



## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

December 19, 2023

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 5:00 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, Ina Watkinson  
Deputy Clerk/Planning Assistant, Karlee Britton

### DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**23-767** **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 Items 17.1 through 17.3 to follow Item 11.1 and precede Item 11.2.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**23-768** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, move into closed session at 5:01 p.m. to discuss the following items;

- 5.1 Information supplied in confidence by a third party; pursuant to Section 239(2)(i) – Belvedere Heights Life Lease Buyback
- 5.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(b) – Employee Remuneration & Committee Appointment
- 5.3 Minutes of Closed Session – December 5, 2023
- 5.4 Litigation or Potential Litigation, pursuant to Section 239(2)(e) – Litigation re. Consent Application Appeal, Ontario Land Tribunal

**Carried**

Finance Chair of the Belvedere Heights Board of Management, Don Carmichael entered the meeting at 5:01 p.m.; Board Chair, Pam Wing entered the meeting via telephone at 5:02 p.m.

Don Carmichael and Pam Wing left the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Fire Chief, Robert Morrison and Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya entered the meeting at 6:03 p.m.

Fire Chief, Robert Morrison and Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya left the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**23-769** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into open session of Council at 6:32 p.m.

**Carried**

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.



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Fire Chief, Robert Morrison *for his respective items on the agenda*

### 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.

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There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**23-770** **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 December 19, 2023.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ryeland**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**23-771** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the deputation from Township of Carling Fire Chief, Gord Harrison regarding the West Parry Sound Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**23-772** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report FD-2023-20 E&R By-law Changes from Fire Chief Robert Morrison; and

**FURTHER THAT** amendments to By-law 2022-42 be presented at the next Regular Meeting of Council to reflect the update to services, training and skills of the Township of McKellar Volunteer Fire Department.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**23-773** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report FD-2023-21 Month End Status Updates for November 2023 from Fire Chief, Robert Morrison, for information purposes.

**Carried**



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**Moved by: Councillor Ryeland  
Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**23-774 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the informal quotations for the development of a Fire Safety Plan for the Township of McKellar Community Centre; and

**FURTHER** direct the Clerk to retain the services of Firepoint to develop the plan as quoted in the amount of \$3,880.00 plus HST of \$504.50 for a total of \$4,384.40.

**Carried**

Fire Chief, Robert Morrison left the meeting.

**Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen  
Seconded by: Councillor Zulak**

**23-775 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the deputation from Chair of the Lake Stewardship & Environmental Committee, Jennifer Ghent-Fuller and Member, Peter Duffey regarding the 'Protecting the Waters of McKellar Township' pamphlet and to present the Committee's draft 2024 Committee Budget; and

**FURTHER** approve of the 'Protecting the Waters of McKellar Township' pamphlet being mailed with the 2024 Interim Tax Bills; and

**FURTHER** that the cost to prepare the flyers be approved as part of the 2024 budget due to preparation time constraints.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim  
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**23-776 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby move into Committee of the Whole at 7:36 p.m. to discuss Transfer Station user permits for 2024.

**Carried**

**Committee of the Whole**

Deputy Clerk, Karlee Britton provided Council with an overview of Report PW-2023-12.

Councillor Kekkonen spoke in favour of Transfer Station permit cards, commenting the use of cards have been a successful practice for 30 years.

Councillor Ryeland did not speak for or against the static cling stickers. He commented that staff time needs to be considered if cards were implemented.

Clerk/Administrator, Ina Watkinson spoke to past practices distributing permit cards.

Councillor Ryeland commented on a rear-view card hanger as an alternative option.

Councillor Kekkonen commented that permit mailouts could be coordinated with the Lake Stewardship & Environmental Committee mailouts (3 mailouts proposed for 2024).

Jennifer Ghent-Fuller spoke in favour of the card system.

Peter Duffey spoke in favour of the static cling sticker.



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Mayor Moore commented that producing a permit at the Transfer Station is part of the Rules and Regulations at the Transfer Station.

Councillor Zulak commented that proof of McKellar residency must be presented at the Town of Parry Sound Transfer Station for Household Hazardous Waste depot.

**Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Zulak**

**23-777 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby rise and report from Committee of the Whole at 8:21 p.m.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**23-778 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**23-779 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the September 27, 2023 meeting of the Board of Health Finance and Property Committee.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**23-780 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Draft Minutes of the November 1, 2023 meeting of the Township of McKellar Historical Committee.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ryeland**

**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**23-781 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the October 30, 2023 meeting of the Township of McKellar Public Library Board.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Zulak**

**23-782 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the October 25, 2023 meeting of the District of Parry Sound West (Belvedere Heights) Board of Management.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**23-783 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the 2023 McKellar Market Year-End Report from Market Manager, Jan Gibson, for information purposes.

**Carried**



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**Moved by: Councillor Haskim  
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**23-784 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Accounts Payable Preliminary Cheque Run Report for November 2023 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak  
Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**23-785 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Data Sharing and Services Agreement; and

**FURTHER** authorize the Mayor and the Clerk/Administrator to sign the agreement prior to the deadline of December 22, 2023 under duress; and

**FURTHER** that Council objects to the apparent removal of existing access to MPAC data currently available to public users e.g. via West Parry Sound Geographical Network; and

**FURTHER** we formally request that this access be restored immediately; and

**FURTHER** a copy of this resolution is forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Graydon Smith and West Parry Sound Municipalities.

**Defeated**

**Moved by: Councillor Ryeland  
Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**23-786 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby appoint Christopher Clayton to the Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen  
Seconded by: Councillor Zulak**

**23-787 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2023-79, Being a By-law to Amend By-law 2023-08, the Procedural By-law, a By-law to Establish Rules Governing the Proceedings of Council, the Calling of Meetings and the Conduct of Members, Staff and the Public, a First and Second reading;

**And further Read a Third time and Passed** in Open Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim  
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**23-788 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2023-23, Being a By-law to Regulate Dogs in the Township, a First and Second reading;

**And further Read a Third time and Passed** in Open Council this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**Deferred**



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Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen  
Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

23-789 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby agree to provide refreshments for the January 10, 2024 information session on the transition from CPAC to the Police Services Board, costs to not exceed five hundred dollars.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen  
Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

23-790 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)

There were no questions from the in-person audience or via Zoom.

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland  
Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

23-791 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2023-80, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen  
Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

23-792 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 10:31 p.m. to meet again on December 21, 2023 for a Special Closed Meeting of Council; or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

  
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David Moore, Mayor

  
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Ina Watkinson, Clerk/Administrator