

TOWNSHIP OF WELLESLEY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES
June 8th, 2021
REMOTE MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by the Mayor.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest (if any) in accordance with the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act: Declaration of Interest in accordance with the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.
– None Declared.

Roll Call was conducted by the Municipal Clerk, Grace Kosch with the following members of Council present:

Mayor Nowak; Councillor Neher; Councillor van der Maas; Councillor Wagner
Councillor Smit

And the following members of staff were present:

Chief Administrative Officer, Rik Louwagie; Chief Building Official, Darryl Denny; Director of Public Works, Chris Cook; Director of Recreation, Danny Roth; Planner, Geoff VanderBaaren; Treasurer, Saleem Sandhu; Fire Chief, Paul Redman, Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector, Fiona Gilbert; Deputy Clerk, Lindsay Raftis; Recreation/Fire Department Administrative Assistant, Wendy Huber; and Municipal Clerk, Grace Kosch

And the follow Recreation Committee Advisory Chair members present:

Wellesley Recreation Committee Chair, Jeff Quint

Delegations

1. Mary Jane Patterson, Executive Director of Reep Green Solutions and Tova Davidson, Executive Director of Sustainable Waterloo Region re: TransformWR Community Climate Action Strategy
2. Jeff Quint re: Support for the TransformWR Community Climate Action Strategy
3. Kai Reimer-Watts, Co-Organizer, 50by30WR re: Support for the TransformWR Community Climate Action Strategy and the 50by30WR target
4. Lyndsay Dajka and Betsey Daub, Nith Valley EcoBoosters re: TransformWR Report by Climate Action Waterloo Region
5. Stephanie Goertz, Food System Roundtable of Waterloo Region re: Climate Action Waterloo Region Report
6. Alisa McClurg, KW Urban Harvester re: Climate Action Waterloo Region's Presentation of their Transform Waterloo Region Report
7. Doug Jones, former Board of Directors of OFA – Alternative Energy Work re: Carbon Reduction
8. Tova Davidson, Executive Director of Sustainable Waterloo Region re: Sustainable Waterloo Region Update – 2020 Year End Report

- 1 Moved by: Herb Neher - Seconded by: Peter van der Maas
That the Council of the Township of Wellesley accept Mary Jane Patterson, Tova Davidson, Jeff Quint, Kai Reimer-Watts, Lyndsay Dajka, Betsey Daub, Stephanie Goertz, Alisa McClurg, and Doug Jones as delegations.

Carried

Tova Davidson, Executive Director of Sustainable Waterloo Region

Ms. Davidson provided a presentation to Council regarding Waterloo Region's Transition to an Equitable, Prosperous, Resilient Low Carbon Community. Ms. Davidson spoke to ClimateActionWR, community engagement, expert and technical engagement, sustainable development goals, calls to action, 80by50 Trajectory, and transformative changes. (See Appendix "A")

Jeff Quint, Wellesley resident

Mr. Quint spoke to his support of TransformWR Community Climate Action Strategy and provided his viewpoint on a local community prospective, challenges in rural communities such as making use of public transportation. Mr. Quint challenged the Township to look beyond the hurdles and to view them as opportunities.

Kai Reimer-Watts, Co-organizer, 50by30WR

Mr. Reimer-Watts provided a presentation to Council regarding 50% Emissions Reduction by 2030. Mr. Reimer-Watts spoke to the 2018 Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change: 1.5C Report, 50by30's work in the community, call to action, how the climate has changed and will continue to change, current changes, jobs, benefits, and the Township of Wellesley official plan. (See Appendix "B")

Councillor Smit asked Kai Reimer-Watts what is the rest of the world doing? Mr. Reimer-Watts responded stating that there was the C40 Cities Initiative which is a collective of global cities all around the world. There are hundreds of cities that have committed to do their fair share to stay within the Paris Agreement threshold of one and a half degrees c. The US declared its commitment to a 50% reduction. There are cities in Europe that have committed to carbon neutrality by 2030. There is action happening all around the world.

Lyndsay Dajka and Betsey Daub, Nith Valley EcoBoosters

Ms. Daub spoke to the Community Climate Action Strategy and 50by30 initiative and stated that Nith Valley EcoBoosters are a volunteer group committed to achieving and supporting a long term, healthy environment in Wilmot and Wellesley Townships through education, action, and collaboration. Ms. Dajka spoke to the 50by30 emissions reduction target and the climate crisis in the Township of Wellesley.

Stephanie Goertz, Co-Chair, Food System Roundtable of Waterloo Region

Ms. Goertz provided a presentation to Council regarding Food System Roundtable of Waterloo Region. Ms. Goertz spoke to a healthy, just and sustainable food system, community economic development, access to healthy food, integrated food policies at all levels of government, and ecological health. (See Appendix “C”)

Alisa McClurg, KW Urban Harvester

Ms. McClurg provided a presentation to Council regarding KW Urban Harvester. Ms. McClurg spoke to transforming urban spaces into anything sustainably edible, preserving the harvest, saving seeds, and KW Urban Harvester’s Gardening Portal. (See Appendix “D”)

Doug Jones, former Board of Directors of OFA

Mr. Jones spoke to alternative energy sources for farm equipment to reduce carbon output, handling of food waste, handling of manure on farms, setting up on farm digesters, and community gardens.

Councillor Smit asked Doug Jones if there is any use for methane gas on a farm? Mr. Jones spoke to how useful methane gas is in producing electricity. Councillor Smit asked if methane gas is at the opposite end of carbon? Tova Davidson spoke to how methane can be very useful if it is generated in a controlled space, but can be detrimental if used the wrong way. Councillor Smit asked how it is possible to keep methane gas at the same level and in line with the original time graph with more animals? Mr. Jones spoke to strategies of managing manure.

Tova Davidson, Executive Director of Sustainable Waterloo Region

Ms. Davidson provided a presentation to Council regarding Sustainable Waterloo Region 2020 Report. Ms. Davidson spoke to 2020 impact statistics, making businesses stronger, regional sustainability initiative, sustainable development goal progress tracking, pledging partners progress towards sustainability targets, 2020 carbon cleanse highlights, ClimateActionWR, TravelWise, and ChargeWR. (See Appendix “E”)

Councillor van der Maas questioned Stephanie Goertz if there was an organization that would help the Township of Wellesley’s three kitchens in our community centres be created into a community commercial kitchen? Ms. Goertz spoke to the organizations and businesses that are looking for kitchens and how to build a more connected community.

Councillor van der Maas questioned if KW Urban Harvester would be willing to send someone to address the society working in conjunction and cooperation with the local horticultural society? Alisa McClurg agreed.

A./F.& P. 14/2021 – TransformWR: Waterloo Region Community Climate Action Strategy – Revised Appendix A: TransformWR: Waterloo Region’s transition to an equitable, prosperous, resilient low carbon community

- 2 Moved by: Shelley Wagner - Seconded by: Peter van der Maas
- a) That the Council of the Township of Wellesley endorse the attached *TransformWR* strategy (Appendix A) as the community climate change mitigation strategy for Wellesley Township.
 - b) That Council direct staff across the organization to develop detailed plans to implement the strategy. For the Township of Wellesley this direction includes:
 - Updating existing plans and developing plans to implement the strategy subject to available funds, resources, staffing and/or approved budget.
 - c) That Council direct staff to work with local partners on implementation, monitoring, and reporting progress on the goals outlined in the strategy.
 - d) That the Township of Wellesley advocate for provincial and federal support and action to achieve the community transformations outlined in TransformWR (Appendix A).
 - e) That Council endorse in principle an interim absolute community GHG emissions reduction target of 50% by 2030. Recognizing that the bold and immediate local actions in the attached TransformWR strategy (Appendix A) are expected to achieve a 30% reduction by 2030, Council emphasizes that bold and immediate actions from the provincial and federal government will also be required to reach this deeper reduction target.

Carried

Recreation Committee

Chair: Herb Neher

I. Minutes from the previous meeting

Rec. 8/2021 – Minutes of the Previous Meeting – May 11, 2021

- 3 Moved by: Shelley Wagner - Seconded by: Carl Smit
Recommendation: The minutes from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held May 11, 2021 be approved as presented.

Carried

II. Service Board Reports

Heidelberg

- No report

Wellesley

- Encourage Danny to move the committee structure forward

St. Clements

- No report

Linwood

- No report

Hawkesville

- No report

III. Staff Reports

- 4 Rec. 9/2021 – St. Clements Arena Roof Repair
Moved by: Shelley Wagner - Seconded by: Peter van der Maas
That the Council of the Township of Wellesley award RFP 2021-06 to Semple Gooder Roofing Corporation for the amount of \$289,731.02 including the Townships portion of HST for the installation of a fluid applied membrane at the St. Clements arena; and further,
That the Council of the Township of Wellesley authorize the \$100,000 from the Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) received from the Federal and Provincial governments be allocated towards this project; and further,
That the remaining funds be transferred from the Recreation Facilities Reserve Fund.

Carried

IV. Director Update

- Splash Pad opened on May 31, 2021 with updated signage posted
- Extension of ErbHaven Trails is close to being completed
- St. Clements Lions Park trail system is being installed this week
- Flower Baskets were hung the first week of June.
- Linwood Cenotaph concrete was poured last week.
- Multi use courts and skate parks opened on May 26, 2021
- Minor Sports such as soccer and baseball may begin practicing on June 11, 2021 but no games or scrimmages can happen. Minor groups and adult groups will be permitted to begin game play in Step 2 of the Provincial reopening. The regulations that will come along with Step 2 have not yet been released.

V. Accounts/Financial Statement

Planning & Development Committee

Chair: Peter van der Maas

- P.&D. 8/2021 – Zoning By-Law Updates
- 5 Moved by: Shelley Wagner - Seconded by: Herb Neher
Recommendation: That the Council of the Township of Wellesley authorize staff to hold a public meeting to consider general amendments to the Township Zoning By-law to address matters of clarification and updates including but not limited to:
1. Secondary farm occupations
 2. Greenhouses and garden centres
 3. Cannabis cultivation
 4. Commercial vehicles in residential zones
 5. Home Business – Tradesperson
 6. Home based food business

Carried

Councillor Smit questioned if secondary farm occupations are going to be grandfathered in? Geoff VanderBaaren, Planner responded. Mayor Nowak commented that he is excited to see some of the uses in the list.

P.&D. 9/2021 – Draft Plan of Condominium, 30CDM-21501, 1016 and 1018 Doering Street – Revised Conditions of Draft Plan Approval

- 6 Moved by: Herb Neher - Seconded by: Joe Nowak
That the Council of the Township of Wellesley defer the decision to the Regional Municipality of Waterloo that the Township of Wellesley recommends draft approval for the Plan of Standard Condominium by 2046680 Ontario Inc. and Mike McLeod, Regional File No. 30CDM-21501, comprising a 3.04 ha parcel of land based on the draft plan prepared by GSP Group, dated March 23, 2021, for 2 single detached, 1 semi-detached and 46 Townhouse units (50 units in total) on a private condominium road and further (see below)

Carried

Councillor Wagner commented that this development is too dense for our community. Councillor Smit questioned if either Paul Redman or Chris Cook are concerned about the entry and exit from this property? Paul Redman, Fire Chief spoke to the building code and explained that minimum width for apparatus and turnaround and anything going in there has to meet a minimum standard, therefore it is not a concern. Darryl Denny, Director of Public Works spoke to the plan completed by the developer and planners.

Councillor Wagner spoke to forgoing of parkland in exchange for funds and asked if this aligns with the Townships master plan? Geoff VanderBaaren, Planner responded stating that we are taking two acres of natural area, which could be possibly developed for parkland. Mayor Nowak commented that the 2 acres that you just spoke of, would make an ideal area to run a trail, is that the intent/thought? Geoff VanderBaaren, Planner stated that there has not been much thought for other possibilities for the land, but a trail certainly a trail would be one of the things. The trail would have to cross the creek at some point, but the property is reasonably flat so exercise equipment could be accommodated in that area. Mayor Nowak questioned if the trails advisory group is aware or given any thought to this? Geoff VanderBaaren, Planner responded that they are aware and there are in support of the trail connection.

Councillor Smit questioned what do we do with the rest of the Township land? Geoff VanderBaaren, Planner stated that at the moment we are not doing anything with it and spoke to the benefits of getting the land on the other side of the creek.

Mayor Nowak responded to Councillor Wagner's concerns, stating that the applicant has brought their numbers down from the original application and it would be hard to find a better use for that land.

Jeff Quint spoke to his concern about a bridge may not be cost effective. Mayor Nowak spoke to the cost to the bridge over the creek and asked Danny Roth, Director of Recreation to respond. Danny Roth, Director of Recreation stated he does not have an exact cost, but it is something he can look into.

Councillor van de Maas questioned how the change in the plan of condominium precludes for the necessity for a public meeting? Geoff VanderBarren, Planner stated that it is a choice of Council and we could do something at the next meeting or send a notice to affected people provide any further comments. Councillor van de Maas suggested keeping the community informed.

Road & Bridge Committee

Chair: Shelley Wagner

Property & Fire Committee

Chair: Carl Smit

Administration/Finance & Personnel Committee

Chair: Joe Nowak

For Information Agenda

- 7 Moved by: Shelley Wagner - Seconded by: Peter van der Maas
That the information items be received as presented.

Carried

Mayor Nowak brought forward item 101/21 for support.

For Info. 101/2021 – Resolution from the Municipality of Calvin re: Support Lottery Licensing to Assist Small Organizations

Mayor Nowak brought forward item 105/21 – Thank you Letter from the Hericanes Organization. Mayor Nowak would like to thank the Hericanes Organization for submitting the positive comments.

Councillor Smit brought forward item 103/21 – Letter from Santec re: Heidelberg Water Supply System. Councillor Smit asked if this is what is holding up the Kressler Road construction? Chris Cook, Director of Public Works responded.

Unfinished Business – None

Other Business

Councillor van de Maas asked about the green levy .5% what kind of cash does that provide for us? Rik Louwagie, Chief Administrative Officer responded approximately \$25,0000. Councillor van de Maas stated we need to find more money to be able to take the initiative when the opportunity arises. Councillor van de Maas asked what if something presents its self before 2022 budget? Mayor Nowak spoke about federal programs we could draw on. Rik Louwagie, Chief Administrative Officer spoke about the general reserves fund, that is for anything that comes like that as well as other options.

Closed Session

Next Meetings:

Regular Council Meeting	June 22, 2021	6:45pm
Committee/Council Meeting	July 6, 2021	6:45pm
Committee/Council Meeting	August 31, 2021	6:45pm

Adjournment

- 8 On the motion from Shelley Wagner that the Committee of the Whole meeting does now adjourn at 8:52pm.

Carried