



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2025

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

Present: Mayor David Moore
Councillors Morley Haskim, Mike Kekkonen, Nick Ryeland, Debbie Zulak
Staff: Clerk/Administrator, Karlee Britton
Deputy Clerk, Mary Smith

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF - Councillor Haskim declared a pecuniary/personal interest for Item 5.3 under Closed Session

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland
Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-160 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council, as amended, to move Item 17.1 Dry Hydrants, 17.2 Fire Department Month End Status Updates for March; and Item 20.1 Purchase of Mini Pumper Mounted on Chassis to precede Public Meeting Item 10.1.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-161 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar, pursuant to the Ontario Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, move into closed session at 4:31 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- 5.1 Minutes of Closed Session – April 1, 2025
- 5.2 Plans and Instructions for negotiations; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(k) – Capital Road Reconstruction Project, including direction to Staff for Tender Preparation; and Instructions for Professional Services Contract Acceptance/Termination
- 5.3 Personal matters about an identifiable individual; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(b) – Senior of the Year Nomination; Board Member Resignation; and Property Tax Dispute
- 5.4 Labour relations or employee negotiations; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(d) – Review of the Township's Human Resources Policy

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-162 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into open session of Council at 6:36 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.



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RESPECT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DECLARATION

In the spirit of reconciliation and co-operation, we wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Mississauga people. Its boundaries fall within the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850 and the Williams Treaty of 1923. We are grateful to live here and we thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land for thousands of years. To honour the suffering of Indigenous people and the love and wisdom they have carried for thousands of years, we pledge to work in community and harmony with each other and the environment we inhabit and work towards Truth and Reconciliation.

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – NONE

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-163 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby accept the reports, recommendations and directions arising from the closed session held April 15, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-164 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives the Report FD-2025-04 Hydrant Mapping in the Township of McKellar: A Risk Reduction Strategy, from Fire Chief, Rob Morrison; and
FURTHER approve placement of dry hydrants at the Government Dock within the Village of McKellar and at Stewart Park Boat Launch, subject to approval from Ministry of Natural Resources through an approved work permit.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland
Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-165 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives the staff report FD-2025-05 Month End Status Updates for March 2025, from Fire Chief Rob Morrison, for information purposes.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

- 25-166** **WHEREAS** an Expression of Interest for a mini pumper/tanker mounted on a chassis was issued and closed on September 20, 2024; and
- WHEREAS** Dependable Emergency Vehicles submitted the lowest bid and was deemed the most suitable supplier to meet the operational needs of the Fire Department, as determined by the Fire Chief; and
- WHEREAS** the acquisition of the mini pumper has been included in the proposed 2025 Capital Budget, which is anticipated to be approved on May 6, 2025; and
- WHEREAS** the Dependable Mini Pumper has been built and is ready for immediate delivery, and staff have secured a first right of refusal due to potential trade tariffs, which are not expected to exempt emergency vehicles; and
- WHEREAS** it is in the Township's best interest to exercise this first right of refusal prior to its expiration on April 16, 2025, to avoid additional costs;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby authorizes the purchase of one (1) Dependable Mini Pumper, mounted on a Ford F550 chassis, at a cost of \$402,000.00 plus HST in the amount of \$52,260.00, for a total cost of \$454,260.00.

Carried

Fire Chief Robert Morrison left the meeting at 6:50 pm.

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

- 25-167** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby move into a Public Meeting at 6:51 p.m. to discuss a Draft By-Law to Provide for the Payment of Remuneration and Expenses to the Members of Council and to Adopt a Policy for Council Remuneration and Expenses for External Boards and Committees.

Carried

PUBLIC MEETING

Members of Council discussed the Draft By-Law to Provide for the Payment of Remuneration and Expenses to the Members of Council and to Adopt a Policy for Council Remuneration and Expenses for External Boards and Committees. It was then opened for public discussion. Lawrence Rubin asked questions in person, and a discussion took place.

