



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2025

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

Present: Mayor David Moore
Councillors Morley Haskim, Mike Kekkonen, Debbie Zulak, Nick Ryeland
Staff: Clerk/Administrator, Karlee Britton
Deputy Clerk, Mary Smith

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – NONE

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

25-258 **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 move Item 21.1 By-law Amendment to Regulate the Setting off of Fireworks, to precede Committee of the Whole Item 12.1.

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.

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

25-259 **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 5:32 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- 5.1 Minutes of Closed Session – May 20, 2025 & June 6, 2025
- 5.2 Labour relations or employee negotiations; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(d) – Review comments received from staff on draft Human Resources Policy
- 5.3 Personal matters about an identifiable individual pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(b) – staffing.

Carried

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

25-260 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into regular open session of Council at 6:33 p.m.

Carried



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

25-261 **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 June 17, 2025.

Carried

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

Present: Mayor David Moore
Councillors Morley Haskim, Mike Kekkonen, Debbie Zulak, Nick Ryeland
Staff: Clerk/Administrator, Karlee Britton
Deputy Clerk, Mary Smith
Fire Chief, Rob Morrison

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

25-262 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-34, Being a By-law to Amend By-law No. 2019-22 being a By-law to Regulate the Setting off of Fireworks, a First and Second reading;

And further Read a Third time and Passed in Open Council this 17th day of June, 2025.

Carried

Fire Chief Rob Morrison left the meeting at 6:47 pm.

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

25-263 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby move into Committee of the Whole at 6:49 p.m. to continue discussions and review of the draft Fees & Charges By-law.

Carried

No discussion from the public, in person or on Zoom, on the review of the draft Fees & Charges By-law.

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

25-264 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby rise and report from Committee of the Whole at 7:08 p.m.

Carried

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

25-265 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the June 3, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council; and the June 6, 2025, Special Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-266 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted by Christopher Moffatt, proposing to rezone the property located at 70 Burnett's Road from Waterfront Residential 2 (WF2) to Rural (RU), as required by Consent Application No. B05/2024 (Moffatt); and

FURTHER THAT Council deems the application to be complete in accordance with the requirements of the Planning Act.

Deferred

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-267 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the March 24, 2025, and April 28, 2025, meetings of the Parry Sound Area Planning Board.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-268 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the January 9, 2025, February 13, 2025, and April 10, 2025, meetings of the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-269 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives Report ADMIN-2025-07 Nipissing-Parry Sound Student Transportation Services – Transfer Site Agreement from Clerk/Administrator, Karlee Britton; and

FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Clerk/Administrator and the Mayor to execute the agreement, thereby entering into a three (3) year term with Nipissing-Parry Sound Student Transportation Services for a school bus transfer site located at Minerva Park.

Deferred

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-270 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives report T-2025-04 Tax Arrears Status of the Selected Roll Numbers as of May 31, 2025, from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-271 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives the accounts payable preliminary cheque run report for May 2025 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-272 **WHEREAS** Bill 5 proposes to replace the Endangered Species Act, reduce environmental protections, and allow Special Economic Zones that can override municipal planning authority; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of McKellar supports growth, but not at the expense of environmental integrity, Indigenous rights, and local decision-making; and

WHEREAS these changes could bypass municipal by-laws, reduce public consultation, and threaten biodiversity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar:

1. Opposes provisions in Bill 5 that weaken environmental protections and undermine municipal authority;
2. Urges the Province to support development in ways that respect sound planning, Indigenous rights, and environmental responsibility;
3. Requests full consultation with municipalities and Indigenous communities before proceeding with Bill 5;
4. Supports AMO's recommendations on protecting municipal autonomy and environmental safeguards; and

Further that this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, relevant Ministers, and AMO.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-273 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the letter dated June 9, 2025, from Mr. Bill Hoddy, requesting an exemption from the road damage deposit in connection with a future building permit application for an accessory structure lost due to fire; and

FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to advise Mr. Hoddy that a road damage deposit will only be required if the value of the proposed construction exceeds \$15,000.00; and

FURTHER confirm that the road damage deposit is fully refundable upon closure of the building permit; and

FURTHER THAT while Council expresses great sympathy for Mr. Hoddy's loss, it does not wish to establish a precedent that could affect future applications, and therefore respectfully denies the request for exemption.

DIVISION VOTE

YEAS: None.

NAYS: Councillor Haskim, Kekkonen, Ryeland, Zulak and Mayor Moore

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.

Defeated



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Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

- 25-274** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby accept Mr. Hoddy's request to be exempt from the road damage deposit requirements.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

- 25-275** **WHEREAS** the Township has taken delivery of a new 2025 Ram 5500 equipped with a dump box, which was acquired to replace the aging 2009 Ford F-550;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby declares the 2009 Ford F-550 to be surplus to the needs of the Municipality; and

FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Public Works Superintendent to list the surplus vehicle for sale on the GovDeals website through a competitive bidding process.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

- 25-277** **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)

Lawrence Rubin asked questions and commented (in person) on items related to the agenda to council.

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

- 25-278** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-35, 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 17th day of June, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

- 25-279** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 9:24 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, as the first Tuesday in July falls on a statutory holiday; or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried



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David Moore, Mayor

Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator

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