

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, October 10th, 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
Annie Toupin-Keft
Wendy K. Weller

ALSO PRESENT:

CLERK-TREASURER: Sylvie Côté

AUDIENCE: 11 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 Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Elaine Fic

212/17
Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, October 10th, 2017 be adopted with additions.

Carried

12. c) By-Law to reduce speed limit

3. Disclosure of Conflict of interest:

None

4. Adoption of Minutes:

Moved by Elaine Fic
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

213/17
Regular Council Meeting

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, September 12th, 2017 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

214/17
Special Council Meeting

THAT the minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held on Monday September 25th, 2017 be adopted.

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None

6. Delegations/Deputations:

Mr. Andrew Snowdon

- Addressed Council to respond to questions asked at the regular meeting of Council held on July 11th, 2017.

7. a) Submitted Question:

None

b) Audience Questions:

Colette Tardif

- Concerned about the new exit to Virginiatown – a sharp curve. / Mayor replied that there was a meeting with the engineers and there was a request to add guard rails on both sides and address the speed limit.
- Inquired about the old pavement. / Mayor replied that it will be removed.

Matt Reimer

- Concerned about the new highway, entrance to Virginiatown, worst at night and concerned about winter time. / Will bring the concern to MTO.
- Kerr Crescent, dirt bikes/ speed signs will be displayed.

Muriel Rose

- Asked if the Township will address the barriers on Township property, 14-27th Street. / Mayor replied that there will be new pavement on that street.

Bill Culhane

- Wanted clarification from the March meeting if there was a letter signed on Township letterhead by Mayor regarding the former Clerk-Treasurer. / Mayor replied that the letter in question from the March meeting that appeared in the newspaper was not signed by him.
- Councillor Bonita Culhane advised that Council was not to discuss the matter due to a court case that is still ongoing.
- Mr. Culhane asked that his question be recorded.

Colette Tardif

- Asked if there will be a light at the 27th Street and Hwy 66 intersection. / Mayor replied that this concern will be brought forward to the Ministry of Transportation.

8. Correspondence Information

- Re-Inspection request for the Township of McGarry – Received and Filed

9. Council Reports:

Mayor Clermont Lapointe

- We are doing very good to date regarding the budget
- Audit has been done; the Township has a surplus of \$102,000.00 mostly due to Aecon bringing in contaminated soil to the Landfill site.
- Met with Aecon about concerns of the relocation of Hwy 66.
- Relocation of Hwy 66 is on schedule
- Attended AFMO Conference in Ottawa; attended many workshops such as O.P.P; MPAC; Bill 68; Bill 141; Ombudsman.
- Integrity Commissioner to be in place by March 2019; other provisions to be in place January 1st, 2018.

Councillor Annie-Toupin-Keft

Recreation

- Recreation has been busy.
- Planning the Halloween dance on October 28th; Bar and food will be Mama's Corner Restaurant; DJ B Sharp Sound Solution from South Porcupine.
- Next Recreation meeting is November 7th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room and is opened to the public.

Councillor Wendy K. Weller

Community Policing Meeting

- Was held on September 20th, 2017; guest speaker Constable Sandro Cave. O.P.P. KL. Detachment. He spoke on cottage safety and fraud revenue; discussed possible traffic violations occurring on 27th street and driving impairment under the influence of marijuana.
- Next meeting will be in November; there will be an insert in the next water bill with further details.

Strategic Planning

- Clearlogic is putting a package together.
- The next meeting is November 28th, 2017

Councillor Bonita Culhane

Public Works

- Fall cleanup is underway
- Boil water advisory for all parts of Kearns was issued September 28th, 2017 and October 3rd, 2017.
- Water break reported October 10th, 2017.
- Landfill Site – Winter hours are in effect from October 1st, 2017 till April 30th, 2018.

Library

- Library Board met October 2nd, 2017.
- Summer statistics show good usage of facilities; summer student volunteered to help out during the winter months.
- Library week is October 15th to October 21st.
- Seniors Day is October 18th, 2017.
- Received capacity grant (#2) \$7,328.00
- Next meeting is October 16th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Property Standards

- Regular meeting will be changed from October 17th, to October 24th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Public is welcome to attend
- Temporary shelter may be erected. October 1st to April 30th if placed past the front corner of the house. Back and side yard temporary shelters may remain intact providing they are in good repair.

K.L. Health Centre

- Attended Board meeting September 21st, 2017

Councillor Elaine Fic

Fire Department

- The Fire Department met on Sunday September 24th, 2017. 11 members were present.
- Fire Prevention week is October 8th till October 14th, 2017. "Every Second Count, Plan 2 Ways Out".
- Fire Department asked if the municipality would cover their medicals for their class D license and if the municipality could cover hepatitis vaccination.
- They are also requesting that a cell phone be provided by the Township.
- Next meeting is Sunday, October 29th, 2017.

Tourism

- The Tourist Committee met on October 4th, 2017.
- Preparations are underway for the 2018 Country Jamboree.
- The Committee is requesting that the Committee be changed from 7 members to 5 members and that the meeting would be held on the first Wednesday of the month.
- The Annual Christmas Craft & Bake Sale is on Saturday November 18th, 2017.
- The Christmas tree lighting is on Sunday November 19th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

10. New Business:

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

215/17
Public Library

THAT the minutes of the McGarry Public Library meeting held on Monday, May 15th, 2017 be adopted.

Carried

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

216/17
Recreation Committee

THAT the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday August 1st, 2017 be adopted.

Carried

- c) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Elaine Fic

217/17
Community Policing

THAT Council accept the letter of resignation from Mark Brown, as a member of the Property Standards Committee, and declares the seat vacant.