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

- 25-168** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into regular session at 7:16 p.m.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-169 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the deputation from the Lake Stewardship & Environmental Committee Chair Jennifer Ghent-Fuller, LSEC Member Sue Poff, and Steve Macdonell from the Manitouwabing Lake Community Association; and

FURTHER authorize the planting of trees and bushes at the new Ballfield, placement subject to approval from the Public Works Superintendent, so that it does not interfere with the snowmobile trail; and

FURTHER approve the use of the Committee's new logo; and

FURTHER that the Environmental Considerations for Township of McKellar residents' welcome package be approved to be posted on the Township website, and a limited number of copies be printed and available at the Township Office.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-170 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of April 1, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-171 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes for the District of Parry Sound West (Belvedere Heights) Board of Management Meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-172 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes for the Township of McKellar Public Library Board meeting on February 24, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-173 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes for the McKellar Recreation Committee meeting on March 27, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-174 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report ADMIN-2025-04, Request for Use of Township-owned



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property at 3 Stoney Road (formerly the Stoneman property) for Dog Hunting Training and Competitive Field Trials, from Clerk Administrator Karlee Britton, for information; and

FURTHER approve Ron Gill's request to use Township-owned property at 3 Stoney Road for competitive training for his own dog, subject to the following conditions:

1. Staff shall notify neighbouring residents of the proposed use; and
2. Mr. Gill must provide a Certificate of Insurance naming the Township as an Additional Insured and enter into an agreement indemnifying the Township; and

FURTHER THAT the Township reserves the right to revoke approval at any time, without notice, for any reason deemed necessary; and

FURTHER, that authorization shall be reviewed in 2026 should Mr. Gill wish to continue using the property.

Defeated

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-175

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receive Report BYLAW-2025-02, Request for Noise Exemption – Wedding & Reception, from By-Law Enforcement Officer Chris Kasulke, for information purposes; and

FURTHER grant a noise exemption to David and Karen Murray at #7 Fire Route 306, McKellar, ON, P2A 0B5 for the period starting September 20, 2025, from 2:00 pm to September 21, 2025, at 2:00 am; and

FURTHER that hand-delivered notices be provided to those properties within a 150-metre radius of the property at least two weeks before the event, and that the Township will supply a list of civic addresses that must be notified.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-176

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report PW-2025-01 – Liquid Calcium, 'A' and 'B' Gravel and Winter Sand Tender Results, for information purposes; and

FURTHER that the following tenders be awarded as outlined:

Tender 2025-02 (Liquid Calcium): Awarded to Da-Lee at a bid amount of \$82,840.32, plus HST in the amount of \$10,769.24, for a total contract value of \$93,609.56.

Tender 2025-03 ('A' & 'B' Gravel): Awarded to Fowler Construction at a bid amount of \$59,924.00 for Granular 'A', and \$14,192.00 for Granular 'B', plus HST in the amount of \$9,635.08, for a total contract value of \$83,751.08.

Tender 2025-04 (Winter Sand): Awarded to Fowler Construction at a bid amount of \$99,300.00, plus HST in the amount of \$12,909.00, for a total contract value of \$112,209.00.



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Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

- 25-177** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Accounts Payable Report for March 2025 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

- 25-178** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the agenda for the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Spring 2025 Meeting to be held on Friday, May 23, 2025, in the Township of Callander, for information purposes; and

FURTHER direct staff to register all members of Council and Karlee Britton to attend the meeting, with the cost of registration to be paid by the Township.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

- 25-179** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-20, Being a By-law to Adopt the Estimates of All Sums Required During the Year 2025 (Yearly Budget), a First and Second reading.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

- 25-180** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025—23 Being a By-law to Authorize the Corporation of The Township of McKellar to Authorize a Purchase of Lands from Hamayun Akbar and Rubina Kokab (Part of PIN 52127-0742) a First and Second reading;

And Further Read a **Third** time and **Passed** in Open Council this 15th day of April, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

- 25-181** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Consent Agenda for correspondence.

Carried

QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD (RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA)

Lawrence Rubin asked questions regarding items relating to the agenda and discussion took place.



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Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-182 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-24, Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council, a First and Second reading;

And further Read a Third time and Passed in Open Council this 15th day of April, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-183 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 9:01 p.m. to meet again on May 6, 2025, for a Regular Meeting of Council; or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

David Moore, Mayor

Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator