



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2026

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

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

26-101 **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

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 Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

26-102 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby accept the Deputation from Becky Pollock and Nicole Guzik from the Georgian Bay Biosphere, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-103 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve \$1500.00 to support 25-30 McKellar families for the kids in the Biosphere Kits.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

26-104 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-105 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar has no objections to the approval of Consent Application No. B04/2026 (McK) as applied for by Gerald and Mary Bell, 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 Hurdville 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

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

26-106 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2026, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

26-107 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Finance and Property Committee of the Board of Health Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2026, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

26-108 **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 January 8, 2026, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-109 **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 Chief Administrative Officer's Report for January 2026, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-110 **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 Chief Administrative Officer's Report for February 2026, for information purposes.

Carried



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

26-111 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Town of Parry Sound Emergency Medical Services Committee Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2026, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-112 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Township of McKellar Historical Committee Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2026, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-113 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Township of McKellar Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2026, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-114 **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 January 16, 2026, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-115 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the FD-2026-02 Month End Status Report for January and February 2026 from Fire Chief, Robert Morrison, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

26-116 **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 February 2026 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-117 **Whereas** municipal public works employees and contracted service providers are responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure, including roads, sidewalks, bridges, drainage systems, and winter maintenance operations that are essential to public safety and emergency response; and



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Whereas during significant weather events and emergencies, these workers act as frontline responders, ensuring routes remain open for ambulances, fire services, police, school transportation, and the travelling public; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are reporting an increase in harassment, threats, intimidation, and dangerous interference from members of the public directed at municipal workers and subcontractors while they perform their duties; and

Whereas these behaviours have included verbal abuse, threats of violence, obstruction of equipment, and actions that delay or disrupt winter maintenance and emergency response operations, placing workers and the broader public at risk; and

Whereas interference with municipal operations during storms and emergencies jeopardizes service levels, delays critical response times, and creates significant occupational health and safety risks; and

Whereas the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) has formally called on the Province of Ontario to strengthen legislative protections, enforcement support, and consequences for those who threaten or obstruct municipal public works staff and contractors;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar supports the calls to action advanced by the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to improve protections for municipal public works workers and subcontractors; and

Be it further resolved that the Province of Ontario be requested to introduce legislative and enforcement measures that:

- recognize municipal public works workers and contractors as essential service providers during declared significant weather events and emergencies;
- deter and penalize interference, threats, harassment, or obstruction of municipal operations; and
- provide clear direction and support to police services to proactively respond to these incidents;

And be it further resolved that a letter conveying Council's support for these measures be sent to:

- The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and neighbouring municipalities for their consideration.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

26-118

WHEREAS the Town of Parry Sound has approached the Township of McKellar seeking support for the potential return of Science North STEM Summer Camps to the West Parry Sound area for the summer of 2026;



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AND WHEREAS Science North has advised that the incremental cost to operate the camps locally is approximately \$10,000 per week, with the Town of Parry Sound working to secure two (2) weeks of programming at a total cost of \$20,000;

AND WHEREAS participation data provided by Science North indicates that approximately 10% of camp registrants historically reside in the Township of McKellar;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby support the return of the Science North STEM Summer Camps to the West Parry Sound area for the summer of 2026;

AND FURTHER THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar approves a donation of \$1,000 per week, for up to two (2) weeks, to a maximum of \$2,000, to support the delivery of the Science North STEM Summer Camps, subject to confirmation that the camps will proceed in 2026.

Carried

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

26-119 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the 2026 Good Roads Conference Program; and

FURTHER THAT Council does authorize Public Works Superintendent, Thomas Stoneman, to attend the Good Roads Conference 2026 from March 29, 2026, to April 1, 2026, with all applicable expenses to be paid for by the Township.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

26-120 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby support Leslie Harries-Jones and Krista Holmes to be appointed as community representatives on the West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the West Parry Sound Municipalities, and Henvey Inlet First Nation for support.

Carried

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

26-121 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-13, being a By-law to Amend By-law 2025-43 (Cemetery By-law) to Update Appendix "C" Tariff of Rates, a first and second reading.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-122 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-15, being a By-law to Adopt an Investment Policy, a first and second reading;

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

Carried



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

26-123 **WHEREAS** the McKellar Historical Committee wishes to apply to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for funding to hire an intern;

AND WHEREAS the proposed intern position would support the work of the McKellar Historical Committee and may also assist other Township committees and municipal staff as needed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby direct township staff to apply to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for funding to hire an intern position.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

26-124 **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 commented on Items related to the Agenda via Zoom.

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

26-125 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-16, 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 March 2026.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-126 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 8:24 p.m. to meet again on April 7, 2026, for a Regular Meeting of Council, or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

David Moore, Mayor

Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator