



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

January 13, 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 Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

26-001 **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 delete Item 15.1 under Planning Matters, at the request of the applicant, in order to allow for the submission of an amended report to Council at a future meeting.
Carried

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

26-002 **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 - December 2, 2025;

5.2 Labour relations or employee negotiations; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(d) – Staffing

Carried

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

26-003 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into regular open session of Council at 6:34 p.m.
Carried

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

26-004 **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 January 13, 2026.
Carried

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.



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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.

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

26-005 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried

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

26-006 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Meeting Minutes of the District of Parry Sound West (Belvedere Heights) Board of Management from October 22, 2025, and November 26, 2025, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-007 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Township of McKellar Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes from November 27, 2025, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-008 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes from November 20, 2025, for information purposes.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

- 26-009** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Township of McKellar Public Library Board Meeting Minutes from October 27, 2025, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

- 26-010** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby appoints the following individuals to serve on the respective Township Committees for a term of one (1) year:

Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee

Jennifer Ghent-Fuller, Chair; Tony Best, Ross Crockford, Peter Duffey, Rob Gibson, Carl Mitchell, and Rick Speers.

Historical Committee

Vivian Moore, Chair; Joyce Hopkins, Muriel Junck, Jeanette Clements, Carolyn Phillips, Chris Clayton, and Debra McMurray.

Recreation Committee

Dinah Ryeland Brown, Chair, Francis Degaura, Kathy Degaura, Judy Ryeland, Phil Jeffkins, Terry Lacey, and Stephen Walmsley.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

- 26-011** **WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar supports the Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee's initiatives that protect and enhance local lakes and natural resources; and

WHEREAS the Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee (LSEC) organizes the annual "Clean Up Our Lakes" campaign to encourage residents to remove debris from shorelines and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS the Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee has requested permission to conduct the 2026 "Clean Up Our Lakes" campaign from May 11, 2026, to May 25, 2026, consisting of public awareness and signage at the Township of McKellar's Transfer Station;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby approves the Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee's request to hold the "Clean Up Our Lakes" campaign from May 11, 2026, to May 25, 2026;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to permit the installation of campaign signage at the Transfer Station and assist with appropriate publicity for the initiative.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

26-012 **WHEREAS** Jan Gibson has served the Township of McKellar and the community as Market Manager for ten (10) years, demonstrating dedication, leadership, and commitment to the success and growth of the market; and

WHEREAS during this tenure, the McKellar Market Manager played an integral role in fostering strong relationships with vendors, volunteers, community partners, staff, and Council, contributing significantly to the market's evolution and continued success; and

WHEREAS Jan Gibson has formally advised the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar of her intention to retire from the position of Market Manager, effective January 16, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby accepts the retirement of Jan Gibson as Market Manager;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Jan Gibson for her dedicated service, leadership, and valued contributions to the Township and the McKellar Market.

AND FURTHER direct the Clerk to advertise for the Market Manager position immediately.

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-013 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-01, being a By-law to Amend By-law 2003-13, Being a By-law to Regulate the Speed of Motor Vehicles on Certain Highways within the Municipality, a first and second reading;

AND FURTHER give a Third reading and Pass in open Council this 13th day of January 2026.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

26-014 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby direct the Clerk to send the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's comments regarding the Official Plan (OPA No. 9) to John Jackson, Planner Inc., for his professional opinion.

Carried

Under 'New Business', Mayor Moore declared a conflict of Interest and left the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Deputy Mayor, Mike Kekkonen, chaired the meeting, and discussions focused on Parents for Parry Sound and updates on the new school.

Mayor Moore re-entered the meeting at 7:21 p.m. and resumed chair of the meeting.



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Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

26-015 **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)

No comments were made from Zoom or in-person.

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

26-016 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-02, 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 13th day of January 2026.

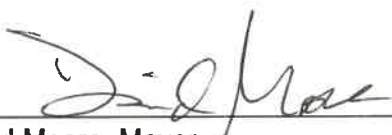
Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

26-017 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby adjourn this meeting at 7:28 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, January 27th, 2026, or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried



David Moore, Mayor



Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator