

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday December 10, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym at the Community Centre, Virginiatown, Ontario.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Matt Reimer

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Louanne Caza
Councillor Wendy K. Weller
Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft
Councillor Bonita Culhane

ALSO PRESENT:

DEPUTY CLERK: Karine Pelletier

AUDIENCE: 14 Members of the Public

1. **Presentation by Paul Nadeau – Solaire McGarry Solar**
Cancelled
2. **Opening of Regular Meeting by the Head of Council / Ouverture de la reunion par le Maire.**
3. **Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda/Ajouts/Suppression/Adoption de l'ordre du jour.**

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

267/2019
Agenda Adoption

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, December 10th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

4. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest / Déclaration de conflit d'intérêt**

Councillor Wendy K. Weller declared a conflict of interest on item 11(i)

5. **Minutes of Previous Meetings / Procès-verbal des reunions précédente**

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

268/2019
Council Meeting

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 12th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

269/2019
Special Meeting

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday, November 18th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

270/2019
Special Meeting

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday, November 25, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

271/2019
Special Meeting

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday, December 2nd, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

6. Matters arising from the minutes / Affaires découlant du process-verbal.

None

7. Deputation / Délégations

None

8. Submitted Questions / Questions soumises

a)

b) Audience Question

- A resident asked if the grader would be traded in or sold for surplus. / Councillor Bonita Culhane answered that no decision has been made as of yet.
- A resident inquired as to the sand and sand box for the Legion. / Councillor Bonita Culhane responded that it was to the Legion to provide a sand box and the Township would provide the sand.

9. Correspondence, Information / Correspondance, Information

None

10. Council Reports / Rapports du conseil

Councillor Wendy K. Weller

Property Standards

Property Standards meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm here in the meeting room. We are looking for 2 new members to join our committee. Please fill out the committee form at the municipal office. At our January council meeting we will be looking at a new amended property standards by-law and schedule. To date we have received one snow related complaint and it is being resolved.

Strategic Planning

There was no meeting in November due to weather. The project being worked on is a continuation to the waterfront project from 3 years ago. Strategic is looking for 1 more member to fill its committee.

Councillor Louanne Caza

Recreation

- We had the children's Christmas party last Sunday. 39 kids – ages 0-10 years old. Fun was had by all. Thank you to Santa and all the volunteers for making the day very special for our little residents.
- Craft night is over for the year. The start for the New Year will be posted.
- No activity calendar for the month of December in with the water bills as December is a full month of activities.
- Tomorrow night we will be decorating for the Township Christmas party. Starting at 6:30pm.
- I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Please don't drink and drive.

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

Library

We still have no board but we are moving forward. Once again the library was busy for November and a lot of activities for December. Please check out the calendar for events. Please note the library will close from December 23rd to January 6, 2020. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Fire-Police

The police committee had a successful meeting on November 14, 2019. The info session was on how to keep your home safe. We are having another info session on January 8th, 2020 at 7pm in the meeting room. The topic is snowmobile safety and telephone scams.

Tourist

The tourist committee would like to thank those who helped organize and those who participated as without you our events wouldn't be successful.

The lighting of the tree on November 30 brought together a lot of people to remember those who's wings took them to heaven. Angels are still available at \$1.00 each until December 31, 2019.

The Craft & Bake sale brought in some good traffic along with our Quarter Auction. We estimate that we had over 100 people visit.

The Tourist Centre closed for the winter and meetings will be in the meeting room at the Community Centre every first Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is January 2nd, 2020.

Councillor Bonita Culhane

Fire

- Attended the McGarry Volunteer Fire Department meeting on November 23, 2019. Fire practice is held morning and evening – 2x a month – training is ongoing. Reporting is given in great detail. Applications available for able bodied volunteers to apply to join this team. Recognition pins were awarded to the fire people for their years of service – from 5 years up to 35 years of dedicated service. Thank you for our protection when required. Meetings are held on the last Sunday of each month and are not open to the public. Hope the fire men and women get to enjoy a happy & healthy quiet holiday season.

Public Works

- Snow removal is well underway – snow crews are doing the best service with the equipment available.
- Grader ordered – has left Edmonton and is on its way to Timmins – soon to be in service.
- No decision as to sander – up and running.
- Garbage truck still out of commission. Garbage pick-up with loader & truck will take place until decision is made to (a) have motor replaced or (b) replace truck. Proposal being discussed.
- Garbage pick-up – every second week for winter months – October to April and Weekly May to September.
- Lights on sidewalk and side of complex were to be fixed today – But emergency arise for electrician, will be repaired as soon as possible.

Mayor Matt Reimer

-Attended various meetings

11. New Business:

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Louanne Caza

272/2019
Property Standards

THAT the Minutes of the Property Standards meeting held on Tuesday October 15th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

273/2019
Recreation

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation meeting held on Tuesday October 1st, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Louanne Caza

274/2019
Tourist

THAT the Minutes of the Tourist Committee meeting held on Wednesday October 2nd, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

275/2019
Strategic Planning

THAT the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday September 24th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Louanne Caza

276/2019
Community Policing

THAT the Minutes of the Community Policing Committee meeting held on Tuesday September 19th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

277/2019
Community Policing

THAT Council accepts the recommendation of the Community Policing Committee that Merdy Armstrong sit as member on the committee.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

278/2019
Library

THAT Council accepts the request from the Public Library and the CSCT of Virginiatown for the use of the gym and kitchen every PD day for the remainder of 2019 year and for the year 2020. Hours are from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

January 24, 2020
January 31, 2020

April 20, 2020
April 27, 2020

June 5, 2020

Carried

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

279/2019
Garbage

THAT Council agrees to change the garbage collection schedule for the winter months to bi-weekly starting in January 2020 until April 2020. Collection will start January 9, 2020. The collection will follow the same schedule as recycling.

Carried

Councillor Wendy K. Weller left the room.

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

280/2019
Christmas Baskets

THAT Council accepts the request from the volunteer of the Christmas Basket and agrees to donate \$500.00, payable to Wendy K. Weller/Ivan Pike.

Carried

Councillor Wendy K. Weller entered the room

12. Passing of Accounts:

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

281/19
Passing of Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

<u>November</u>	
Payroll	\$27,328.62
General	\$73,837.93

Carried

13. Passing of By-Laws:

None

14. Closed Meeting:

None

15. Confirmation By-Law / Confirmation des règlements municipaux

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

282/2019
Confirmation

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be considered read three times and passed this 10th day of December, 2019 and numbered By-Law 2019-41.

Carried

16. Adjournment:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

283/2019
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

DEPUTY CLERK