

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Community Centre, Virginiatown, Ontario.

**PRESENT:**

**MAYOR:** Clermont Lapointe

**COUNCILLORS:** Annie Toupin-Keft  
Bonita Culhane  
Elaine Fic  
Wendy K. Weller

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**CLERK-TREASURER:** Sylvie Côté

**AUDIENCE:** 7 Members of the Public

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Clermont Lapointe welcomed everyone and wished everyone Happy New Year.

**2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda:**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**001/17**  
**Adoption of Agenda**

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be adopted with additions.

10. New Business  
(i) Volunteer Awards

Carried

**3. Disclosure of Conflict of interest:**

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft declared a conflict of interest on:

10. New Business  
(h) Recommendation from the Library Board.

**4. Adoption of Minutes:**

Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**002/17**  
**Special Council Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be adopted.

Carried

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be adopted.

Carried

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

None

**6. Delegations/Deputations:**

None

**7. a) Submitted Question:**

None

**b) Audience Questions:**

Miss Line Lamontagne asked:

- What does the transportation expenses implies in the Financial Statement? / Mayor answered that transportation implies Public Works.
- Why is there a huge difference in Recreation? / Mayor replied that it is mainly due to Hydro expenses.
- Why the difference in taxes receivable? / Mayor replied it is due to back taxes.
- Why the difference in cash value? / Mayor replied it is due to the Infrastructure Project invoices.
- Line asked if she could have more details /Mayor replied that the Clerk-Treasurer will look into it.

Mr. Merdy Armstrong

- Mr. Armstrong would like to know if Council is acting on MPAC regarding the extreme assessment. / Mayor replied that there will be a meeting in March with Te Mag and they will meet with MPAC representatives.

Colette Tardif

- Asked for an update on the relocation of the highway. / Mayor replied they are on schedule, ending October 2017.

**8. Correspondence Information**

None

**9. Council Reports:**

**Mayor Clermont Lapointe**

- Attended the DTSSAB meeting on December 14, 2016, discussed the Budget for 2017 and the Board is looking at no increases, will be finalized at the January 17, 2017 meeting.
- Council will be working on the 2017 Budget in February.

- Still waiting for answers from MPAC regarding the re-assessments.
- Meeting with the Kapuskasing representative for Solaire McGarry Solar Inc.

### **Councillor Bonita Culhane**

- Welcome. Hope 2017 is good to all.

### **Public Works**

- Parking on Municipal Streets overnight is prohibited during the winter months; vehicles may be towed away at owner's expense.
- Snow removal from private properties should not be placed on roadways or around fire hydrants.
- Public Work employees thank residents for their co-operation.
- Sander is now up and running.

### **Library**

- Next meeting is January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30. Everyone is welcome
- There were 3 names submitted to sit on as board members. All three names have been submitted to Council as a recommendation.
- Patron turn out has increased
- Children enjoyed the Christmas Bingo

### **Property Standards**

- Township looks clean and inviting
- Next meeting is January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room – Open to the public.
- Noise By-Law now in effect
- Looking for interested person to sit on the Committee
- Any concerns : forms are available at the Municipal Office

### **KL Health Centre**

- Walk-in clinic is successful
- Meeting near the end of January to revise and update their Strategic Plan
- Wishing all a ``Healthy`` New Year

### **Councillor Elaine Fic**

### **Fire Department**

- Next meeting is Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – Closed to the Public
- Poker Run – February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Tickets are still available

### **Policing**

- Waiting to hear from OPP for next meeting

### **Tourist**

- Next meeting is Thursday January 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room. Looking for interested people to sit on the Committee

### **Strategic Planning**

- Next meeting is Tuesday January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room

### **Councillor Wendy K. Weller**

- Happy New Year everyone.
- New on Council and wishes to thank everyone for their support.

### **Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft**

- Happy New Year everyone
- Regretfully mentioned that the New Year Eve's Dance was not successful
- The next Recreation Committee meeting will be February 7, 2017 at 7:00 pm. In the meeting room. Everyone is welcome

### **10. New Business:**

- a) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**004/17**  
**McGarry Public Library**

THAT the minutes of the McGarry Public Library meeting held on Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 be adopted.

Carried

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

**005/17**  
**Centre de Santé**

THAT Council approves the use of the Virginiatown Community Centre Kitchen for the activity (Cooking Together) hosted by the Centre de Santé du Témiskaming on January 17, 2017 and February 14, 2017.

Carried

- c) Moved by Wendy K. Weller  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**006/17**  
**FONOM Conference**

THAT Council approves that Mayor Clermont Lapointe attends the 2017 FONOM/MMA Northeastern Municipal Conference, May 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, being held in North Bay

Carried

- d) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**007/17**  
**AMCTO Conference**

THAT Council approves that Clerk-Treasurer Sylvie Côté attends the AMCTO's 79<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, June 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017, being held in Huntsville.

Carried

- e) Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**008/17**  
**Electricity in Ontario**

**Whereas** the price of electricity in Ontario has escalated to the level where the essential utility has become almost a luxury for many;

**And Whereas** this has resulted in hospitals, schools, municipalities, businesses, farms and industry being faced with unbudgeted and unanticipated increases in costs for this essential utility and forcing many residential users to actually ration the use of electricity;

**And Whereas** here in Temiskaming this has further resulted in valuable farmland being covered in solar panels and denied the vital agriculture crops that it would provide because of the excessive prices paid for this “green energy” produced by these panels;

**And Whereas** much of the Temiskaming District has to pay the highest rate of delivery charge for this needed service because of the low density levels in many areas of the District;

**And Whereas** we are forced to watch as our primary highways are burdened and prematurely fatigued with heavy transports carrying mine concentrates out of Ontario into Quebec so as to benefit from the much lower hydro rates in that Province;

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Temiskaming Municipal Association implores the Province of Ontario and the Minister of Energy, the Honourable Glenn Thibeault, to reduce the rates of this very essential utility to a level that will once more be affordable and predictable for the aforementioned users;

**And Furthermore** that this resolution be forwarded to the member municipalities of the TMA, MPP John Vanthorff, FONOM, The Speaker and Northern News for support.

Carried

- f) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**009/17**  
**Fire Department**

**Whereas** the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, legislates that fire prevention, public education and fire protection services are mandatory municipal responsibility;

**And Whereas** there are a total of 449 Fire Departments operating in the province comprised of 32 Full-Time Firefighters, 19,347 Volunteer Firefighters and 343 Part-Time Firefighters staffing there departments;

**And Whereas** the Municipal Fire Department and associated assets represent critical municipal infrastructure;

**And Whereas** there are currently no funding opportunities available from the Provincial or the Federal Government for the equipment, training, maintenance, operating or capital requirements of local fire departments;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved** that the Council of the Township of McGarry hereby petition the Provincial Government to recognize the municipal fire service as critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Government Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward;

**And Further** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

h) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**010/17**  
**Library Board**

THAT Council accepts the recommendation from the McGarry Public Library Board that Abbigail Keft sits as a board member. (Annie Toupin-Keft declared a conflict of interest)

Carried

Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**011/17**  
**Library Board**

THAT Council accepts the recommendation from the McGarry Public Library Board that Monique Lafond sits as a board member.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**012/17**  
**Library Board**

THAT Council accepts the recommendation from the McGarry Public Library Board that Margot Jolette sits as a board member.

Carried

## **11. Passing of Accounts:**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**013/17**  
**Passing of Accounts**

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

Payroll:	\$18,143.02
General:	\$101,346.31

Carried

**12. Passing of By-Law:**

Moved by Elain Fic  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**014/17**  
**By-Law #2017-01**

THAT a By-Law for an Interim Tax Levy for the year 2017 be considered read three times and passed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January and numbered By-Law 2017-01.

Carried

**13. Closed Meeting:**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**015/17**  
**Closed Meeting**

THAT Council go into closed meeting at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of personnel and financial matters.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**016/17**  
**Out of Closed Meeting**

THAT Council come out of closed meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**017/17**  
**Tax Write-Off**

THAT Council approves the write off of the remaining taxes owing for the following accounts: 6751, 7064, 7072, 7163, 7155, 7147, 7139, 7105, 6826, 6743, 6735, 6701, 6694, 6511, 6503, 6222, 7329, 6074, 7080, 6230, 6561, 6537, totalling \$39,155.52.

Carried

**14. Confirmation of By-Law:**

Moved Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**018/17**  
**By-Law Confirmation**

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be considered read three times and passed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017 and numbered By-Law 2017-02.

Carried

**15. Adjournment:**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**019/17**  
**Adjournment**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Carried

Next Council Meeting will be on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

---

**MAYOR**

**SIGNATURES ON FILE**

---

**CLERK-TREASURER**