



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

March 3, 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 – Councillor Morley Haskim declared a conflict of interest for Item 15.1.

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

26-080 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 Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

26-081 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 – February 5, 2026 & February 17, 2026
- 5.2 Litigation or potential litigation; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(e) – potential litigation

Carried

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

26-082 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into regular open session of Council at 6:37 p.m.

Carried

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

26-083 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 March 3, 2026.

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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DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF – Councillor Morley Haskim declared a conflict of interest for Item 15.1.

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

26-084 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the February 17, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried

Councillor Morley Haskim declared a conflict of Interest for Item 15.1 and left the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

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

26-085 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the draft conditions met letter for Consent Application No. B09/2025 (Haskim); and

FURTHER authorizes the Clerk to sign the letter and send it to the Parry Sound Area Planning Board.

Carried

Councillor Morley Haskim reentered the meeting at 6:41 p.m.

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

26-086 **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 for November 24, 2025, and January 19, 2026, for information purposes.

Carried

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

26-087 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report T-2026-03 – Investment Report as of December 31, 2025, from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

26-088 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report T-2026-04 – Debenture Request for Belvedere Heights from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

26-089 **WHEREAS** the Board of Directors of West Parry Sound SMART Community Network Inc., having quorum, passed a resolution on January 24, 2025, to propose the voluntary dissolution of the Corporation at its next Annual General Meeting (AGM);

AND WHEREAS the AGM was held on May 13, 2025, at Canadore College, Parry Sound, and quorum of Members was not achieved, and therefore the proposed vote on dissolution could not be conducted;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA), Member consent for dissolution may be obtained either by:

1. A special meeting requiring a two-thirds (2/3) consenting vote of Members; or
2. Written consent requiring unanimous (100%) consent of all Members;

AND WHEREAS the Corporation has indicated its intention to proceed by way of written consent of all Members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby provide its written consent, as a Member, to the voluntary dissolution of West Parry Sound SMART Community Network Inc. in accordance with the provisions outlined and pursuant to the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute any documents required to give effect to this resolution.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

26-090 **WHEREAS** the Jones Island Rear Lighthouse is a Recognized Federal Heritage Building and a longstanding navigational landmark within the Georgian Bay region has served as an important symbol of the area's maritime history for over 130 years and is widely recognized by residents, visitors, and local tourism operators throughout West Parry Sound;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) has announced plans to demolish the existing structure and replace it with a modular 80-foot metal tower;

AND WHEREAS concerns have been raised that the proposed demolition would result in an irreversible loss to the region and may not align with the spirit and intent of the Heritage Lighthouse Protection Act;

AND WHEREAS community members are requesting that the Federal Government and the Canadian Coast Guard pause demolition plans to allow for meaningful public engagement and a full review of restoration alternatives;



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby support the preservation of the Jones Island Rear Lighthouse;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to prepare and forward a formal Letter of Support to the appropriate Federal Ministers, the Canadian Coast Guard, and the local Member of Parliament, requesting that demolition plans be paused pending public consultation and the exploration of restoration options, and to circulate copies of this resolution to neighbouring municipalities within the West Parry Sound area for their consideration and support.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

26-091 **WHEREAS** the West Parry Sound District Museum has submitted a request to the Township of McKellar for a financial contribution in the amount of \$2,000.00 toward its 2026 operational costs;

AND WHEREAS the Museum has advised that five percent (5%) of the contribution will be allocated to future capital repairs and infrastructure improvements, including but not limited to upgrades to the elevator, security system, and other investments necessary to maintain a safe and secure environment for the preservation of artifacts;

AND WHEREAS the balance of the contribution will support 2026 operational expenses, including anticipated exhibitions and programming;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve a contribution in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the West Parry Sound District Museum to support its 2026 operations and capital reserve allocation;

AND FURTHER THAT Council acknowledges the Museum's continued efforts in preserving and promoting the cultural and historical heritage of the West Parry Sound area and thanks the Board of Directors for its ongoing work.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

26-092 **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 either in person or on Zoom.

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen



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26-093 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2026-12, 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 March 2026.

Carried

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

26-094 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 7:36 p.m. to meet again on March 17, 2026, for a Regular Meeting of Council, or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

David Moore, Mayor

Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator

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