

Minutes of a **Regular Meeting** of Council of the Township of McGarry held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room, Community Centre in Virginiatown, Ontario.

PRESENT

MAYOR: Clermont Lapointe

COUNCILLORS: Paul Côté
Annie Toupin-Keft
Bonita Culhane

Elaine Fic

ALSO PRESENT:

ACTING CLERK TREASURER: Sylvie Côté

AUDIENCE: 16 Members of the Public

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Lapointe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of Agenda:

- Councillor Bonita Culhane read a statement regarding the situation of the absence of the Clerk/Treasurer.

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Elaine Fic

07/16
Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda for the January 12, 2016 meeting of Council be adopted.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: None

4. Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Elaine Fic
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

08/16
Regular Council Minutes

THAT the minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held on November 17th, 2015 and the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on December 21st, 2015 be adopted.

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None

6. Delegations/Deputations:

None

7. a) Submitted Questions:

None.

b) Audience Questions:

- Colette Tardif asked the Council if Mayor Clermont Lapointe would address the poor upkeep in winter of Hwy 66 from the Quebec Border to Larder Lake.
- Matt Reimer asked if we would be looking into changing our website due to poor navigation, and requested that the calendar be updated more frequently.

8. Correspondence:

- a) Matt & Wilhelmina Reimer: Letter of Thanks for the 2015 Citizen of the Year Award / Received & filed.
- b) M.P, Charlie Angus: Letter of Thanks for 2015 Federal Election / Received & filed.

9. Councillor Reports:

Mayor Lapointe

- Regarding the Solar Panels, everything is on schedule and we started to draw money.
- DTSSAB are working on the new budget.
- Emergency training was held in Virginiatown, next year will be held in Larder Lake.
- The Council is currently working on the budget.
- He is to meet with John Vanthof and discuss poor road conditions.

Councillor Côté

- Public Works started snow removal.
- Stop signs have been installed at the railway crossing on Cheminis Road.
- He attended his last Library Meeting on November 23rd, 2015. Councillor Bonita Culhane is now the Chairperson for the Library.
- At the last Strategic Planning, there was talk of new signs be put up when the new Hwy is up and running, also they talked about getting promotional video's made of the Township of McGarry.
- November TMA meeting was cancelled due to poor weather.

Councillor Toupin-Keft

- Recreation has been very busy in December. There was the Kid's lunch with Santa, with 58 children plus parents attending. Thanked Merdy Armstrong for doing such a good job as Santa, Melanie Tremblay for the beaver tails and everyone on Council for their support for this event.
- New Year's Eve Dance - sold 57 tickets. Thanked the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 384, the Live Band Flashback and River Valley Restaurant for their wonderful buffet.
- Announced the winners of the Christmas Lights Contest:

1 st Prize of \$75.00	Virginiatown North Virginiatown Kearns	Rick and Cheryl White Kevin and Janey Charlton Susan and Joe Moses
2 nd Prize of \$25.00	Virginiatown North Virginiatown Kearns	Ralph and Carol Schmitz Glen Baker and Pat Armstrong Jean-Yves and Françoise Godin

Thanked Abigail Keft, Colinda Kowbassa, Lorette Francoeur and Neil Albright for all their help.

Councillor Elaine Fic

- There was no meeting in December.
- The Annual Craft Sale was very successful, 26 tables were rented.
- Upcoming meetings:
 - Community Policing - January 13th, 2016
 - Tourist Committee regarding Jamboree - January 14th, 2016
 - 70th Anniversary Meeting - January 18th, 2016 @ 7:00.

Councillor Bonita Culhane

- Property Standards are working on Procedures and Policies.
- She will be attending her first Library Meeting as a Chairperson on January 18th, 2016.
- She will be attending a Family Health Team Meeting.
- The Auxiliary Women raised \$646.00 and will be donating it to the McGarry Fire Department.

10. New Business

- a) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Paul Côté

09/16
Recreation Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on December 1st, 2015 be approved.
Carried

- b) Moved by Paul Côté
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

10/16
Strategic Planning Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting held on November 24, 2015 be approved.

Carried

- c) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Elaine Fic

11/16
Community Policing Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Community Policing Committee held on November 18, 2015 be approved.

Carried

- d) Moved by Paul Côté
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

12/16
Library Board Minutes

THAT the minutes of the McGarry Public Library Board Meeting held on November 23, 2015 be approved.

Carried.

- e) Memo Tourism Committee - New members

- f) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Elaine Fic

13/16
Fire Department Surplus

THAT the McGarry Fire Department 2015 surplus funds in the amount of \$8,312.67 be transferred to Reserves.

Carried.

- g) Moved by Elaine Fic
Seconded by Paul Côté

14/16
Insurance Proposal / OCWA

THAT Council accepts the Insurance Proposal from Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) for Municipal Water and Sewer Insurance coverage from February 1, 2016 to February 1, 2017 in the total amount of \$3,500.00.

Carried

- h) Moved by Elaine Fic
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

15/16
Water and Wastewater Quarterly
Report

THAT Council receive and accept McGarry Water and Wastewater Systems Quarterly Operations Report for July 1 to September 30, 2015.

Carried

- i) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Elaine Fic

16/16
Inclusion of City of Temiskaming
Shores as a member of TMBA

Be it resolved that the Council for the Township of McGarry hereby approves the inclusion of the City of Temiskaming Shores as a member of the Temiskaming Municipal Building Association (TMBA).

Defeated

- j) Centre de Santé Communautaire du Témiskaming - Quote for Painting:
Council advised Acting Clerk/Treasurer to send flyers requesting additional quotes.

- k) Township of Gauthier - Rental, Lease or Selling of Zamboni:
Council would consider daily lease with proper signed contract but not in agreement to lease or selling of Zamboni.

11. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Elaine Fic

17/16
Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

November 2015 General:	\$101,132.17
November 2015 Payroll:	\$ 17,456.83
December 2015 General:	\$133,064.66
December 2015 Payroll:	\$ 15,627.43

Carried

12. Passing of By-Laws:

Moved by Elaine Fic
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

18/16
By-Law 2016-03

THAT a By-Law for an Interim Tax Levy for the years 2016 be considered read three times and passed this 12th day of January, 2016 and numbered By-Law 2016-03.

Carried

13. Closed Meeting: None

14. Confirmation By-Law

Moved by Elaine Fic
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

19/16
Confirmation By-Law

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be considered read three times and passed this 12th day of January, 2016 and numbered By-Law 2016-04.

Carried

15. Adjournment:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

20/16
Adjournment

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Carried

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON FEBRUARY 9TH, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR

ACTING CLERK TREASURER

