



**The Corporation of the County of Wellington
Administration, Finance and Personnel Committee
Minutes**

March 17, 2015
County Administration Centre
Guthrie Room

Present: Warden George Bridge
 Councillor Dennis Lever (Chair)
 Councillor Allan Alls
 Councillor Chris White

Regrets: Councillor Andy Lennox

Also Present: Councillor Pierre Brianceau
 Councillor Gregg Davidson

Staff: Susan Aram, Manager of Financial Services
 Donna Bryce, County Clerk
 Nicole Cardow, Deputy Clerk
 Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
 Janice Hindley, Wellington Place Administrator
 Andrea Lawson, Director of Human Resources
 Emma Reddish, Property Tax Analyst
 Scott Wilson, CAO

1. Call to Order

At 1:00 pm, the Chair called the meeting to order.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Delegations

3.1. Palmerston and District Hospital Foundation

Ms. Dale Franklin- Development Officer appeared before the Committee to request disbursement of hospital grant funding in instalments.

1/3/15

Moved by: Councillor C. White

Seconded by: Councillor Alls

That the request from the Palmerston and District Hospital Foundation to have the County disburse the \$2,200,000 in hospital funding in five equal annual instalments of \$440,000 be approved.

Carried

3.2. Rural Infrastructure and Property Tax Presentation

Mr. Ben LeFort, Farm Policy Researcher, Ontario Federation of Agriculture, Ms. Janet Harrop, Vice President and Mr. Gord Flewwelling, President, Wellington Federation of Agriculture appeared before the Committee.

2/3/15

Moved by: Warden Bridge

Seconded by: Councillor Alls

That the Wellington Federation of Agriculture presentation on Wellington County Farmland Assessment and Taxation be received for information.

Carried

4. Administration

4.1. International Plowing Match Update

3/3/15

Moved by: Councillor C. White

Seconded by: Warden Bridge

That the International Plowing Match Update for March 2015 be received for information.

Carried

5. Finance

5.1. Corporate Financial Statements as of February 28, 2015

4/3/15

Moved by: Councillor Alls

Seconded by: Councillor C. White

That the Corporate Financial Statements for the County of Wellington as of February 28, 2015 be approved.

Carried

5.2. Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement as of December 31, 2014

5/3/15

Moved by: Councillor C. White

Seconded by: Councillor Alls

That the Development Charge Reserve Fund statements for the period ending December 31, 2014 be approved and forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Carried

5.3. Tax Free Allowance for Elected Members of County Council

6/3/15

Moved by: Warden Bridge

Seconded by: Councillor Alls

That the County Treasurer's report regarding Tax Free Allowance for Elected Members of County Council be received for information; and

That By-Law 4518-02, being a by-law to continue the 1/3 tax free allowance for the elected members of Wellington County Council on and after January 1, 2003, remain in force.

Carried

5.4. 2015 Education Tax Rates

7/3/15

Moved by: Councillor C. White

Seconded by: Councillor Alls

That the 2015 Education Tax Rates report be received for information.

Carried

5.5. CDS Fee Increases Update - Verbal

Mr. Ken DeHart, County Treasurer advised the Committee that he is planning to join municipalities as part of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association to engage legal representation to challenge major changes recently announced by the Clearing and Depository Services Inc. on its fee schedule that will significantly increase the costs to municipalities issuing debentures.

6. Adjournment

At 2:15 pm, the Chair adjourned the meeting until April 21, 2015 or at the call of the Chair.

Dennis Lever
Chair

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