



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

October 17, 2023

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, Ina Watkinson

DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland
Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

23-650 **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, and an additional amendment to move Item 11 Delegations and Presentations to precede Item 10 Public Meeting.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

23-651 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, move into closed session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss the following items;

- 5.1 Minutes of Closed Session – October 3, 2023 and October 13, 2023
- 5.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(b) – Committee Appointments
- 5.3 Acquisition or Disposition of Land; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(c) – Land Acquisition

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

23-652 **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.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

Present: Mayor David Moore
Councillors Morley Haskim, Mike Kekkonen, Nick Ryeland, Debbie Zulak
Staff: Clerk/Administrator, Ina Watkinson
Deputy Clerk/Planning Assistant, Karlee Britton
Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya



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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

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

23-653 **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 October 17, 2023.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

23-654 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the deputation from Ethan Driedger, Account Executive with eScribe Meetings.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

23-655 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the deputation from Jennifer Ghent-Fuller, Chair of the Lake Stewardship & Environmental Committee and Lake Steward for the Lake Manitouwabing Community Association regarding the 2023 Lake Water Testing Results for lakes in the Township of McKellar.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

23-656 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby move into a Public Meeting at 7:25 p.m. to hold a Public Meeting for the proposed Road Allowance Closure on Fox Farm Road as applied for by Andrew Snurnitsin.

Carried

PUBLIC MEETING

Andrew Snurnitsin spoke to his application for the road allowance closure.

Rob Salway spoke not for or against the application and had sent a letter to staff dated October 16, 2023 expressing interest in purchasing 33ft of the road allowance.

Leslie Chester, President of the Fox Farm Road Association spoke on behalf of 20 members who built the road 15 years ago. Leslie did not speak for or against the application and spoke to the nature



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of the applicant's property, various concerns with the road closure and provided a brief history of building the road.

Sue Salway spoke not for or against the application. Sue noted that they [*Sue and Rob Salway*] were offered to purchase the applicant's property but it was of no benefit to them at the time.

Lawrence Rubin spoke not for or against the application. Lawrence expressed various concerns with the road closure.

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

23-657 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into regular session at 8:05 p.m.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

23-658 **WHEREAS** a Public Meeting was held for the proposed Road Allowance Closure on Fox Farm Road as applied for by Andrew Snurnitsin; and

WHEREAS the abutting property owners, Rob and Sue Salway have expressed interest by way of a letter addressed to Council, in purchasing 33ft of the 66ft road allowance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby direct the Deputy Clerk/Planning Assistant to send the Salway's an application for road closure authorized under By-law 2011-24; and

FURTHER THAT a report to Council be presented at a future meeting to outline the process and procedure of selling the road allowance to both property owners, before the land is deemed surplus.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

23-659 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council and the October 13, 2023 Special Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

23-660 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the June 28, 2023 and August 16, 2023 Board of Health meetings; the June 28, 2023 Minutes of the Board of Health Personnel Policy, Labour/Employee Relations Committee and Finance and Property Committee meetings.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

23-661 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the June 26, 2023 and August 28, 2023 meetings of the Parry Sound Area Planning Board.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

23-662 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the May 5, 2023 Spring 2023 meeting and the draft Minutes of the September 29, 2023 Fall 2023 meeting of the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-663 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report FD-2023-15 Month End Status Updates for September 2023 from Fire Chief, Robert Morrison, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

23-664 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the two quotes for dyed and clear diesel fuel tanks from Parry Sound Fuels and HASSCO Industries Inc; and

FURTHER THAT the quotation provided by Parry Sound Fuels be accepted in the amount of \$10,358.00 plus HST of \$1,346.54 for a total of \$11,704.54 for two fuel tanks and (2) metered electric pumps; and

FURTHER THAT the Director of Operations will quote fuel prices from area fuel companies to ensure the Township is receiving competitive pricing.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-665 **WHEREAS** the 2023 Annual Budget (By-law 2023-35) allocated \$15,500.00 to repair and maintenance for the Case Backhoe (Unit 238); and

WHEREAS unexpected repair costs have been incurred in the amount of \$23,000.00; and

WHEREAS additional costs may be incurred to have the machine in working order;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby direct the Treasurer to transfer \$14,000.00 from the Public Works Vehicle Reserve to Case Backhoe (Unit 238) repair and maintenance general ledger line item to cover costs incurred and other repair costs in 2023; and

FURTHER THAT the Treasurer will present an amendment to the Budget at an upcoming meeting.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Ryeland
Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

23-666 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 September 2023 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-667 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Township's Five-Year Capital Plan from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

23-668 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report PW-2023-10 2023 Construction/Maintenance Season from Director of Operations, Greg Gostick, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-669 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the 5 Year Public Works Construction Plan from Director of Operations, Greg Gostick, for information purposes.

Carried

Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya left the meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland
Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

23-670 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve a discretionary donation in the amount of \$ [blank] to the Parry Sound Downtown Business Association for the 2024 Maple Syrup Festival.

Deferred

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

23-671 WHEREAS Metroland Media Group has sought bankruptcy protection and will cease the print publication of its weekly community newspapers across Ontario, moving to an online-only model; and

WHEREAS Neil Oliver, Chief Executive Officer and President of Metroland Media Group, said the 71 Metroland community publications will be digital only going forward; and

WHEREAS the *Legislation Act, 2006* provides a definition of "newspaper" which applies to every Ontario Act and Regulation, as in a provision requiring publication, means a document that, (a) is **printed in sheet form**, published at regular intervals of a week or less and circulated to the general public, and (b) consists primarily of news of current events of general interest; ("journal"); and



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WHEREAS Ontario Municipalities are required to follow publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

WHEREAS communities such as the West Parry Sound Area cannot comply with publication requirements in Provincial Acts and Regulations as the Parry Sound North Star news publication is no longer being printed in sheet form and there are no other local news publications fitting the definition of “newspaper”; and

WHEREAS some small, rural, Ontario Municipalities may not have the means to bring an application to the Court to ask for directions and approval of an alternate manner of providing notice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby request the Provincial government to make an amendment to the *Legislation Act, 2006* to include digital publications as an acceptable means of publication and notice requirements for Provincial Acts and Regulations; and

FURTHER request the support of all Ontario Municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Attorney General, Doug Downey; Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith; The Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO); CEO and President of Metroland Media Group, Neil Oliver and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

23-672 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby appoint the following persons to the respective Township Committees:

Peter Duffey, Lake Stewardship & Environmental Committee;

Rick Speers, Lake Stewardship & Environmental Committee; and

Jeanette Clements, Historical Committee.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-673 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the email addressed to Mayor David Moore from Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Graydon Smith dated October 11, 2023; asking Municipalities serviced under the Septic Approval Authority of the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority if they would like to remain status quo or if they wish to be removed; and

FURTHER THAT the Chief Building Official does support in principle septic approvals being under the Township’s jurisdiction and will provide a detailed report to Council at a future meeting outlining the proposed operational changes, financial implications and improved service delivery that would occur in the Township’s Building Department with ability to provide septic approval services.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

23-674 **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)

There were no questions from the in-person audience or via Zoom.

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-675 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2023-72, 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 October, 2023.


Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

23-676 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 9:54 p.m. to meet again on November 7, 2023; or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried



David Moore, Mayor



Ina Watkinson, Clerk/Administrator