

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, October 13th 2020 at 7:00 p.m in the Council Chambers and via electronic attendance, Virginiatown, Ontario.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Matt Reimer

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

ALSO PRESENT:

CLERK: Karine Pelletier

AUDIENCE: 10 Members of the Public

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

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

Moved by Bonita Culhane **282/2020**
Seconded by Wendy Weller **Agenda Adoption**

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, October 13th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

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

- Mayor Reimer declared a Conflict of Interest on Item 11 a) – Question regarding acquiring land from the Curling Club.

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

Moved by Bonita Culhane **283/2020**
Seconded by Wendy Weller **Council Meeting**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 8th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Moved by Louann Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

284/2020
Special Meeting

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday, September 21st, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

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

- Councillor Bonita Culhane said her Public Works report from the September 8, 2020 meeting was not in the minutes – Clerk will look into it.

6. Deputation / Délégations

None

7. Correspondence, Information / Correspondance, Information

- a) AMO – Gathering Restrictions lowered
- b) MPAC – Pandemic Support Plan
- c) Ministry of Solicitor General – Municipalities exempt from Annual Emergency Exercise in 2020.
- d) Ombudsman – Annual Report – Report available at the Township Office
- e) AMO – New Stage 3 Restrictions
- f) AMO – PSW Support
- g) AMO – Long-Term Care Funding
- h) John Vanthof – Recovery Program for Northern Businesses impacted by Covid 19
- i) AMO – Covid 19 Fall Plan
- j) Solicitor General – Anti-Racism Initiatives
- k) Fire Marshal's Communique – Staffing levels and Firefighter Safety

8. Council Reports / Rapports du Conseil

Councillor Louanne Caza

Recreation

Good evening...I Hope everyone had a nice Happy Thanksgiving. Tonight I would like to report on the Halloween Decorating Contest that is being put on by the Recreation Committee. We are encouraging our residents to decorate their homes and yards for the Halloween contest. There are 3 prizes for each part of our community... V-Town, North V-Town and Kearns.

1st prize = \$75.00

2nd prize = \$50.00

3rd prize = \$25.00

The judges will go around during the day and evening...so NO lights are required. Judging will take place Friday Oct. 30th 2020 around 4:00 p.m. and again around 7:00 p.m

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

-no report

Councillor Wendy K. Weller

Property Standards

Working on amending the Animal By-Law

Councillor Bonita Culhane

Fire – Police

McGarry Fire Department Volunteer Brigade has taken the time during the situation we are in to check local Businesses for smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. Thank you

With the high number of Covid 19 cases in our neighbouring province and because some parents may not feel comfortable letting their children go door to door or have children come to their residence the MVFD has willingly stepped up to help out.

The Fire people are willing to visit children at their residence where they will drop off goodie bags following all safety precautions- Please call in your address and the number of children to register for a visit – Happy Halloween.

Public Works

Thank you to all who participated in the Annual Fall Cleanup.

Public Works employees are removing the docks at the Marina- preparing for winter storage.

Water Break has been dealt with on 24th street North Virginiatown.

Water flushing is under way- If you notice discoloration let your water taps run until the water runs clear. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Reminder- with the frosty nights and temperatures dropping do not forget to remove your outside hose and turn off water supply.

Mayor Matt Reimer

- The Mayor addressed the subject of Halloween and specified that we are not cancelling Halloween but encouraging no door to door trick or treating due to the rise in cases and our neighbouring Province who have also cancelled the door to door trick or treating in order to keep all the residents safe.
- Directed the Clerk to ask the Fire Chief if they would accept donations for Halloween candies.

9. New Business:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

285/2020
UCFO

THAT Council agrees that the rent paid by L'Union Culturelle des Franco-Ontariennes for the months of March, April and May be held and be applied to the rent after the location is able to re-open.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

286/2020
Airport

WHEREAS we are receipt of the following Resolution No. 2020-280 passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Armstrong on August 12, 2020.

