



TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

March 22, 2022
12:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Peter Hopkins
Councillors Morley Haskim, Mike Kekkonen, Reg Moore, Nick Ryeland

Staff: Clerk, Ina Watkinson
Administrative/Treasury Assistant, Mary Smith

Mayor Hopkins called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Hopkins took Roll Call.

RESPECT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DECLARATION

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is traditional unceded territory of the Anishnaabe and the Mississauga People.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Hopkins asked Council if there was any Pecuniary Interest to declare. There was none.

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

22-100 Be It Resolved That the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Agenda for this meeting as presented.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Moore

22-101 Be It Resolved That the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby go into the Committee of the Whole at 12:08 p.m.

Carried

Discussions were held on the following topics:

Item No. 6 - Re-opening of the Re-Use Tent

Discussion was held when to reopen the "Re-Use Tent" at the McKellar Transfer Station. The recommendation of the committee is to open the Re-Use Tent on May 1, 2022.

Item No. 7 - Bottle Collection Program

The Bottle Collection Program was started in January 2020, with four participating organizations to share equally in the proceeds. The four organizations involved were McDougall School, Dunchurch-Mckellar Lion's Club, McKellar Public Library, and Belvedere Heights. The program was shut down in March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and only the first two organizations had participated. The Volunteer Fire Fighter's Association collected the bottles on a one time basis to clear the overflow at the Transfer Station. The proceeds from that one time collection have been paid to the Association.

Moving forward the Committee made the following recommendations:

- i) The Treasurer reconcile the Bottles for Charity funds currently on deposit and pay out appropriately.
- ii) The Clerk to prepare advertising to recruit potential charitable organizations to participate in the program.
- iii) Staff to organize the Bottle Collection Program to run on a one year renewable term.

Item No. 8 - McKellar Market – Planning for 2022-2024

Discussion was held on the potential relocation of the McKellar Market to the Community Centre grounds in the future. Earlier in the year the Market Manager requested consideration of expanding the Market to include the Community Centre grounds.



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Concerns have been expressed in the past with respect to safety issues, with vehicles parked on the highway and pedestrian traffic at the current location of Minerva Park. Additional considerations for relocating is that the market has expanded to its maximum capacity at the current location.

The Director of Operation is investigating the possibility of creating a new boat launch in Minerva Park to resolve the safety concerns with the current boat launch on Lakeshore Road. Additionally the future construction of the walking bridge will adversely affect the Market at Minerva Park.

Concerns were also voiced with respect to holding the market at the Community Centre grounds; in particular how the weekly market would affect hall rentals (weddings, library functions, etc.) A concern was raised with respect to the noise level to others, whose property is on Armstrong Lake. Attendees to the market would still park on the highway, although a paved shoulder allows for through traffic.

The Committee recommends a meeting be arranged between Jan Gibson – Market Manager, Greg Gostick – Director of Operations, and the Whole of Council to discuss the issues relating to the potential relocation of the McKellar Market.

Item No. 9 - Lakeshore Boat Launch – Short Term and Long Term Safety Plan

Recommendations coming from the discussions on Township Boat Launches are as follows:

- i) That staff make public all the information with respect to the 2021 closure and subsequent reopening of the Lakeshore Boat Launch.
- ii) That the Director of Operations prepares a report to Council on the current and potential risks at all of the boat launches in the Township and provide short term and long term remedies for the risks.
- iii) That the clerk advertise for members to form an Ad-Hoc Committee for the purpose of finding solutions to the safety issues with all of the Township boat launches.

Item No. 10 - Short Term Rentals - Review

Mayor Hopkins presented a plan for gathering information, addressing issues and concerns relating to short term rentals, and developing immediate steps for the 2022 summer season.

Councillor Moore reported that under the current Official Plan, short term rentals are a prohibited use. Regardless of any steps taken or recommendations given short term rentals will still be a prohibited use until such time as an amendment to the Official Plan is enacted.

A member of the Rental Ad-Hoc Committee questioned why there has been no information provided since the resignation of the previous Council representative. Additionally she reported that members of the committee were unaware that short term rentals were an unpermitted use.

Questions were raised with respect to penalties/fines that could be issued to property owners who are in contravention of the Official Plan by renting out their cottages on a short term basis.

The Committee of The Whole recommends the CBO and BLO prepare and present reports to the Rental Ad-Hoc Committee Council Representative on the current standing of short term rentals in the township with respect to the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law.

Item No. 11 - New Website

Discussion on the launch of the new website is generally favourable, noting that the site is attractive and user friendly. Some concerns were expressed with respect to broken and missing links, missing information, the need for accuracy in documents posted to the site and the length of time taken to address website issues.

Administrative Assistant, Mary Smith responded to the concerns expressed by Council, reporting that the website is a work in progress and it is constantly being updated as time allows; however devoting time strictly to the maintenance of the website is difficult while managing the balance of the workload.



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Moved by: Councillor Moore

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

22-102 **Be It Resolved** That the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene to regular session at 2:16 p.m.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Moore

22-103 **Be is Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2022-18, 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 22nd day of March, 2022.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

22-104 **Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby adjourn this meeting at 2:17 p.m.

Carried

Peter Hopkins, Mayor

Ina Watkinson, Clerk