



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2023

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 5:03 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

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

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Moved by: Councillor Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

23-565 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Agenda, as presented.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-566 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 5:05 p.m. to discuss the following items;

- 5.1 Minutes of Closed Session – August 15, 2023 & August 21, 2023
- 5.2 Acquisition or Disposition of Land; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(c) – Land Expropriation & Land Acquisition
- 5.3 Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local board employees, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(b) – Human Resources Policy
- 5.4 Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act, Section 239(2)(f) – Roads

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland
Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

23-567 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into regular open session of Council at 6:34 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

Present: Mayor David Moore
Councillors Morley Haskim, Mike Kekkonen, Nick Ryeland, Debbie Zulak
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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 Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-568 **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 5, 2023.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

23-569 **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 and Environmental Committee regarding Investigations of Water Quality in the Township of McKellar for 2023.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-570 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the August 15, 2023 and the August 21, 2023 Regular Meetings of Council, as circulated.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

23-571 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the MNR application for Purchase of Crown Shore Reserve at 26 Stormy Point Road; and

FURTHER direct staff to complete the Municipal Comment Form stating that the intended use conforms to the Township's Planning Policies and return to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Deferred

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-572 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the draft Conditions Met Letter dated September 5, 2023 for OLT Case No. OLT-22-004360 (Salway); and



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FURTHER that Council authorize staff to sign the letter and forward to the appropriate agencies.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

23-573 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the request in principle to Stop Up, Close and Sell part of the Original Road Allowance on Fox Farm Road as requested by Andrew Snurnitsin subject to the following conditions:

1. The registered owner of Con 9 Lot 25 be notified by mail of the proposed road closure immediately;
2. The right of way (Part 4 RP 42R-18470) be extended and registered, continuing to grant access to Con 9 Lot 25;
3. The road closure shall not interfere with future improvements (widening) of Fox Farm Road;
4. That abutting owners have the right to purchase a portion of the Road Allowance with associated costs.

DIVISION VOTE

YEAS: Councillors Haskim, Ryeland, Zulak, Mayor Moore

NAYS: Councillor Kekkonen

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-574 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the June 28, 2023 Meetings of the Board of Health and the Personnel Policy, Labour/ Employee Relations Committee of The Board of Health.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

23-575 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the June 26, 2023 Meeting of the Township of McKellar Public Library Board.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-576 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report No. T-2023-9 Budgetary Control Report for the Six Months Ending June 30, 2023 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

- 23-577** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report No. T-2023-10 Renewal of 2023-2024 Municipal Insurance Policy from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes; and
- FURTHER THAT** Council will accept the renewal from Intact Public Entities.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

- 23-578** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report No. BYLAW-2023-07 Monthly By-law Report for August 2023 from By-law Enforcement Officer, Chris Everitt, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

- 23-579** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the letter dated August 17, 2023 from Shelley Stoneman regarding a request for playground equipment to be installed in Broadbent; and
- FURTHER** direct staff to include playground equipment in the draft 2024 budget discussions at which time, quotations can be collected beforehand and presented to Council during budget discussions.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

- 23-580** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the agenda and registration form from the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association for their Fall Meeting to be held on September 29, 2023 at the Dunchurch Community Centre; and
- FURTHER** authorize interested members of Council to attend the meeting with all applicable expenses to be paid by the Township.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

- 23-581** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the September 2023 Library Updates from Debbie Woods, Chair of the Township of McKellar Public Library Board, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

- 23-582** **WHEREAS** the principles of transparency, accountability, and open governance are paramount in fostering trust and engagement between local government and its ratepayers; and
- WHEREAS** visual recordings of council meetings have the potential to provide an accurate and comprehensive representation of discussions, decisions, and proceedings during these meetings;



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby direct staff to investigate options for providing visual recording of Council Meetings and provide a Report to Council detailing the cost, functionality and time when this could be feasible by the October 3, 2023 Regular Meeting of Council.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

23-583 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby deem the out of service refrigerator and dishwasher previously used in the Community Centre Kitchen surplus; and

FURTHER consider donation of the appliances to the Hurdville Community Club.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-584 **WHEREAS** Committees of the Township of McKellar incur expenses from time to time; and

WHEREAS Committee members may have to pay for an invoice from their personal account and submit an expense claim to the Township office;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby support the following procedure for Committee purchases:

- 1) That the Committee identifies a need for a purchase, whether it is for supplies, equipment, services, or any other items necessary to fulfill the committee's objective. Committee members must ensure they have checked with Township Staff to ensure the Township does not already have that item/resource/service available or the item is available at a special vendor price through the Township's business accounts;
- 2) That the Committee reviews its budget to ensure that funds are available for the intended purchase. The purchase should be in line with the committee's goals and objectives;
- 3) That if a purchase exceeds three hundred dollars (before tax) that the Committee Resolution be attached to the expense form;
- 4) That an **expense form** is completed **in full**, to the satisfaction of the Treasurer. The expense form must include only items purchased for the Committee (omit personal items) and detail the vendor's name, address, a description of the item purchased, subtotal, HST and grand total;
- 5) Expense claims not completed on a Township expense form, will be denied. Once the form is completed in full and to the satisfaction of the Treasurer, only then will it be processed;
- 6) Expense claims must be submitted to the Township Office no later than Tuesday for the cheque to be issued the same week. Accounts payable is



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completed on Thursdays, cheques are available on Fridays, unless unforeseeable circumstances arise);

- 7) (a) All expenses must be approved by the Chair of the Committee. The Chair must sign the expense form as an approval process.
(b) Original receipts/invoices must be attached to the expense form.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

23-585 **WHEREAS** the Mayors of Parry Sound and Seguin met with MPP Steven Clark and MPP Graydon Smith on August 3, 2023 to discuss opportunities associated with Regional amalgamation of West Parry Sound area municipalities; and

WHEREAS some of the Mayors of the West Parry Sound District met on August 10, 2023 in the Seguin offices to discuss Regional amalgamation; and

WHEREAS it is our understanding that the Province has stated that no municipality will be forced to amalgamate with any other municipalities without the municipality's permission and agreement; and

WHEREAS there was discussion of an independent third-party study of shared services and governance of the seven (7) area municipalities which may be funded by the province; and

WHEREAS this study was to include asset management, shared services, human resources, taxation, by-laws, etc.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of McKellar has no interest in amalgamating with any other area municipalities as we see no economic benefit to amalgamation which would only result in higher taxes and reduced services for the Township of McKellar rate payers; and

FURTHER THAT the Township of McKellar has no interest in participating in any of the suggested studies with the other area municipalities as we view this as a 'slippery slope' leading to amalgamation; and

FINALLY, THAT this motion be circulated to the West Parry Sound area municipalities, MPP Paul Calandra, MPP Graydon Smith and Premier Doug Ford.

DIVISION VOTE

YEAS: Councillors Haskim, Kekkonen, Ryeland, Zulak, Mayor Moore

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-586 **WHEREAS** the West Parry Sound Area Recreation and Cultural Centre Board, formerly known as the West Parry Sound Pool Committee, visited member Municipalities in 2020-2021 to deliver a presentation on the Pool and Wellness Centre project; and



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WHEREAS the Township of McKellar was scheduled for a presentation to occur on January 14, 2021; and

WHEREAS the presentation was cancelled and never rescheduled; and

WHEREAS it is understood that there have been some changes since the original presentation was delivered;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby propose that a Special Public Meeting be scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2023 for Council and ratepayers to be presented with information regarding the status of the project, financial obligations to the Township, fundraising goals and future obligations that the Township, and therefore its ratepayers will have; and

FURTHER THAT this public meeting be advertised well in advance and held in the Township of McKellar Community Centre, with Zoom access provided; and

FURTHER THAT the chair, and/or his representative of the Joint Municipal Service Board, attend the public meeting in person to address questions and concerns from the attendees.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

23-587 **WHEREAS** By-law 2023-54 was Read for a First and Second time on July 18, 2023; and

WHEREAS Members of Council, Employees and Public Office Holders of the Township of McKellar were asked to submit their comments regarding the By-law to the Deputy Clerk by August 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS no comments were received;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2023-54, being a By-law to Adopt a Code of Conduct for Members of Council, Employees and Public Office Holders of the Township of McKellar, a Third reading;

And further Passed in Open Council this 5th day of September, 2023.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-588 **WHEREAS** By-law 2023-55 was deferred at the July 18, 2023 Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS during the Committee of the Whole, held during the Regular Meeting of Council on August 1, 2023, Council decided to continue to accept tires at the Township's Transfer Station;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2023-55, Being a By-law to Regulate the Use and Operation of the Township Transfer Station, a First and Second reading;



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And further Read a Third time and Passed in Open Council this 5th day of September, 2023.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

23-589 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)

Tony Best spoke in support of shared services with area Municipalities. Tony spoke on improving communications for core issues in the Community.

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

23-590 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2023-64, 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 5th day of September, 2023.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

23-591 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 10:44 p.m. to meet again on September 19, 2023; or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

David Moore, Mayor

Ina Watkinson, Clerk/Administrator