



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2026

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 5:00 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 Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-038 **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 Nick Ryeland
Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

26-039 **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 5:01 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- 5.1 Minutes of Closed Session – January 27, 2026;
- 5.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(b) – Appointments to West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board & Review Candidates for Market Manager Position and Staffing
- 5.3 Acquisition or disposition of land; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(c) - disposition of land.

Carried

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

26-040 **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

26-041 **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 3, 2026.

Carried



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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.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

Present: Mayor David Moore
Councillors Mike Kekkonen, Nick Ryeland, Debbie Zulak, and Morley Haskim
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 Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-042 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the January 27th, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried

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

26-043 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Parry Sound Area Planning Board Meeting Minutes for December 22, 2025, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-044 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board Meeting Minutes for October 9, 2025, November 13, 2025, and December 11, 2025, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-045 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report PLN-2026-01 Annual Planning Activity Review for Year 2025 and Year 2026 Outlook from Clerk Administrator, Karlee Britton, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-046 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report FD-2026-01 Month End Status Update for December 2025 and Year End Review from Fire Chief, Robert Morrison, for information purposes.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

26-047 **WHEREAS** the Township of Carling and the Municipality of McDougall withdrew from the Parry Sound Area Planning Board effective January 1, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby approves an increase to the Parry Sound Area Planning Board levy to the Township of McKellar for the 2026 fiscal year, in an amount ranging from \$8,000.00 to \$13,000.00, with the final levy to be determined by the Board following its budget review; and

FURTHER THAT Council hereby approves the Township of McKellar staff assuming the treasury functions of the Parry Sound Area Planning Board, which will result in a reduction to the Township's levy; and

FURTHER THAT Councillor Nick Ryeland be appointed as the alternate representative to the Parry Sound Area Planning Board in the event that an appointed McKellar member is unavailable to attend.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-048 **WHEREAS** The Government of Canada has introduced new legislation, Bill C-15, that threatens interlibrary loans by repealing Paragraphs 19(1)(d) to (g.1) of the Canada Post Corporation Act, which currently provides a reduced postage rate for library materials, including those shared through interlibrary loans; and

WHEREAS Interlibrary loans are a critical component of library services in Canada and rely on the reduced postage provisions of the Canada Post Corporation Act to ensure equitable access to materials for millions of library users; and

WHEREAS the proposed amendments would allow Canada Post to increase postage rates for library materials without parliamentary or governmental oversight, placing significant financial pressure on library systems and threatening the continued delivery of this essential service that supports access, equity, and literacy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby requests that the Government of Canada withdraw the proposed amendments to the Canada Post Corporation Act contained in Bill C-15 that would eliminate reduced postage rates for library materials; and

FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Government Transformation, Honourable Joel Lightbound, Parry Sound-Muskoka MP, Scott Aitchison, and the McKellar Township Public Library.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

26-049 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the consent agenda as presented.

Carried



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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

26-050 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-07, 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 3rd day of February 2026.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

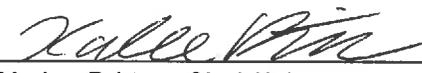
Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

26-051 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 7:05 p.m. to meet again on February 5, 2026, for a Special Meeting of Council - Market Manager Position Interviews, or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried



David Moore, Mayor



Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator