

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Community Centre, Virginiatown, Ontario.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Matt Reimer

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Wendy K. Weller
Councillor Louanne Caza
Councillor Dimitri Kowbassa
Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

ALSO PRESENT:

CLERK-TREASURER: Anne Kmyta

AUDIENCE: 7 Members of the Public

1. Call to Order

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

2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

01/19
Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, January 8th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Conflict of interest:

- Mayor Matt Reimer declared a Conflict of Interest regarding Items 10(f) Request for storage put forward by the XYZ Club due to the fact that he holds a seat on the Club's Executive Board.
- Councillor Dimitri Kowbassa declared a Conflict of Interest regarding Item 10(f) Request for storage put forward by the XYZ Club due to the fact he holds a seat on the Club's Executive Board.

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings / Procès-verbal des réunions précédente:

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

02/19
Council Meeting

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, December 11th, 2018 be adopted.

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None

6. Delegations/Deputations:

None

7. a) Submitted Question:

None

b) Audience Questions:

- Mr. Clermont Lapointe questioned the decision made during the December 11th, 2018 Regular Council Meeting a decision was made to allow for two councillors to attend the 2019 ROMA AGRM & Annual Conference. Mr. Lapointe stated that in previous years typically only the Mayor for the Township would attend due to the costs associated with attending such events. Mayor Matt Reimer responded to the question stating that only one member of the Municipal Council would be attending the annual conference.
- Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft also put forward a question regarding the development of Knitting Group that was expecting to hold their first meeting in the XYZ Club Meeting Room. Councillor Toupin-Keft questioned why permission to use the room was given prior to the matter being brought before the Municipal Council. Councillor Toupin-Keft also stated that permission was required to ensure that all matters of liability were addressed. Councillor Wendy K. Weller responded to the question indicating that the Recreation Committee would not be meeting until January 15th, 2019 and therefore the offer was made prematurely in order to accommodate the Knitting Group not realizing that a significant breach of protocol would occur.

8. Correspondence Information

- a) Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services: The Clerk-Treasurer summarized a letter that was received from the Ministry concerning the District Social Administration Board Governance and Accountability Review Final Report which was commissioned by the previous Provincial Government. The letter indicated that the report spoke to the historical challenges that related to the apportionment of costs amount municipal members and resolving the associated conflicts. Clerk-Treasurer indicated residents

interested in reviewing the report could contact the Municipal Office and a copy would be made available.

- b) Ministry of Finance: The Clerk-Treasurer summarized a letter that was received from the Ministry of Finance. In the letter the Ministry has advised municipalities that details relating to the 2019 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund will be released as soon as possible once the Provincial Government has had time to complete its review of the Province's financial status. The letter also indicated that legislation will be introduced to address issues relating to fairness for professional firefighters and the efficiency of the arbitration system. The letter also provided information regarding the funding that would be available as a result of the federal excise duty collected on recreational cannabis.
- c) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: A letter from the Ministry was received indicating that the Provincial Government has launched a broad consultation in order to gather information on how to increase the supply and mix of housing, speed up development timelines and drive down costs. Municipalities will be invited to participate in discussions regarding the Planning Act, the Provincial Policy Statement, the Building Code and other matters.
- d) Stewardship Ontario – Thinking Beyond the Box: A letter from Stewardship Ontario was received that provided information regarding monies made available through the Municipal Blue Box Recycling Program. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the Township of McGarry received \$8,260.00 in 2018 and that the calculation of this payment was based on recycling that was collected in 2017. The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the 2018 revenue collected will be reported in the next newsletter in order to demonstrate that not only does recycling divert waste from our landfill but that there is also a financial benefit that is received. It is also hoped that news of this revenue will encourage residents to increase their efforts to divert from the landfill materials that can be recycled.

9. Council Reports:

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft took the opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and reported that nothing has taken place since her committees have not yet met.

Councillor Dimitri Kowbassa

- Lots of snow
- I hope they had a decent holiday.

Councillor Wendy K. Weller

Recreation

Recreation will be holding the first meeting Tuesday January 15th, 2019 at 7:00pm in the meeting room. There are still spots open to join our committee and the meetings are open to the public

Property Standards

Property Standards Committee will be meeting on Tuesday January 22nd, 2019. We are still looking for committee members. All meetings are open to the public.

Strategic Planning

Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting Tuesday January 29, 2019 in the meeting room. We are still looking for members for the committee. All meetings are open to the public.

10. New Business:

- a) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

03/19
Clerk-Workshop

THAT Council hereby approves that the Clerk-Treasurer attend the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act Workshop to be held in Timmins on January 14, 2019.

Carried

The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the duration of the workshop to take place on January 14th, 2019 was very short and was not very cost and time efficient and therefore she would see an alternate method to obtain the information and training, however if nothing was available she would attend the workshop.

- b) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

04/19
AMCTO

THAT Council hereby approves the enrollment of Francine Plante into the Unit 1 of the AMCTO Municipal Administrative Program.

Carried

The Clerk-Treasurer reported to the Municipal Council that employees have limited opportunity available to further their education that would be associated to the environment and therefore the education program offered through the AMCTO was an excellent program for which employees can further their knowledge and prepare for the possibility of advancing in their municipal career. The Clerk-Treasurer also confirmed that the typical practice was for the employee to pay for the tuition and that the cost of tuition is reimbursed to the employee upon successfully passing the course.

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

05/19
Snow

THAT , under careful consideration of a request put forward by a resident to have a laneway cleared from snow and at recommendation of the municipality's lawyer, Council hereby denies the request but advises the resident that assistance is available through the Larder/McGarry Lions Club.

Carried

- d) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

06/19
DTSSAB

THAT Council hereby adopts the recommendation to appoint Derek Mundle as joint representative to the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administrative Board.

Carried

- e) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

07/19
Health Unit

THAT Council hereby adopts the recommendation to appoint Paul Kelly as joint representative to the Timiskaming Heath Unit Board.

Carried

- f) Mayor Matt Reimer vacated the chair since he declared a conflict of interest and Councillor Louanne Caza assumed the role of the Chair for this item. Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft expressed a concern that the request was being addressed before the appropriate committee was established and approved by Council and as a result the matter will be deferred until the meeting on Tuesday, February 12th, 2019.







Deferred

- g) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

08/19
Cannabis

THAT Council hereby declared that the Township of McGarry is willing to “OPT-IN” to the development of a privatized retail outlet in the community. It should be noted that all privatized retail outlets will be approved and regulated by the Province of Ontario.

Defeated

	YES	NO
Mayor Matt Reimer		
Councillor Wendy K. Weller		
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Dimitri Kowbassa		
Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft		

The Clerk-Treasurer gave a brief explanation of the process that will be taken by the Province to revenues to grant permission for the establishment of a retail outlet to sell cannabis. A discussion took place among the council regarding the revenue to be received from the Province, the benefits as well as the drawbacks. After much discussion the matter was put to a vote and Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft requested that a “Recorded Vote” be recorded by the Clerk.

- h) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Louanne Caza

09/19
Tendering

THAT Council hereby approves the tendering process for the provision of the following services for the duration of the term of Council,

- i) Municipal Insurance Coverage
- ii) Supply of furnace oil for municipal buildings
- iii) Design and maintenance of Municipal Website
- iv) Services provided by a Municipal Planner
- v) Services provided by an Integrity Commissioner

It should be noted that the contract that will be agreed upon will include a provision that all prices can be renegotiated in the event of an extreme increase in rates.

Carried

The Clerk-Treasurer explained that tenders will be sent out for the five services listed. Discussion took place regarding the advantages or disadvantages to tender process being completed on a four year basis. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that the tendering process on a yearly basis was having a negative effect as companies who were not successful in their bid have failed to submit a quote for the following years. The Clerk-Treasurer also explained that the tender would specify that the pricing to renew each year would be revisited if the Township were to experience an unreasonable increase in price from one year to the next.

- i) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

10/19
Summer Job

THAT Council hereby approves the submission of an application to the 2019 Canada Summer Jobs Program in order to hire a minimum of 7 summer students.

Carried

- j) The Clerk-Treasurer explained that after careful review of the program guideline, it is recognized that the proposed project did not qualify, however there are several other funding sources such as FedNor, Trillium Foundation and Frog's Breath to which the Township could apply.

- k) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa
Ontario

11/19
Celebrate

THAT Council hereby approves the purchase of an advertisement in the Hospital Activity Book for Children that is distributed to hospitals, medical clinics and victims service programs in the area.

Carried

11. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

12/19
Passing of Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

Payroll:	\$33,127.08
General:	\$86,978.80

Carried

12. Passing of By-Law:

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

13/19
By Law # 2019/01

THAT a By-Law to appoint Committee members and representatives for the Township of McGarry be considered read three times and passed this 8th day of January, 2019 and numbered By-Law No. 2019-01.

Carried

13. Closed Meeting:

None

14. Confirmation of By-Law:

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

14/19
By-Law Confirmation

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be considered read three times and passed this 8th day of January, 2019 and numbered By-Law 2019-02.

Carried

15. Adjournment:

Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Louanne Caza

15/19
Adjournment

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

Carried

Special Council Meeting – 6:30pm Monday, January 14th, 2019
Next Council Meeting – 7:00pm Tuesday, February 12th, 2019

MAYOR

Signatures on file

CLERK-TREASURER