

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office, Virginiatown, Ontario and via Electronic Attendance.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Matt Reimer (In chambers)

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Louanne Caza (In chambers)
Councillor Wendy K. Weller (In chambers)
Councillor Bonita Culhane (In chambers)
Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft (via electronic attendance)

ALSO PRESENT:

CLERK-TREASURER: Jason Georgeoff (In chambers)

AUDIENCE: Approximately 4 members of the Public (via electronic attendance)

1. Opening of Regular Meeting by the Head of Council / Ouverture de la reunion par le Maire.

Mayor Matt Reimer opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda/Ajouts/Suppression/Adoption de l'ordre du jour.

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

192/2020
Agenda Adoption

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 be adopted with additions:

Carried

9. i) Fish Derby
j) Collection and Distribution Upgrade Project
k) Summer Council Meetings

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

None

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

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

193/2020
Special Meeting

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 7th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

194/2020
Council Meeting

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 12th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

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

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Louanne Caza

195/2020
Garbage Collection

THAT Council wishes to allow garbage cans and bins to be used for curbside garbage collection provided that precautions are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

196/2020
Craft Boxes

WHEREAS Council has reviewed *the staff report named Craft Boxes* that was presented on May 12th, 2020.

AND FURTHER that Council authorizes the craft box project as described within the report, but only by pick-up and not delivery.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

197/2020
Planter Box

WHEREAS funding has been provided to the Township as a COVID-19 initiative for the distribution of free planter boxes and supplies to seniors within the community;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council hereby authorizes the Planter Boxes for McGarry Seniors Program.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

198/2020
Spring Clean-up

THAT the spring clean-up event will not take place this spring.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Louanne Caza

199/2020
Committee Terms

WHEREAS the Property Standards Committee is currently developing terms of reference;

AND WHEREAS the traditional function of the Committee is not consistent with that the Building Code Act describes for a Property Standards Committee;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the name of the Property Standards Committee be changes to the Property By-Law Committee until such time that terms of reference are adopted;

AND FURTHER that staff be directed to forward by-law enforcement complaints, including personal information found therein, to the Committee until such time that the terms of reference are adopted.

Carried

6. Deputation / Délégations
None

7. Correspondence, Information / Correspondances, Information

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

200/2020
Correspondence

WHEREAS there is a significant amount of correspondence received at the Township through paper and electronic form;

AND WHEREAS the Clerk forwards this correspondence to Council who may request that specific correspondence items be included as business for discussion on a meeting agenda;

AND WHEREAS correspondence is included as business for discussion on a meeting agenda upon any request from a member of Council or at the discretion of the Clerk;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the below list of correspondence items, which have been forwarded to Council, be received for information:

- a) Letter from a member of the public to Mayor and Council to question the status of by-law enforcement for prohibited farm animals in the community.
- b) Letter from the City of Kitchener to Prime Minister Trudeau regarding a resolution supporting a universal basis income.
- c) Letter from Evanturel Township Reeve providing an update for the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB)
- d) Email from a resident regarding garbage collection containers not being permitted during COVID-19.

- e) Email/letters from the Town of Oakville to Federal and Provincial Finance Ministers to advocate for changes to the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program.
- f) Letter from the Town of Fort Erie to the Township of Armour providing support for substantial investment in high-speed internet connectivity in the rural areas of Ontario.
- g) Letter from the Town of Grimsby to Prime Minister Trudeau, Minister of Finance Morneau and Premier Ford with a resolution concerning the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program.
- h) Email from The Temiskaming Foundation announcing a COVID-19 funding opportunity.
- i) Email from the Mayor regarding a Ministry of Transportation project
- j) Email with letter from Town of Oakville to Attorney General Downey regarding the AGCO and patio expansion from restaurants.
- a) Email from Northumberland County with resolution regarding provincially significant wetlands designation.

Carried

8. Councillors Reports / Rapports du conseil

Councillor Bonita Culhane

Councillor Bonita Culhane reported on Public Works and on the Volunteer Fire Department

Councillor Louanne Caza

No report

Councillor Wendy K. Weller

- Councillor Weller reported on by-law enforcement and property standards as well as strategic planning.

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

No report

Mayor Matt Reimer

- Mayor Reimer participated in conference calls and spoke about questions and issues that have been brought to his attention.

9. New Business / Nouvelles affaires

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**201/2020
Update Report**

WHEREAS the report titled the *Week of May 10th 2020 Update Report* has been presented to Council;

AND WHEREAS the report titled the *Week of May 17th 2020 Update Report* has been presented to Council;

AND WHEREAS the report titled the *Week of May 24th 2020 Update Report* has been presented to Council;

AND WHEREAS the report titled the *Week of May 31st 2020 Update Report* has been presented to Council;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the reports are received for information.

Carried

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

**202/2020
Update Report**

WHEREAS the report titled the *Week of May 24th 2020 Update Report* has been presented to Council;

AND WHEREAS restrictions in place due to COVID-19 may affect the Township's 2020 summer student workplaces;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that direction is given to fill the 6 summer student positions that qualified for grants;

AND FURTHER that the purpose of the tourist centre and day camp programs be carried out to the extent that provincial emergency orders allow.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**203/2020
Summer Students**

THAT staff be directed to hire seven (7) summer students to work where needed most.

Carried

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

**204/2020
Fireworks**

THAT the Canada Day fireworks display is hereby authorized with COVID-19 precautions in place.

Defeated

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

205/2020
Jamboree

WHEREAS the province has implemented an emergency order that limits social gatherings in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Township's 2020 annual Jamboree event us hereby cancelled.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

206/2020
OCWA

THAT the OCWA McGarry Water & Wastewater Systems Quarterly Operations Report for the 1st quarter of 2020 be received for information.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

207/2020
Fish Derby

THAT fish derby weigh-in stations are hereby permitted at the marina provided that all provincially mandated social distancing requirements are met to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

208/2020
Upgrade Project

THAT Council still intends to proceed with the Virginiatown Collection and Distribution Upgrades Project and is able to fund the required cost-share at 26.67% or \$628,354.05.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Louanne Caza

209/2020
Council Meetings

THAT Council wishes to continue with monthly regular Council meeting for July and August of 2020 and casual wear is acceptable.

Carried

10. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

210/2020
Passing of Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

<u>MAY</u>	
Payroll	\$25,509.90
General	\$219,702.32

Carried

11. Passing of By-Laws:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

211/2020
By-Law # 2020-31

THAT a By-Law to adopt an accessible customer service policy be considered read three times and passed this 9th day of June, 2020 and numbered By-Law No. 2020-31.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

212/2020
By-Law # 2020-32

THAT a By-Law to adopt a multi-year accessibility plan be considered read three times and passed this 9th day of June, 2020 and numbered By-Law No. 2020-32.

Carried

12. Closed Meeting:

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

213/2020
Report Previous Closed

WHEREAS Council realizes the importance of reporting back to the public in an open session, to the extent possible, about what occurred in a closed session;

AND WHEREAS a closed session was held on May 12th, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council wishes to advise the public of the following details regarding the closed session:

Discussion occurred to provide feedback as part of a preliminary conversation surrounding the Clerk-Treasurer performance evaluation.

A staff report was presented to open a discussion on the topic of staffing level requirements throughout the COVID-19 situation. The subsequent conversation implied that staffing levels could be maintained as usual, and therefore layoffs were not being considered at the present time. Talks then was focused on contracted cleaning staff being deserving of additional pay for the risks they face due to COVID-19, and that they should not have their hours of work reduced as a result of facility closures.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

214/2020
Closed Session

THAT the Municipal Council hereby moves into Closed Session at 10:08 pm as per Section 239 of the Municipal Act to discuss the following:

- (i) Clerk-Treasurer performance evaluation (Municipal Act – Section 239 (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees)
- (ii) Closed meeting minutes for May 12th, 2020

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

215/2020
Out of Closed

THAT Council come out of closed meeting at 11:30p.m.

Carried

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

216/2020
Extend Meeting

THAT Council agrees to suspend Section 7 of By-Law 2016-12, being a By-Law to regulate the proceeding of Council so that the June 9, 2020 Regular Council meeting may extend beyond 11:00 p.m.

Carried

Confirmation By-Law / Confirmation des règlements municipaux

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

217/2020
Confirmation

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be considered read three times and passed this 9th day of June, 2020 and numbered By-Law 2020-33.

Carried

13. Adjournment:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

218/2020
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 11:34 p.m.

Carried


MAYOR


CLERK-TREASURER for Jason Georgeoff