Carried

- d) Moved by Elaine Fic **218/17**
Seconded by Bonita Culhane **Christmas Hours**

THAT Council has received and approved the memo from Clerk-Treasurer Sylvie Côté in respect to Christmas hours of operation for the Municipal Office, Public Works Department and the McGarry Public Library.

Carried

- e) Moved by Bonita Culhane **219/17**
Seconded by Elaine Fic **Clerk-Typist**

THAT Council approves of hiring Madelaine Lafrenière to the position of Clerk-Typist/Part-Time with training starting Wednesday, October 4th, 2017.

Carried

- f) Moved by Elaine Fic **220/17**
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft **Infrastructure Fund**

THAT Council approves of an application to Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Top-Up Component for 27th Avenue water and sewer upgrades.

Carried

- g) Moved by Bonita Culhane **221/17**
Seconded by Elaine Fic **Waste Site Disposal**

THAT Council has received and approve the McGarry Township Waste Disposal Site Report from PINCHIN, dated September 29, 2017.

Carried

- h) Moved by Wendy K. Weller **222/17**
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft **Solar Audit Report**

THAT Council receives and accept the Solaire McGarry Solar Inc. Independent Auditors Report and Financial Statement dated December 31, 2016.

Carried

- i) Moved by Bonita Culhane **223/17**
Seconded by Elaine Fic **Ross Pope LLP**

THAT Ross Pope LLP, Chartered Professional Accountants be retained as McGarry Township Auditors for the 2017 auditing purposes.

Carried

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

224/17
Christmas Lights

THAT Council will be holding a Christmas Light Contest. The prizes will be awarded to Virginiatown, North-Virginiatown and Kearns as follows:

1 prize of \$75.00 and 1 prize of \$25.00 for each.

The judging will be assigned to a member of Council.

Carried

- k) Moved by Elaine Fic
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

225/17
OPP Billing Statement

THAT Council of the Township of McGarry receive and accept the 2018 Municipal Policing Billing Statement – Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) dated September 27, 2017.

Carried

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

226/17
Hwy 11 Laning

WHEREAS a resolution was circulated on October 6, 2015 requesting support for the four (4) laning of highway 11 from North Bay to Cochrane, which was supported by 34 municipalities from Northeastern Ontario; and

WHEREAS after meetings with MTO and OPP officials to review traffic counts and other statistics, and being informed that we did not meet the requirements for MTO to consider four (4) Laning of this portion of highway 11; and

WHEREAS OPP findings showed that accidents were spread out over the entire length of the highway and not just in certain high risk areas, with 15% involving Commercial Motor Vehicles, causing death or injuries; and

WHEREAS Highway 11 is the preferred truck route connecting Ontario to Manitoba and Western Canada, and almost all goods and services travel by truck through the Timiskaming and Cochrane Districts; and

WHEREAS the amount of transports and tourist traffic has been steadily increasing over the last few years, raising safety issues for those using this two (2) Lane highway; and

WHEREAS when major accident investigations occur, the road is closed down for periods of 8 to 10 hours, with no detours being available in many areas, resulting in isolation of our residents; and

WHEREAS the two plus one roads program had been successful in many European countries, as outlines in our attachments;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of The Township of McGarry firmly endorses and petitions the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario and the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario to develop a pilot project involving a two plus one roads program, somewhere between North Bay and Cochrane, and

FURTHER, that this resolution be sent to the Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA), the Northeastern Ontario Municipal Association (NEOMA), and all municipalities in the Nipissing, Timiskaming and Cochrane Districts for their support; and

FURTHER that all resolutions of support be copied to the City of Temiskaming Shores for submission to the Members of Parliament of Nipissing-Timiskaming and Cochrane-James Bay; the Premier of Ontario; and the Minister of Transportation of Ontario.

Carried

- m) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Elaine Fic

227/17
Tourist meeting change

THAT Council approves that the meeting for the Tourist Centre Committee be held on the first Wednesday of the month.

Carried

- n) Moved by Elaine Fic
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

228/17
Surplus 2016

THAT the McGarry Township 2016 surplus funds in the amount of \$77,250.00 be transferred to the Landfill Closure Reserve Account.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Elaine Fic

229/17
Surplus 2016

THAT the McGarry Township 2016 surplus funds in the amount of \$25,111.00 be transferred to Reserve Funds.

Carried

11. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Elaine Fic
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

230/17
Passing of Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

Payroll:	\$15,652.44
General:	\$121,841.58

Carried

12. Passing of By-Law:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

231/17
By-Law # 2017-27

THAT a By-Law to appoint Committee Members and Representatives for the Township of McGarry be considered read three times and passed this 10th day of October, 2017 and numbered By-Law # 2017-27.

Carried

Moved by Elaine Fic
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

232/17
By-Law # 2017-33

THAT a By-Law to establish a Tourist Committee be considered read three times and passed this 10th day of October, 2017 and numbered By-Law 2017-33.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Elaine Fic

233/17
By-Law # 2017-35

THAT a By-Law to reduce speed limit and regulate traffic flow on all Township roadways be considered read three times and passed this 10th day of October, 2017 and numbered By-Law 2017-35.

Carried

13. Closed Meeting:

Moved by Elaine Fic
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

234/17
Closed Meeting

THAT Council go into closed meeting at 7:50 p.m. for the purpose of personnel and financial matters.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

235/17
Out of Closed Meeting

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

Carried

14. Confirmation of By-Law:

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

236/17
By-Law Confirmation

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be considered read three times and passed this 10th day of October, 2017 and numbered By-Law 2017-34.

Carried

15. Adjournment:

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

237/17
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Carried

Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday November 14th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR

SIGNATURES ON FILE

CLERK-TREASURER