date, with all members present by electronic means as follows: Deputy Mayor Darlene Colton, Councillor Michael Fuerth, Councillor Jason Morrison, and Councillor Jeff Swartman.

Staff Present Electronically:

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| Clerk/Administrator:         | B. Crocker    |
| Treasurer:                   | T. Vader      |
| Office Assistant:            | J. Peplinski  |
| Public Works Superintendent: | K. McCaw      |
| Consultant:                  | B. Wannamaker |

The Mayor opened the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement and greetings to those in attendance.

Declaration of pecuniary interest was declared by Councillor Fuerth regarding Item No. 6.4 on the Agenda pertaining to Nellie Lunn Park if discussion occurred regarding reserves for a Fire Hall.

MOTION NO.: 01                      SWARTMAN - MORRISON

RESOLVED, THAT the Council approves the Agenda, as presented.

Opposed: None

MOTION NO. 02                      SWARTMAN – COLTON

RESOLVED, THAT Council defers providing a letter of support to Safe Use Hastings until further information is available to the Township

Opposed: None

MOTION NO.: 03                      COLTON – FUERTH

RESOLVED, THAT Council agrees to allow the Coe Hill ATV Club members to attend at the unopened road allowance between Lots 15 and 16, Concession 9, in the area of 20 Albert Road, to conduct the necessary work to straighten the trail on that part of the unopened road allowance to prevent individuals from trespassing on neighbouring properties.

Opposed: None

At this time, Council discussed the tender received from Drain Bros. Excavating Limited for the repair and replacement of culverts. The following Motion was adopted:

MOTION NO.: 04                      COLTON – SWARTMAN

RESOLVED, THAT Council defers the process until data is available.

Opposed: None

Council then began discussion regarding the sale of Nellie Lunn land. Councillor Fuerth excused himself from the meeting due to his declared conflict. The Mayor read instructions for those wishing to speak to Council. Individuals were advised that they had 5 minutes to present to Council and that they would be notified once 1 minute was left for speaking purposes. The Mayor then requested that Jenn Peplinski begin the process for individuals to speak. Jenn indicated that since there were not many individuals calling in to speak, the process would begin with those calling into the meeting and then discussion would proceed with those individuals who requested to speak using the chat function in Zoom during the timeframe allotted for the same.

Every individual requesting to present to Council was given the opportunity to do so. Concerns were raised regarding gifting criteria, whether Council was legally able to sell the property, accessibility, Ontario Trails postings access, unopened road allowance, MNRF stocking Urbach Lake, the decision making process, loss of economic and social benefits, potential funding partners, long-term planning, Strategic Plan, Asset Management Plan, Hastings County Official Plan, Code of Conduct, protection of trails, potential funding, environmental, parks and ecosystem concerns, data, individuals able to help, maintaining green space, impact of potential litigation, liability, alternative solutions, possible sale to a non-profit organization, tourism concerns, Urbach Lake, preservation of the parks, signs and maps, past logging operations, complex issues, opportunities, beauty of area and importance to the Community.

An abutting landowner also spoke to Council to address emergency and safety concerns, trespassing on private property, vehicles parking on private property and blocking entrance, privacy requested by abutting landowners, undue risk during hunting seasons to those trespassing, no financial return for the Township, necessary infrastructure not keeping up with people coming to area, and the possibility of a plaque being installed at a new Fire Hall.

Once each person had an opportunity to present to Council, Council members were given the opportunity to address the concerns raised by those individuals who had an opportunity to speak. Members thanked everyone for attending to express their opinion. Members discussed potential liability, a legal opinion received indicating the Township

had a right to sell the property, Township priorities, legal access, trespassing on neighbouring properties, parking at neighbouring properties, garbage left at neighbouring properties, operational costs, usage due to hunting seasons, spring flooding, inability for Staff enforcement and possible increased tax dollars.

The following Motion was adopted:

MOTION NO.: 05                      SWARTMAN – COLTON

RESOLVED, THAT Council defers the matter for further information and financial impact.

Opposed: None

MOTION NO.: 06                      COLTON – SWARTMAN

RESOLVED, THAT By-law No.: 53-2021, being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council for the July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting, be passed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021, to be signed by the Mayor and Clerk with the Corporate Seal affixed hereto.

Opposed: None

MOTION NO.: 07                      COLTON - MORRISON

RESOLVED, THAT Council adjourns the special meeting of July 26, 2021, to meet again on August 09, 2021 or at the call of the Mayor.

Opposed: None

Adjourned: 4:34 p.m.

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**MAYOR: LYNN KRUGER**

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**CLERK: BERNICE CROCKER**