



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

September 2, 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 Mike Kekkonen, Debbie Zulak, Nick Ryeland, Morley Haskim
Staff: Clerk Administrator, Karlee Britton
Deputy Clerk, Mary Smith

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

Mayor Moore declared a pecuniary/personal interest on Item 11.2 – Deputation from Amy Black and Shane Reynolds from “Parents for Parry Sound”

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

- 25-375** **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:
- 1) Move Item 17.1 to precede Item 12.1 Committee of the Whole; and
 - 2) Delete Item 21.4.

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 Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

- 25-376** **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 – August 19, 2025
 - 5.2 Litigation or potential litigation; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(e) - ongoing litigation.
 - 5.3 Acquisition or disposition of land; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(c) – request to purchase Township land.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

- 25-377** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into regular open session of Council at 6:30 p.m.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

- 25-378** **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 September 2, 2025.

Carried



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Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

Present: Mayor David Moore
Councillors Mike Kekkonen, Debbie Zulak, Nick Ryeland, Morley Haskim
Staff: Clerk Administrator, Karlee Britton
Deputy Clerk, Mary Smith
Chief Building Official, Chris Bordeleau

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

Mayor Moore declared pecuniary/personal interest on Item 11.2 – Deputation from Amy Black from “Parents for Parry Sound”

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

25-379 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the deputation from Samantha Elliott on the 2025 Municipal Insurance Program Renewal Report for the Policy Term September 19, 2025, to September 19, 2026, for information purposes; and
FURTHER direct the Treasurer to accept the policy renewal with Intact Public Entities.

Carried

Mayor Moore left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.; at which time Deputy Mayor Kekkonen assumed the role of the Chair.

Moved by: Councillor Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

25-380 **WHEREAS** the delayed opening of the JK-12 ‘Superschool’ in Parry Sound at the start of the 2025 school year has raised serious concerns regarding governance, transparency, and communication; and
WHEREAS the Near North District School Board (NNDSB) Trustees have requested that the Minister of Education immediately investigate the governance and administrative practices of the NNDSB; and
WHEREAS Council has received the deputation from Amy Black and Shane Reynolds from ‘Parents for Parry Sound’;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby support the NNDSB Trustees’ resolution calling for Ministry intervention and investigation; and
FURTHER THAT the Municipality send a letter to the Minister of Education, urging urgent action, citing the local impacts of failed governance, lack of communication, and breakdown of contingency planning; and
FURTHER THAT the Municipality advocate for transparency, accountability, and public communication from both the NNDSB and the Ministry; and
FURTHER THAT the Municipality participate in any meetings, calls, or consultations with the Ministry, NNDSB, and affected municipalities to ensure local concerns are represented.

Carried

Mayor Moore re-entered the meeting at 7:24 p.m. and resumed the Chair.



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Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

- 25-381** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report BD-25-02 – Rationale for proposed building permit fee changes from Chief Building Official, Chris Bordeleau, for information purposes.

Carried

Chief Building Official, Chris Bordeleau left the meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

- 25-382** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby move into Committee of the Whole at 7:30 p.m. to present the draft Procurement By-law, for Council's review and discussion.

Carried

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Clerk/Administrator, Karlee Britton provided an overview of the draft procurement By-law and answered questions from Council.

Lawrence Rubin provided comment in person.

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

- 25-383** **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 8:24 p.m.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

- 25-384** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

- 25-385** **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. B05/2025 (Oldham); and

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

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

- 25-386** **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 DRAFT minutes of July 17, 2025, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

- 25-387** **Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report PW-2025-08 – Dog Lake Culvert Replacement from Public Works Superintendent, Thomas Stoneman; and



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FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the purchase of a poly-coated steel pipe from Armtec in the amount of \$19,109.55 plus HST of \$2,484.24 for a total of \$21,593.79; and

FURTHER authorizes the excavator rental to complete the work.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

25-388 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** in addition to the winter maintenance presently provided, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby agree to provide winter maintenance, the nature and extent of which will be determined by the Public Works Superintendent and Council, for the municipally owned roads and distances attached in Schedule “A” for the winter season 2025/2026 only and have permanent residents residing thereon a year round basis as determined by the Clerk Administrator. If these conditions do not exist at the time of winter ploughing, including a suitable turnaround, then the Township of McKellar will not provide winter maintenance on said roads. Council, in consultation with Township staff, will review said roads in the spring of 2026 to determine the feasibility of continuing this program. It is understood that Council is under no obligation to continue this program.

