



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2026

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

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

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

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – Councillor Morley Haskim declared a Conflict of Interest for Item 19.2.

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

26-132 **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 circulated.

Carried

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

26-133 **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 – March 3 & 11, 2026
- 5.2 Labour relations or employee negotiations; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(d) – review candidates for Public Works Equipment Operator-Truck Driver Position
- 5.3 Litigation or potential litigation; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(e) – review of Solicitors for potential litigation and legal review of an agreement between the Township and a Board.
- 5.4 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal employees or local board members; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(b) – appointments to West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board & Firefighter Appointment.
- 5.5 Advice subject to solicitor-client privilege; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(f) – Proposed Consent Application on Dockside Drive

Carried

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

26-134 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into regular open session of Council at 6:30 p.m.

Carried

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

26-135 **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 on April 7, 2026.

Carried



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DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – Councillor Morley Haskim declared a Conflict of Interest for Item 19.2.

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.

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

26-136 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the March 11, 2026, Special Meeting of Council, March 17, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council and March 27, 2026, Special Budget Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried

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

26-137 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the District of Parry Sound West Belvedere Heights Board of Management Meeting Minutes for December 10, 2025, and January 28, 2026, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-138 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Township of McKellar Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2026, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-139 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Township of McKellar Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2026, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-140 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Township of McKellar Historical Committee Meeting Minutes for March 4, 2026, for information purposes.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

- 26-141** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the ADMIN-2026-03 Township Logo Survey Results Report from Deputy Clerk, Mary Smith, for information purposes and further that the current Township Logo remain the same.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

- 26-142** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive T-2026-06 – Proposed Budget Version 2 Report from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

- 26-143** **WHEREAS** the Parry Sound Area Community Business & Development Centre (CBDC) provides community-based lending, business advisory services, and economic development initiatives that support local businesses, job creation, and long-term economic resilience within the area;

AND WHEREAS the CBDC has requested municipal support in the amount of \$500.00 for its 2026 operating year;

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes that municipal investment in the CBDC contributes to maintaining professional, community-based business support services that are responsive, flexible, and aligned with local economic priorities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve a donation of \$500.00 to the Parry Sound Area Community Business & Development Centre (CBDC) for the 2026 operating year.

Carried

Councillor Morley Haskim left the meeting at 6:55 pm after declaring a conflict of interest for Item 19.2.

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

- 26-144** **WHEREAS** the Broadbent Snowbugs Committee, in partnership with the McKellar Recreation Committee, is organizing a Canada Day celebration including a barbecue and fireworks display on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at the Broadbent Ballpark;

AND WHEREAS the Broadbent Snowbugs Committee is undertaking fundraising efforts to purchase consumer fireworks for this community event and has requested financial support from the Township of McKellar;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve a donation in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Broadbent Snowbugs to assist with the purchase of fireworks for the 2026 Canada Day celebration at Broadbent Ballpark.

Carried



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Councillor Morley Haskim returned to the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

26-145 **WHEREAS** Near North Crime Stoppers is hosting its 28th Annual Charity Golf Tournament to raise funds in support of community safety initiatives;

AND WHEREAS Near North Crime Stoppers has, for over three decades, contributed to the prevention and resolution of crime in the districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound by empowering residents to provide anonymous information, resulting in arrests, drug seizures, and recovery of property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve a donation of \$150.00 in support of Near North Crime Stoppers.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-146 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the letter dated March 16, 2026, from the Parry Sound High School Commencement Awards Committee; and

FURTHER direct staff to ascertain the number of 2026 graduates from McKellar Township who have applied, in order to adjust the scholarship budget accordingly.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

26-147 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the letter dated March 1, 2026, from Goldie Ladd, Central Treasurer of the McKellar Dunchurch Pastoral Charge of the United Church of Canada, requesting relief on the 2026 Property Tax on the Manse; and

FURTHER THAT Council does hereby instruct the Treasurer to write off the 2026 taxes on the United Church Manse, 2 Lakeshore Road (Roll No. 003-24000).

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

26-148 **WHEREAS** the Township of McKellar has received a grant application from Sail Parry Sound requesting financial assistance to support the annual maintenance of its fleet of sailboats and associated equipment; and

WHEREAS Sail Parry Sound provides youth and community sailing programs that promote water safety, outdoor recreation, and regional tourism within the West Parry Sound area; and

WHEREAS Council recognizes the recreational and educational opportunities provided to residents and seasonal visitors, and the broader community benefits of accessible sailing programming;



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve a contribution in the amount of \$1,000.00 to Sail Parry Sound in support of its fleet and equipment maintenance program.

Defeated

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

26-149 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby authorize Karlee Britton, Clerk Administrator, to attend the AMCTO Zone 7 Spring Meeting in Sudbury, Ontario, from May 7 to 8, 2026; and

FURTHER THAT all applicable expenses be paid by the Township.

Carried

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

26-150 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-13, being a By-law to Amend By-law 2025-43 (Cemetery By-law) to Update Appendix "C" Tariff of Rates, a **Third** reading and **Pass** in open Council this 7th day of April 2026.

Carried

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

26-151 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-18, being a By-law to Establish Fees and Charges for Services or Activities Provided or Done by or on Behalf of the Township of McKellar and Repeal By-law 2025-41, a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER give a Third reading and Pass in open Council this 7th day of April 2026.

Carried

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

26-152 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-19, being a By-law to Adopt the Estimates of All Sums Required During the Year 2026 (Yearly Budget), a first and second reading.

Carried

Mayor Moore opened the meeting to the public for comments regarding the first and second reading of the 2026 Budget. Lawrence Rubin commented via Zoom.

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

26-153 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the consent agenda as presented.

Carried

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

Lawrence Rubin commented on Items related to the Agenda via Zoom.



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

26-154 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-20, being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council, a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER give a **Third** reading and **Pass** in open Council this 7th day of April 2026.

Carried

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

26-155 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 7:53 p.m. to meet again on April 21, 2026, for a Regular Meeting of Council, or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried



David Moore, Mayor



Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator