



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Special Council Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2023

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

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

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 Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-622 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Agenda for this Special Meeting of Council, as presented.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

23-623 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby move into a Public Meeting at 10:02 a.m. to discuss the West Parry Sound Recreation and Cultural Centre.

Carried

PUBLIC MEETING

Councillor Haskim provided a presentation adapted from the West Parry Sound Area Recreation and Cultural Centre presented to the Township of Carling on August 31, 2021.

Craig Smith (Ratepayer) did not speak for or against the project and asked questions regarding rising costs, project deadlines and fundraising.

Robin Plumb (Non-Ratepayer) spoke against the project stating the risks of insolvency, the negative financial impact on the entire area, and advised some ideas on how McKellar might exit the project.

Peter Hopkins (Ratepayer) spoke in favour of the project as a former co-chair of the committee from 2006 to 2010.



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Joe Lamb (Non-Ratepayer) did not speak for or against the project and gave an overview of the Municipality of Whitestone's approach to the project.

John Jackson (Ratepayer) spoke in favour of the project and spoke to the importance of access to swimming lessons.

Alex Herr (Ratepayer) did not speak for or against the project and commented on memberships to the facility.

Niall Bracken (Ratepayer) did not speak for or against the project and asked what are the problems to be solved and requested more information on the scope of work and costs.

Gord Zulak (Ratepayer) spoke against the project and commented on the board's lack of transparency and commented that there was no referendum for the residents of McKellar as was promised.

Ken Jackson (Ratepayer) spoke in favour of the project and commented that the Municipalities need to work together to get the project completed.

Ed Cann (Non-Ratepayer) spoke not for or against the project and commented on the transparency and procedures of the board.

Susan Keen (Ratepayer) spoke against the project and commented about the process and costs of the project.

Sima Bracken (Ratepayer) did not speak for or against the project and suggested the other Municipalities also hold public meetings.

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-624 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into regular session at 12:15 p.m.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

23-625 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2023-69, 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 23rd day of September, 2023.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-626 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 12:17 p.m. to meet again on October 3, 2023; or at the call of the Mayor.



David Moore, Mayor



Ina Watkinson, Clerk/Administrator

Carried