

#5 (a)



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 12th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in person in the meeting room or by phone.

1. Opening of Meeting and Call to Order:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Roll Call: Mayor took a roll call:

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Bonita Culhane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Louanne Caza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Elaine Fic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Annie Keft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Francine Plante	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Clerk-Treasurer – Karine Pelletier
Public Works Superintendent – Mark Brown

Members of the audience present: 6

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum:

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic **59/2024**
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft **Adoption of Agenda**

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 12, 2024, be adopted.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

- Councillor Louanne Caza declared a conflict on item #12 (a) By-Law to Establish pay grids.
- Mayor Bonita Culhane declared conflict on item #10 (g) Township Insurance.
- Councillor Francine Plante declared a conflict on item #10 (l) Letter from Tourist Committee requesting in kind donation.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings :

Moved by Councillor Francine Plante **60/2024**
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic **Regular Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 13, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

61/2024
Closed Meeting Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Close Meeting of Council held on November 28, 2023, December 12, 2023, January 9, 2024 and February 13, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

6. Matters arising from the minutes: None

7. Deputations / Delegations:

-J.L. Richards (Sarah Verreault) – Update on the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law and on Strategic Plan.

8. Correspondence / Information:

- a) Ministry of Transportation – Licence Plate Renewal.
- b) Public Works Superintendent – Half Loads Discussion.
- c) Ministry of Finance – Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) update.
- d) Timiskaming Health Unit – Merger Update.
- e) Treasury Board Secretariat – Approval letter for Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (“CEPG”) Program.
- f) Timiskaming Health Unit – Update on Community Safety and Well-Being Committee.

9. Members Update Reports :

Mayor and Members of Council gave a verbal report.

10. New Business :

- a) Moved by Councillor Francine Plante
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

62/2024
Recreation Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Recreation Committee held on January 15, 2024, and February 6, 2024 be adopted.

Carried

- b) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

63/2024
Policing Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Community Policing Committee Meeting held on January 8, 2024 be approved.

Carried

- c) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

64/2024
Tourist Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Tourist Committee Meeting held on October 4, 2023 and on February 7, 2024 be approved.

Carried

- d) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

65/2024
Time Change Committee meetings

THAT Council agrees with the request from the Community Policing Committee and the Tourist Centre Committee to change their monthly meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. effective immediately.

Carried

- e) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

66/2024
Library Board Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Library Board Meeting held on January 29, 2024 be approved.

Carried

- f) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza

67/2024
Cyient Request

THAT Council agrees with the proposal work and MC Permit request from Cyient to install a short section of underground conduit from an existing Bell pole onto the property of the Township bring fiber optics connection to the area in hopes of improving our service.

Carried

- g) Mayor Culhane declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Councillor Annie Keft took over the chair of as Deputy Mayor.

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

68/2024
MIS Insurance

THAT Council read the report and directs the Clerk to purchase facility user annual low risk event liability insurance at a cost of approximately \$1,200.00 to \$1,500.00 a year.

Carried

Mayor Culhane came back to the meeting room.

- h) Moved by Councillor Annie Keft
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

69/2024
OCWA Report

THAT Council read the 2023 Annual/Summary report received from Ontario Clean Water Agency.

Carried

- i) Moved by Councillor Francine Plante **70/2024**
Seconded by Councilor Louanne Caza **Strategic Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee held on January 23, 2024, be approved.

Carried

- j) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic **71/2024**
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft **New Member Strategic Planning**

THAT Council accepts the recommendation from the Strategic Planning Committee to add Wendy Weller as a new member on the Committee.

Carried

- k) Moved by Councillor Annie Keft **72/2024**
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic **UCFO**

THAT Council agrees to grant L'Union Culturelle des Franco-Ontariennes of Virginiatown the use of the meeting room free of charge to hold a Bingo on April 28th and on June 2nd, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Carried

- l) Councillor Francine Plante declared a conflict of interest and left the room.

Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza **73/2024**
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft **Tourist Letter**

THAT Council agrees to grant in kind donation (cups, shirt, ect...) to the Tourist Committee for door prizes for their season Opening.

Carried

Councillor Francine Plante came back to the meeting room.

- m) Moved by Councillor Francine Plante **74/2024**
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft **New Member Tourist Committee**

THAT Council accepts the recommendation from the Tourist Centre Committee to add Wendy Weller as a new member of the committee.

Carried

11. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Councillor Francine Plante **75/2024**
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic **Accounts**

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

FEBRUARY 2024

Payroll: \$ 24,704.04
General: \$ 139,933.45

Carried

12. Passing of By-Laws:

- a) Councillor Louanne Caza declared a conflict of interest and left the room.

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

76/2024
By-Law 2024-10

THAT a By-Law to amend By-Law 2001-03 being a By-Law to establish pay grids for employees of the Township of McGarry be read three times and passed this 12th day of March 2024 and be numbered By-Law 2024-10.

Carried

Councillor Louanne Caza came back to the meeting room.

- b) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

77/2024
By-Law 2024-11

THAT a By-Law to allow for Temporary Borrowing with Royal Bank be read three times and passed this 12th day of March 2024 and numbered By-Law 2024-11.

Carried

13. a) Submitted Questions : None

- b) **Audience Questions:** A question period was held.

14. Closed Meeting:

Moved by Councillor Annie Keft
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

78/2024
Closed Meeting

THAT Council goes into closed session at 7:15 p.m. under the Municipal Act 2001. C25, s 239, Section (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza

79/2024
Out of Close Session

THAT Council come out of close session at 8:20 pm.

Carried

15. Confirmation By-Law:

Moved by Councillor Francine Plante
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

80/2024
Confirmation By-Law

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 12th day of March 2024 and numbered By-Law 2024-12.

Carried

16. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Annie Keft
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

81/2024
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Carried


MAYOR


CLERK-TREASURER