



## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

### Council Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2025

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 4:00 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  
Tom Stoneman, Public Works Superintendent

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF** - Councillor Zulak declared a pecuniary/personal interest for Item 21.2 under Open Session

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

**25-184** **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**

**25-185** **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 4:02 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- 5.1 Minutes of Closed Session – April 15, 2025
- 5.2 Litigation or potential litigation; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(e) – Settlement litigation.
- 5.3 Acquisition or disposition of land; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(c) – Disposition of lands.
- 5.4 Plans and instructions for negotiations; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(k) - the consideration of options and criteria for the renovation or relocation of the public works garage, including directions for potential future negotiations; and strategy for tender release on capital road project, direction to Engineer.
- 5.5 Personal matters about an identifiable individual; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(b) – Appointments to the Township of McKellar Volunteer Fire Department.
- 5.6 Labour relations or employee negotiations; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(d) – Review of the Township's Human Resources Policy.

**Carried**

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

**25-186** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into open session of Council at 6:35 p.m.

**Carried**

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.



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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 – Councillor Zulak declared a pecuniary/personal interest for Item 21.2 under Open Session

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

**25-187** **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 6, 2025.

**Carried**

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

**25-188** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the April 15, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated.

**Carried**

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

**25-189** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes for the Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee Meeting, February 13, 2025, for information purposes.

**Carried**

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

**25-190** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit –



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Finance and Property Committee Meeting for February 26, 2025, for information purposes.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

- 25-191**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes for the Board of Health - North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit meeting for February 26, 2025, for information purposes.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

**Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

- 25-192**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee of the Board of Health meeting for November 27, 2024, for information purposes.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

- 25-193**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes for the Recreation Committee meeting April 24, 2025, for information purposes.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

- 25-194**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives the Report ADMIN-2025-05 – Broadbent Ballpark Play Equipment from Clerk Administrator Karlee Britton; and

**FURTHER** directs staff to engage GTB Contracting Inc. to supply, deliver, and install one slide and one swing set, as outlined in their quotation dated April 4, 2025; and

**FURTHER** directs the Treasurer to allocate funds for the playground equipment from the Township's Parkland Reserve, in accordance with Section 42 of the Planning Act, which permits the use of these funds for park enhancements.

**Deferred**

**Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

- 25-195**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report PW-2025-02 – Roadside Brush Cutting, Culverts and Couplers, Seasonal Toilet Rentals and Expression of Interest for Roadside Grass Cutting, for information purposes; and

**FURTHER** that the following tenders be awarded as outlined:



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RFQ-2025-06 Roadside Brush Cutting: Awarded to TMI Brushing, quotation amount \$17,250.00, plus HST of \$2,242.50, for a total quotation of \$19,492.50.

RFQ-Culverts and Couplers: Awarded to Hubb Cap, quotation amount of \$9,730.00, plus HST of \$1,264.90, for a total quotation amount of \$10,994.90.

RFQ-Seasonal Portable Toilet Rental: Awarded to Weeks Construction, with a quotation amount of \$5,705.00.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

**25-196** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report PW-2025-03 – Micro Seal Tender – 2025-07 – 1.8 km of Balsam Road and 2.6 km of Manitou Drive, for information purposes; and

**FURTHER** that the following tenders be awarded as outlined:

Tender – 2025-07 Micro Seal – 1.8 KM of Balsam Road and 2.6 KM of Manitou Drive: Awarded to Duncor Enterprises Inc., bid amount \$145,992.00, plus HST of \$18,978.96, for a total bid of \$164,970.96.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

**25-197** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Hurdville Bridge Railing Replacement Tender 2025-10 Report from RHH Engineering, for information purposes; and

**FURTHER** that the following tender be awarded as recommended by RHH Engineering:

Tender – 2025-10 Hurdville Bridge Railing Replacement: Awarded to A2Z Civil, for the Total Tender Price of \$212,440.00.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

**25-198** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive McKellar Ballfield Supply and Installation of Fencing and Supply and Placement of Topsoil, Sod, Granulars and Hydroseed Tender Results Report from RHH Engineering, for information purposes; and

**FURTHER** that the following tenders be awarded as recommended by RHH Engineering:

Tender – 2025-08 Supply and Placement of Topsoil, Sod, Granulars and Hydroseed: Awarded to Weeks Construction, for the Total Tender Price of \$133,662.05.

Tender – 2025-09 Supply and Installation of Ballfield Fencing: Awarded to Borall Fence and Guide Railing Contractors Ltd., for the Total Tender Price of \$66,783.00.

**Carried**



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**Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

**25-199** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive a donation request from the Near North Crime Stoppers 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament commencing on Friday, June 20, 2025, at Highview Golf Course, for information purposes; and

**FURTHER** that the NNCS serves the Districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound as a registered charitable program, enhancing safety through anonymous tips; and

**FURTHER** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby donate a \$150.00 tax-deductible sponsorship of the NNCS 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament; and

**FURTHER** that the Council of the Township of McKellar directs staff to notify the NNCS of the Township's sponsorship and to provide the Township's logo to NNCS to display at the golf tournament, on the NNCS website and on other social media platforms to show McKellar Township's commitment to Crime Stoppers.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

**25-200** **WHEREAS** the province recognizes there is a housing crisis in Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the province is incentivizing municipalities and others to significantly increase the housing supply; and

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of McDougall, the Township of McKellar and other area municipalities have continued to see an increase in the number of residential building permits being issued, particularly following COVID; and

**WHEREAS** schools are an integral part of supporting the province's priority to build more homes; and

**WHEREAS** the West Parry Sound community remains concerned about the size, the safety of students, and the creation of an environment conducive to learning in the new JK – 12 school; and

**WHEREAS** the incorporation of portables or "Pods" into the design of a new school heightens these concerns.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the province be requested to reconsider the decision to close McDougall Public School; and

**THAT** the Near North District School Board's funding be adjusted to appropriately reflect the school remaining open; and

**THAT** copies of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Education, Paul Calandra, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Rob Flack, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Graydon Smith, the Heads of Council of the municipalities of The Archipelago, Carling, Parry Sound, McKellar, Seguin, and Whitestone, and the Near North District School Board.

**Carried**





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**Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

- 25-201**      **WHEREAS** Canada continues to face a devastating crisis of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV); and
- WHEREAS** 4 in 10 women in this country have experienced IPV in their lifetime, and indigenous women are twice as likely to be affected; and
- WHEREAS** the Moose Hide Campaign is an indigenous-led grassroots movement of men and all Canadians standing up against violence towards women and children;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar supports the Moose Hide Campaign and is committed to ending violence against women and children; and
- FURTHER THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar call upon the Government of Canada and all Canadians to commit to supporting the Moose Hide Campaign and to wear the Moose Hide pin to symbolize their commitment to end violence against women and children; and
- FURTHER THAT** the Council urge the federal or provincial government to ensure adequate resourcing is being provided to indigenous organizations who are proactively working to end violence against indigenous women and children; and
- FURTHER THAT**, the Council of the Corporation of Township of McKellar directs staff to work with the Moose Hide Campaign by confirming participation on Moose Hide Campaign Day, Thursday, May 15, 2025, requesting and wearing Moose Hide pins, and by sharing the Moose Hide Campaign on social media.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

- 25-202**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby direct the Treasurer to transfer \$7345.00 from the St. Stephen's Church reserve to the operation budget for cleaning services of St. Stephen's Church, as detailed in the Historical Committee's Resolution No. 25-12, following the third reading of the budget.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

- 25-203**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby appoint Heather Chambers to the Recreation Committee to facilitate the T-Ball Program.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

- 25-204**      **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby authorize the disposal of appropriate waste into the regular household collection bin for the collection of waste collected as a part of the Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee's Annual Clean Up Our Lakes Campaign, in co-



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operation with the Township at the Transfer Station, from May 16, 2025 to May 23, 2025, in coordination with the Public Works Superintendent; and

**FURTHER THAT** waste not acceptable for disposal at the Township of McKellar Transfer Station during this campaign includes but is not limited to: household hazardous waste, boats, bulky items, large appliances, brush, household furniture and any item that would incur a waste tipping fee, as cited in By-law 2023-55.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

**25-205** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby appoint Jaden Louks and Layla Baggio to the rank of Probationary Firefighter with the McKellar Volunteer Fire Department, as recommended by Fire Chief Robert Morrison.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

**25-206** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025—25 Being a By-law to Provide for the Payment of Remuneration and Expenses to Members of Council, a **First** and **Second** reading;

**And Further Read a Third time and Passed** in Open Council this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

**Carried**

**Councillor Zulak left the meeting having declared a conflict of interest.**

**Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland**

**25-207** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025—26 Being a By-law to Authorize the Acquisition of Paper Titles to lands for Highway Purposes from Debra and Gordon Zulak, a **First** and **Second** reading;

**And Further Read a Third time and Passed** in Open Council this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

**Carried**

**Councillor Zulak returned to the meeting.**

**Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

**25-208** **WHEREAS** By-law 2025-20 was read for a First and Second time on **April 15, 2025**;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-20, Being a By-law to Adopt the Estimates of All Sums Required During the Year 2025 (Yearly Budget), a Third reading;



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And further passed in Open Council this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-209 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 via Zoom regarding items on the agenda, and a discussion ensued.

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-210 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-27, 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-211 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 8:58 p.m. to meet again on May 20, 2025, for a Regular Meeting of Council; or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

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David Moore, Mayor

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Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator