



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**December 5, 2023**

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 5:31 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 Ryeland**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**23-746 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 presented.

**Carried**

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

**23-747 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 5:32 p.m. to discuss the following items;

- 5.1 Minutes of Closed Session – November 21, 2023 & November 24, 2023
- 5.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(b) – Staffing
- 5.3 Litigation or Potential Litigation, pursuant to Section 239(2)(e) – Litigation re. Consent Application Appeal, Ontario Land Tribunal
- 5.4 Acquisition or Disposition of Land; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(c) – Land Acquisition

**Carried**

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

**23-748 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into open session of Council at 6:33 p.m.

**Carried**

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:33 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  
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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

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**23-749** 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 5, 2023.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**23-750** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the deputation from Jacob Hanlon, Municipal Program Coordinator with Food Cycle Science Corporation regarding the FoodCycler Municipal Food Waste Diversion Program.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ryeland**

**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**23-751** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the deputation from Dennis Baxter, Senior Structural Manager with GHD Engineering regarding the Township's 2023 Municipal Structure Inventory and Inspection Report.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**23-752** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the November 21, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council and the November 24, 2023 Special Meeting of Council, as circulated.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Zulak**

**23-753** 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.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ryeland**

**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**23-754** BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Targeted Fraud Risk Assessment and Forensic Review dated September 29, 2023, completed by KPMG Forensic Inc; and



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**FURTHER THAT** the document be published on the Township's website.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Zulak**

**23-755** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby support the National Housing Accord's multi-sector approach to ending Canada's rental housing crisis, including their 10 recommendations; and

**FURTHER THAT** a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; Parry Sound-Muskoka MP Scott Aitchison; Minister of Finance, Chrystia Freeland and the Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, Sean Fraser.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**23-756** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby support the Town of Parry Sound's Resolution to support the Near North District School Board's call to the Ministry of Education not to exercise their authority granted by Bill 98 for the closure of rural elementary schools; and

**FURTHER** supports a study be undertaken to determine which of the two rural schools, being either McDougall Public School or Nobel Public School, is the most appropriate to stay open in the West Parry Sound District to serve the area's growing population and alleviate the need to add to the current JK-Grade 12 mega-school construction project; and

**FURTHER** this Resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Public School Board's Association, the Minister of Education Stephen Lecce and Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Zulak**

**23-757** **WHEREAS** the Near North Crime Stoppers (NNCS) serves the Districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound and is a registered charitable program that enhances community safety across the region; and

**WHEREAS** despite all the modern technology available to law enforcement agencies, one of the most cost-effective and successful methods to prevent or solve crime is when someone anonymously reports a TIP to Crime Stoppers through the TIPLINE or the website; and

**WHEREAS** Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to any call tracing technology, so tips remain confidential and are passed on to the appropriate law enforcement agency; and

**WHEREAS** to date, NNCS has received 22,468 calls from tipsters, contributing to the arrest of 1,786 individuals, and over \$4.3 million in property and cash having been recovered. Nearly \$58 million in drugs, destined for our communities, have been seized because of Crime Stoppers anonymous, valuable information; and

**WHEREAS** the success of Crime Stoppers rests heavily on community engagement through awareness and support of many partners, with municipalities being key



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stakeholders. Recognizing and supporting Crime Stoppers helps municipalities to support their local *Community Safety and Well Being Plans* plan.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby declare January 2024 as Crime Stoppers Month.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**23-758** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the draft conditions met letter for Consent Application No. B02/2023 (Dyment); and

**FURTHER** direct staff to sign the letter and submit to the Parry Sound Area Planning Board.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**23-759** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give all permanent staff, including those named below, a \$100.00 Christmas bonus: Andy Ward, Jan Gibson, Robert Morrison and Tom Stoneman.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ryeland**

**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**23-760** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report No. ADMIN-2023-19 St. Stephen's Church Renovation Tender Results for information and award RFP No. PW-2023-15 St. Stephen's Church Renovations to Northern View Construction in the amount of \$70,156.00 plus HST of \$9,120.28 for a total amount of \$79,276.28; and

**FURTHER THAT** a 10% contingency be added to the contract for any unforeseen structural repairs when removing the chimney, as recommended by the Chief Building Official.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**23-761** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby advertise the following Christmas hours:

Municipal Office: Closed December 25, 2023 to January 1, 2024 inclusive;

Waste Transfer Station: Closed December 25, 2023 and January 1, 2024;

Public Works: Closed December 25, 2023 to January 1, 2024 (weather permitting).

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**23-762** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2023-73, Being a By-law to Impose Charges on Property Owners in a Designated Area (Craigmore Subdivision) for the Provision of Road Upgrades by the Township, a Third reading;



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**And further Passed** in Open Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Zulak**

**23-763**      **WHEREAS** the First and Second Readings of the By-law were given on October 3, 2023; and

**WHEREAS** a period of time was given so that the public may comment on changes to the By-law;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2023-66, Being a By-law to Regulate the Speed of Motor Vehicles on Certain Highways within the Municipality, a Third reading;

**And further Passed** in Open Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**Deferred**

Director of Operations, Greg Gostick left the meeting.

**Moved by: Councillor Ryeland**

**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**23-764**      **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 Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Zulak**

**23-765**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2023-78, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**23-766**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 8:24 p.m. to meet again on December 19, 2023; or at the call of the Mayor.

**Carried**

  
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David Moore, Mayor

  
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Ina Watkinson, Clerk/Administrator