WHEREAS the Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport has been DRAMATICALLY IMPACTED BY covid-19;

AND WHEREAS the Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport is excluded from the ability to participate in federal relief programs launched to support small and medium sized businesses;

AND WHEREAS historically, aviation was a federal responsibility with the transfer of more than 100 airports from federal ownership and operation to municipal government with the assurance of a viability of a national system of safe, commercially oriented and cost-effective airport operation;

AND WHEREAS the Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport was one of these airports;

AND WHEREAS now is the time for the federal government to play an active role to ensure the integrity and long-term viability of Canada's airports regardless if they are municipally owned and operated;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Armstrong strongly urges the Federal Government to provide additional programs to support Canada's Air Transport Sectors and ensure a commitment that municipally owned and operated Airports will also be eligible for these programs;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister, Hon Melanie Joly, Minister of Regional Economic Development and Official Languages, Charlie Angus, M.P., Timmins-James Bay, the Canadian Airports Council, Airport Management Council of Ontario, the Earleton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority and municipalities within the District of Timiskaming."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT we the Council of The Corporation of McGarry support this resolution of the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Armstrong; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister, Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Regional Economic Development and Official Languages, Charlie Angus, M.P., Timmins-James Bay, the Canadian Airports Council, Airport Management Council of Ontario, the Earlton-Timiskaming Regional Airport Authority.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

287/2020
Resignation

THAT Council accepts with regrets the resignation/retirement of Brian Johns as Part-Time Labourer effective October 11th 2020.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Wendy Weller

288/2020
New Employee

THAT Brian Smith be hired as Part-Time Labourer and Landfill attendant for the Township of McGarry with a three-month probationary period starting October 6th, 2020.

Carried

10. Passing of Accounts / Adoption des comptes

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

289/2020
Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

SEPTEMBRE 2020

Payroll	\$ 38,282.06
General	\$ 115,620.67

Carried

11. Passing of By-Laws:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

290/2020
By-Law 2020-49

THAT a By-Law to appoint Committee Members and Representatives for the Township of McGarry for the year 2020-2021 be read three times and passed the 13th day of October 2020 and be numbered By-Law 2020-49.

Carried

12. a) Submitted Questions / Questions soumises

- Julie and Francois Fournier – Lots on Barkley Street – Council and Committees will look into this and respond at a later date.
- Mayor Matt Reimer declared a Conflict of Interest on this matter and left the room . The Clerk-Treasurer read the question out to the public - « Muriel Rose – Acquiring the Curling Club land – Council has directed the Clerk to seek legal advice on this matter and will respond at a later date »

b) Audience Questions / Questions de l'auditoire

- Colette Tardif asked Councillor Louanne Caza to clarify if their had been a meeting to discuss a Halloween decorating contest by the Recreation Committee – Councillor Louanne Caza responded that there was no official meeting it was just a discussion.
- Sylvia Fenton asked if we could name the names on the new Committee List – Mayor Reimer read all the names.
- Muriel Rose asked if we could confirm if the tennis court, the heritage trail and part of the Tourist Centre that was sold to the Curling Club were also included with that land – The Clerk-Treasurer responded that she could not answer this question at this time.
- Evelyn Smith asked if Council or Property By-Law Committee were doing anything at this time about the trailers park on sidewalks – Councillor Weller answered that this was brought up to the By-Law Officer and the first step is to try to negotiate verbally if that doesn't work then it would go to the written stage by sending out a 1st letter and wait 30 days, and then send a second letter with a 14 day wait and last step would be a penalty.
- Evelyn Smith asked if the work is finished at the Community Centre for the bathrooms – Mayor Reimer answered they are working on it and will be finish by the end of the month.
- Colette Tardif asked if the rocks beside the water tower were going to be removed – Mayor Reimer answered that we would look into this matter.

13. Closed Meeting: None

14. Confirmation By-Law / Confirmation des règlements municipaux

Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

291/2020
By-Law 2020-50

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 13th day of October and numbered By-Law 2020-50.

Carried

15. Adjournment / Cloture de l'assemblée

Moved by Wendy Weller
Second by Bonita Culhane
THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8 p.m.

292/2020
Adjournment

Carried


MAYOR


CLERK-TREASURER