



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2026

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 – None declared.

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

26-063 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 Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-064 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 6:01 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- 5.1 Minutes of Closed Session – February 3, 2026 & February 5, 2026;
- 5.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(b) – Staffing and Senior of the Year

Carried

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

26-065 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into regular open session of Council at 6:31 p.m.

Carried

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

26-066 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 February 17, 2026.

Carried

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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**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE
THEREOF – None declared.**

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

26-067 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby accept the Deputation from Debbie Woods, Lynne Campbell and Dianne Thompson from the McKellar Township Public Library for their Annual Report 2025 and 2026 Proposed Budget, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-068 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the February 3, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council, February 5, 2026, Special Closed Meeting of Council, and February 6, 2026, Special Budget Meeting, as circulated.

Carried

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

26-069 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Memo of Official Plan No. 9 – Provincial Comments from John Jackson, Planner Inc., for information purposes.

Carried

John Jackson, Planner Inc., attended the meeting in person and addressed Council regarding the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) comments, including an overview of the feedback received and the next steps for Council's consideration.

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

26-070 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar has no objections to the approval of Consent Application No. B02/2026 (McK) as applied for by Frank and Angela Moeckel, subject to the following conditions:

1. Payment of a fee in lieu of parkland as required in the Township of McKellar Fees and Charges By-Law;
2. 911 Addressing for the proposed new lots;
3. That 10 metres from the centre line of Balsam Road, for both the severed and retained lots, be transferred to the Township of McKellar, if found not to be in the Township's ownership;
4. Payment of any applicable planning board fees.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

26-071 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report T-2026-02 Statement of the Council Remuneration and Expenses 2025 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-072 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Annual Building Department Report 2025 from Chief Building Official, Chris Bordeleau, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

26-073 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report ADMIN-2026-02 Township Logo Design Proposal from Deputy Clerk, Mary Smith, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

26-074 **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 January 2026 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

26-075 **WHEREAS** the Township has received a request from Budget Propane to run three-axle trucks with a load not to exceed 6700 kg/axle during the reduced load period (half loads); and

WHEREAS Section 122(2) of the *Ontario Highway Traffic Act* provides that (a) no two axle tank-truck, while used exclusively for the transportation of liquid or gaseous heating fuel, shall be operated upon any designated highway where the weight upon an axle exceeds 7,500 kilograms; and

WHEREAS the delivery of propane for home heating fuel is an essential service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby grant the request from Budget Propane (Gravenhurst) for the extension of the interpretation of Section 122 (2) for vehicles used exclusively for the transportation of liquid or gaseous heating fuel to include three axle (tandem rear axle) commercial vehicles, such that they may carry a weight of 6700 kilograms per axle.

Defeated



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Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-076 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-10, being a By-law to Amend By-law No. 2025-10, being a By-law to Authorize the Execution of an Agreement for a By-law Enforcement Officer for the Township of McKellar and to appoint a By-law Enforcement Officer for the Township of McKellar, a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER give a Third reading and Pass in open Council this 17th day of February 2026.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

26-077 **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 addressed Council with comments related to items on the Agenda via Zoom.

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

26-078 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-11, 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 17th day of February 2026.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

26-079 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 8:27 p.m. to meet again on March 3, 2026, for a Regular Meeting of Council, or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

David Moore, Mayor

Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator