

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Community Centre, Virginiatown, Ontario.

**PRESENT:**

**MAYOR:** Clermont Lapointe

**COUNCILLORS:** Bonita Culhane  
Elaine Fic  
Wendy K. Weller

**ABSENT WITH REGRET:** Annie Toupin-Keft

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**CLERK-TREASURER:** Sylvie Côté

**AUDIENCE:** 10 Members of the Public

**1. Call to Order**

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

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

Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**52/17**  
**Adoption of Agenda**

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be adopted with additions.

10. New Business  
I) AMO Conference

Carried

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

None

**4. Adoption of Minutes:**

Moved by Wendy K. Weller  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**53/17**  
**Regular Council Meeting**

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be adopted.

Carried

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

None

**6. Delegations/Deputations:**

Presentation to the McGarry Fire Department of a cheque in the amount of \$1,110.25 from the Pioneer Auxiliary.

- Donation will be used in the purchase of road ramps.

**7. a) Submitted Question:**

None

**b) Audience Questions:**

- Mr. Bill Culhane: requested on Natural gas. / Mayor replied that at the TeMag meeting in April, natural gas will be discussed.

**8. Correspondence Information**

- Ministry of Transportation  
Received and filed
- Request from Royal Canadian Legion Branch 384  
Received and filed
- 2017 Municipal Stakeholder Research  
Received and filed

## 9. Council Reports:

### **Mayor Clermont Lapointe**

- February 15<sup>th</sup> attended DTSSAB meeting, there will be no increase in the budget for 2017.
- March 4<sup>th</sup> attended TeMag meeting in Earlton, discussion on ONR bus services, MPAC assessments.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup>, public meeting with MPAC in Virginiatown, 54 people attended
- Now working on Budget 2017

### **Councillor Bonita Culhane**

#### **Public Works**

- Budget meeting to be held before month end.
- Snow removal is ongoing
- There has been a water break, public works already repaired
- Called in casual help to cover daily duties
- March 15<sup>th</sup> – Emergency Management training, Public Works Superintendent will be in attendance.
- Welcome Mr. Neil Albright to the Public Works Department: he is a long time resident, brings experience, equipment operator, has water certification.

#### **Library**

- Budget meeting to be announced
- Regular monthly meeting March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Open to the public, all are welcome
- Activities March Break
  - March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (9:15 – 11:30) Movie and Crafts
  - March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (9:30 – 11:30) Bingo- Crafts
- Letter sent to Council from the Board requesting additional increase in grant

#### **Property Standards**

- Monthly meeting March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room – Open to the public, all are welcome.
- Forms are available at the Office for complaints and/or concerns
- A clean up week will be scheduled. Residents are encouraged to place personal chattels on their own property.

## **Councillor Elaine Fic**

### **Fire Department**

- Meeting Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- Practices are the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays of the month
- The Poker Run was a success, with approximately 100 snow machines.
- Looking for members; applications can be picked up at the Municipal Office.
- Budget meeting by the end of the month.

### **Tourism**

- Last meeting was on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Began planning for the Jamboree
- Tourist Committee will be putting a time capsule together for Canada 150
- The Committee is preparing for Canada 150
- Next meeting is Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
- Meeting on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> for budget.

## **Councillor Wendy K. Weller**

### **Strategic Planning**

Met on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 no quorum.

Presentation from Leisure Farms on an all season dome structure. Mr Michel Deschatelets will need to come back in the spring in order to present the Committee with a quote.

### **Recreation Committee**

Saturday March 18, 2017, holding a March Break Treat starting at noon. Hot Dogs will be served and the McGarry Volunteer Firemen will be serving maple syrup on the snow.

## **10. New Business:**

- a) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**54/17**  
**McGarry Public Library**

THAT the minutes of the McGarry Public Library meeting held on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be adopted.

Carried

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

**55/17**  
**Recreation Committee**

THAT the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be adopted.

Carried

- c) Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**56/17**  
**Friends of Larder**

THAT Council approves a donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Friends of Larder Lake, assisting them to reach their fundraising goal for a splash pad/rink combination.

Defeated

- d) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**57/17**  
**Donation**

THAT Council approves a donation in the amount of \$100.00 to École Catholique St-Louis, assisting them for their Bingo.

Carried

- e) Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**58/17**  
**OCWA**

THAT Council receive from Ontario Clean Water Agency, and accept the Virginiatown-Kearns Drinking System 2016 Annual/Summary Report.

Carried

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

**59/17**  
**Earlton Library**

**WHEREAS** the Township of McGarry supports the Earlton Public Library; and

**WHEREAS** the Township recognizes the value that the libraries bring to the Township and area by providing essential services to members of the public, including computer and internet access where it may otherwise be unavailable; and

**WHEREAS** the Township of McGarry has been notified that the Earlton Public Library has lost funding for Internet Connectivity in 2017;

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that Council of the Township of McGarry hereby requests the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and Southern Ontario Library Service maintains funding for Internet Connectivity; and

**THAT** this resolution be circulated to MTCS, Southern Ontario Library Service, MP Charlie Angus, MPP Vanthorpe and the Premier of Ontario Kathleen Wynne.

Carried

h) Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**60/17**  
**Spring Bear Hunt**

**WHEREAS** The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) extended the spring bear hunt pilot for 2017

**AND WHEREAS** there is inequity in the allocation of non-resident bear license validation forms;

**AND WHEREAS** the science used in the calculation of black bear population density is inaccurate and outdated;

**AND WHEREAS** the Northeastern Ontario Bear Management Association has asked to assist the MNRF with gathering new scientific data;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Township of McGarry request the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to recognize and begin discussion with the Northeastern Ontario Bear Management Association for the fair and equitable distribution of non-resident bear license validation forms for 2017 and beyond;

**AND THAT** this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Kathryn McGarry Ministry of Natural Resources and all (TMA) member municipalities as well as Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

Carried

Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**61/17**  
**Tourist Seat**

THAT Council accepts the recommendation from the Tourist Committee that Nyla Koomans sits as a Tourist Committee member.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**62/17**  
**Tourist Seat**

THAT Council accepts the recommendation from the Tourist Committee that Paulette Paquet sits as a Tourist Committee member.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**63/17**  
**Recreation Seat**

THAT Council accepts the recommendation from the Recreation Committee that Mélanie Jensen sits as a Recreation Committee member.

Carried

Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**64/17**  
**Hiring**

THAT Council approve of hiring Neil Albright to the position of Labourer/Operator with a probation period of six months in order to obtain the mandatory certification for water & wastewater system, with a starting date of March 15, 2017.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**65/17**  
**Tourist Centre Meeting**

THAT Council approves that the meeting night for the Tourist Committee meeting be changed from the first Wednesday of the month to the first Thursday of the month.

Carried

Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**66/17**  
**AMO**

THAT Mayor Clermont Lapointe be authorized to attend the AMO (Association of Municipalities in Ontario) Conference that will be held in Ottawa, Ontario, August 13<sup>th</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Carried

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

Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**67/17**  
**Passing of Accounts**

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

Payroll:	\$16,475.85
General:	\$112,679.44

Carried

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

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**68/17**  
**By-Law #2017-07**

THAT a By-Law to adopt a Code of Conduct for Members of Council, Committee Members and Local Boards, and numbered By-Law # 2017-07.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**69/17**  
**By-Law #2017-08**

THAT A By-Law to adopt a Code of Conduct for employees, and numbered By-Law # 2017-08.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**70/17**  
**By-Law #2017-09**

Being a By-Law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Mrs. Carolle Victorine Paradis, to lease land from the Township of McGarry. By-Law #2017-09.

Carried

### **13. Closed Meeting:**

Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**71/17**  
**Closed Meeting**

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

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**72/17**  
**Out of Closed Meeting**

THAT Council come out of closed meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**73/17**  
**Library Board**

THAT Council took into consideration the recommendation from the McGarry Library Board in regards to their budget and acts as follows:

Defeated

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

Moved Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**74/17**  
**By-Law Confirmation**

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be considered read three times and passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017 and numbered By-Law 2017-10.

Carried



**15. Adjournment:**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**75/17**  
**Adjournment**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Carried

Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

**SIGNATURES ON FILE**

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**CLERK-TREASURER**