AND FURTHER THAT it is understood there is no obligation on Council to convert a municipally owned seasonally maintained road to a year-round maintained road, nor is there any obligation on Council to assume presently “unassumed” municipally owned roads. Council, at its sole discretion, will provide maintenance on the roads named in Schedule “A” as Council determines based on maintenance needs and the Township of McKellar’s financial capabilities. As presently, there will be no municipal maintenance provided for Fire Routes (unless on a municipal road allowance opened at the sole discretion of the municipality on its own volition without any request from an outside source), private roads, streets, avenues, roads, drives, crescents, circles, laneways, driveways, municipal road allowances opened by private individuals, nor for any other roads which do not appear in Schedule “A”.

SCHEDULE “A” TO RESOLUTION NO. 25-388

Municipally owned roads to be winter maintained by the Township of McKellar for the winter season 2025/2026 only, providing that the conditions in the attached resolution are met:

Bay Drive	
Brownley Road	.6 km from a year-round road, on a summer-maintained road
Deerfield Road	
F.R. 200 (Broadbent Colonial Road)	.2 km from a year-round road on a summer-maintained road
Stoney Road (formerly F.R. 152)	
Dockside Drive (formerly F.R. 152A)	
Bruce Trail (formerly F.R. 152B)	
Jones Road	.8 km from a year-round road, on a summer-
maintained road	
McKowen Road	.1 km beyond, a year-round road, on a summer-
maintained road	
Moffat Road	
West Road	1.7 km from a year-round road, on a summer-maintained road

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

25-389 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the agenda for the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association Fall 2025



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Meeting to be held on Friday, September 26, 2025, in the Township of Seguin, for information purposes; and

FURTHER direct staff to register all members of Council and Karlee Britton to attend the meeting, with the cost of registration to be paid by the Township.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

25-390

WHEREAS a Public Meeting was held on June 3, 2025, at which time Council advised the public of its intent to declare Plan 249 Blk A as surplus land; and

WHEREAS no objections were raised at the meeting and no written submissions were received from the public;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby declares Plan 249 Blk A to be surplus land;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs the Clerk to issue a request for proposal to engage a qualified real estate agent or brokerage to list the property for sale.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

25-391

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar has read By-law No. 2025-42 – Being a By-law respecting Construction, Demolition, Change of Use, Conditional Permits and Inspections, a First and Second time;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar give a Third reading and Pass in open Council this 2nd day of September 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

25-392

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-41, being a By-law to establish fees and charges for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of the Township of McKellar, a First and Second reading, and that it repeals By-laws 2011-21, 2011-23, 2011-28, 2021-58, 2022-48, and 2023-15;

AND FURTHER give a **Third** reading and **Pass** in open Council this 2nd day of September 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

25-393

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-43, Being a By-law to Establish Rules and Regulations for the Management and Control of All Cemeteries Operated by the Corporation of the Township of McKellar and to Repeal By-laws 2012-14, 2012-18, and 2016-06, a **Third reading** and **pass** in Open Council this 2nd day of September 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

25-394

WHEREAS the Township of McKellar recognizes the importance of supporting local students while the new K-12 School remains under construction;

AND WHEREAS beginning Tuesday, September 2, 2025, the students at Parry Sound High School are required to learn remotely until the new school construction is completed;



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AND WHEREAS the Township of McKellar will make available dedicated workspace in the Municipal Building for McKellar resident students to access reliable internet and a quiet environment to complete online learning during regular school hours;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby authorizes the provision of temporary learning space in the Municipal Building for Parry Sound High School resident students;

AND FURTHER THAT students may be accommodated in the Council Chambers, Multi-purpose Room, or Youth Room, with the understanding that supervision will be minimal to none, and parental discretion is advised;

AND FURTHER THAT access to the space shall be contingent upon the completion of a waiver form, with parents/guardians required to complete the form for students under 18, and students aged 18 and older permitted to complete the form themselves.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

25-395 **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

Lawrence Rubin made comments in person.

Moved by: Councillor Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

25-396 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-48, 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 2nd day of September 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

25-397 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 9:34 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

David Moore, Mayor

Karlee Britton, Clerk Administrator