



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

January 27, 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

26-018 **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 Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

26-019 **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 6:02 p.m. to discuss the following items:

5.1 Minutes of Closed Session – January 13, 2026;

5.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(b) – OPP Detachment Board, Staffing

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

26-020 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into regular open session of Council at 6:35 p.m.

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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Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-021 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 27, 2026.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

26-022 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby accept the Deputation from Executive Director, Chris McDonald, of the Parry Sound Area Chamber of Commerce for information purposes; and

FURTHER that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar approve the financial contribution request in the amount of \$1200.00 for the 2026 year.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

26-023 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby accept the Deputation from Ellen Walker, Executive Director, West Parry Sound Ontario Health Team, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

26-024 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby accept the Deputation from Kris Rivard, Chief Building Official, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-025 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the January 13, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

26-026 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 for December 18, 2025, for information purposes.

Carried



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

26-027 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report ADMIN-2026-01 from Clerk Administrator, Karlee Britton; and

FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Clerk to proceed immediately with the implementation of a new Municipal website with UPANUP, including an initial setup and migration fee of \$9,000.00 plus HST of \$1,170.00, for a total cost of \$10,170.00.

Carried

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

26-028 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report T-1-2026 Tax Arrears Status as of December 31, 2025, from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-029 **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 December 2025, from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-030 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby supports the attached resolutions of the Municipality of McDougall and the Town of Parry Sound, requesting that the Near North District School Board replace tennis courts on the Parry Sound JK-Grade 12 School property; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be copied to the Minister of Education, MPP Graydon Smith, Parents for Parry Sound, Community Schools Alliance, West Parry Sound Municipalities and First Nations in West Parry Sound.

Carried

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

26-031 **WHEREAS** the Whitestone McKellar Lions Club conducts an annual Christmas Hamper and Toy Drive to support families in need; and

WHEREAS the Whitestone McKellar Lions Club has requested permission from the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar to place donation boxes at the McKellar Community Centre and the McKellar Library from November 1, 2026, through to December 19, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar grants permission to the Whitestone McKellar Lions Club to place Christmas Hamper and Toy donation boxes at the McKellar Community Centre and the McKellar Library from November 1, 2026, through to December 19, 2026.

Carried



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

26-032 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-03, being a By-law to authorize the Borrowing of Money to Meet Current Expenditures of the Council, a first and second reading;
AND FURTHER give a Third reading and Pass in open Council this 27th day of January 2026.

Carried

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

26-033 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-04, being a By-law to Levy Certain Interim Rates, Taxes and Charges for the Year 2026, a first and second reading;
AND FURTHER give a Third reading and Pass in open Council this 27th day of January 2026.

Carried

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

26-034 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-05, being a By-law to Set Tax Ratios for Municipal Purposes for the Year 2026, a first and second reading;
AND FURTHER give a Third reading and Pass in open Council this 27th day of January 2026.

Carried

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

26-035 **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 Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

26-036 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-06, 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 27th day of January 2026.

Carried



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

26-037 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby adjourn this meeting at 8:26 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

David Moore, Mayor

Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator

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