



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

May 20, 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, Nick Ryeland, Debbie Zulak

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

25-212 **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 add Item 5.4. Personal matters about an identifiable individual; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(b) - To discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including observations or concerns regarding the performance of a specific individual representing a contractor engaged by the Municipality.

Further to move Items 15.1 and 15.2 to precede Item 11.1, Delegations and Presentations; and

Further to delete Item 15.3, at the request of the applicant.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-213 **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 6, 2025
- 5.2 Litigation or potential litigation; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(e) – Settlement litigation
- 5.3 Labour relations or employee negotiations; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(d) – Review of the Township's Human Resources Policy.
- 5.4. Personal matters about an identifiable individual; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(b) - To discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including observations or concerns regarding the performance of a specific individual representing a contractor engaged by the Municipality.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-214 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into open session of Council at 6:32 p.m.

Carried



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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.

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

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

25-215 **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 May 20, 2025.

Carried

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

25-216 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar has no objection to the approval of Consent Application No. B05/2025 (Oldham) as applied for by Howard Oldham, 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 lot;
3. Payment of any applicable planning board fees.
4. That 10 m from the centre line of Balsam Road be transferred to the Township if found to not be in the Township's ownership.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-217 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar has no objections to the approval of Consent Application No. B06/2025 (Cox) as applied for by Michael and Tammy Cox subject to the following conditions:

1. Payment of any applicable planning board fees.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-218 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the deputation from the Lake Stewardship & Environmental Committee Chair Jennifer Ghent-Fuller requesting support on behalf of the MLCA "Get Out the Lead" campaign for information purposes; and

FURTHER direct staff to inform Jennifer Ghent-Fuller that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby support the "Get Out the Lead" campaign to make anglers and their families aware of the dangers of using lead fishing tackle; and

FURTHER that the Corporation of the Township of McKellar has campaign posters and brochures available for distribution at the municipal office as soon as they become available.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-219 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby move into Committee of the Whole at 6:52 p.m. for discussions regarding the Cemetery By-law.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-220 **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 7:44 p.m.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-221 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated

Carried



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

25-222 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes for the Township of McKellar Public Library Board Meeting on March 31, 2025, for information purposes.

Carried

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

25-223 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives the Report PW-2025-04, Public Works Department Updates for January 1 to May 15, 2025, for information purposes.

Carried

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

25-224 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Roadside Grass Cutting Memo from Mary Smith, Deputy Clerk, for information purposes.

Carried

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

25-225 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives the Report FD-2025-07, Month End Status Updates for April 2025, from Fire Chief Robert Morrison, for information purposes.

Carried

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

25-226 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives the Account Payable Preliminary Cheque Run Report for April 2025, from Treasurer Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried

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

25-227 **WHEREAS** the McKellar Agricultural Society is celebrating its 150th McKellar Fall Fair this September, and to honour this incredible feat, the board has decided to include some events from past years; and

WHEREAS one of these planned events will be to hold a parade on the fairgrounds that will be open to all ages, with the theme of farm/fair days and will be targeted mainly towards youth and family entries; and

WHEREAS the McKellar Agricultural Society is seeking sponsorship of this event from the Township of McKellar in a total prize money amount of \$400.00, which will be divided among various winners in each category; and



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WHEREAS, should the Township of McKellar agree to sponsor the event, the Agricultural Society would also like three members of council to attend the fair and judge the parade entries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby sponsor the Agricultural Society's parade event for the requested amount of \$400.00 to be distributed amongst the various winners in each category; and

FURTHER that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar appoint three council members to attend the 150th McKellar Fall Fair and judge the parade entries.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-228 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives a request for speaker installation on a hydro pole in Minerva Park from Market Manager, Jan Gibson; and

FURTHER that the addition of this speaker would allow music and announcements to be heard by all market attendees, enhancing the overall experience for visitors and vendors alike; and

FURTHER that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar approves, in principle, the installation of a speaker on a hydro pole in Minerva Park, so long as the cost is within the McKellar Market Budget and that the Public Works Superintendent approves the location.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-229 **WHEREAS** Early Childhood Development plays a considerable role in shaping young minds through physical development, as well as cognitive, social and emotional development; and

WHEREAS the Parry Sound Public School has hundreds of students who rely on it not just for education, but also for opportunities and growth, including students from the Township of McKellar; and

WHEREAS the Parry Sound Public School is hosting their first-ever Spring Fling Carnival on May 29, 2025, to help raise funds for the expansion of the ELK yard for the growing number of kids to add play equipment; and

WHEREAS the presence of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar would inspire others to act now to get these kids what they deserve;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar directs staff to notify Page Bush, Parry Sound Parent Council, of the attendance of a member of council at the Spring Fling to help represent and advocate for the kids in our community.

Carried



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

25-230 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve a \$1500 scholarship to be divided equally to graduating Township of McKellar high school students who will be attending a post-secondary institution in 2025.

Carried

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

25-231 **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)

None.

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

25-232 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-28, 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 20th day of May, 2025.

Carried

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

25-233 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 9.00 p.m. to meet again on June 3, 2025, for a Regular Meeting of Council; or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried



David Moore, Mayor



Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator