



Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 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 Bonita Culhane
ABSENT WITH REGRETS:	Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

ALSO PRESENT:

CLERK:	Karine Pelletier
CLERK-TYPIST RECEPTIONIST:	Melanie Jensen
AUDIENCE:	6 Members of the Public

- 1. Opening of Regular Meeting by the Head of Council**
- 2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by Bonita Culhane	08/2021
Seconded by Louanne Caza	Agenda Adoption

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried

- 3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest : None Declared**

- 4. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Moved by Louanne Caza	09/2021
Seconded by Bonita Culhane	Regular Meeting

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**10/2021
Special Meeting**

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**11/2021
Special Meeting**

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, December 10th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**12/2021
Special Meeting**

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Thursday, December 17th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Matters arising from the minutes: None

6. Deputation :None

7. Correspondence, Information

- a) Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services – Building a Strong Foundation for Success; Reducing Poverty in Ontario
- b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing : Reopening Ontario Act, 2020
- c) MPAC – Municipal Levy Letter
- d) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Allocation for Covid 19 related expenses –
- e) Timiskaming Health Unit – Extension of Province Lockdown until January 23, 2021

8. Council Reports

Councillor Louanne Caza

Recreation

Good evening everyone & welcome back. I would like to start by wishing a Happy New Year to all our residents. The Recreation had a busy December.

First: Decorating contest, the winners were:

Virginiatown: 1st – John & Lisa Gabourie
2nd – Daryl & Sharon Bayton
3rd – Alain & Amanda St-Cyr

North Vtown: 1st – Michel & Suzanne Savoie
2nd – Kevin & Janey Charlton
3rd – Peter Gutmanis

Kearns: 1st – Fred & Aline Francoeur
2nd – Natalie Durette
3rd – Joseph Moses

Congratulations and Thank you to everyone that decorated, our community looked amazing.

Second: Kids coloring contest, the winners were:

1st – Annabelle Rail
2nd – Carey St-Cyr
3rd – Annika Truchon

Third: We had a visit from Santa on December 19th, 2020. There were 50 children signed up to receive a visit from Santa to their homes with the COVID-19 restrictions in mind. All the children received gifts from Santa's sack of toys. Those little faces were priceless. Thanks Santa

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

Absent with Regrets

Councillor Wendy K. Weller

Property By-Law Committee

Good evening, the Property By-Law Committee asks council as a whole to give permission to work on the following items:

- a) By-Law Committee Terms of Reference
- b) Gun By-Law
- c) By-Law Officer By-Law – By-Law 2012-05
- d) New Motorized Trailer By-Law

All work will be submitted to the town Clerk.

By-Law #2020-38, Respecting the Management Protection and Identification of animals is being finalized by the town Clerk and will be addressed by Council at the next Council Meeting.

There are 2 vacant seats on this committee. If you would to apply for one of the positions please call the Township Office and they will help you. When we resume meetings, this committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month on virtual or by phone meetings.

At this time I have not received a update for the By-Law Officer.

Thank you and please take care and be safe.

Strategic Planning

Good evening, Due to Covid-19 lockdowns unfortunately this committee has not had the chance to move forward.

We are trying to set up with phone meetings or virtual meetings. Township office staff will inform committee members before a meeting. At this time there is 1 seat vacant on the committee.

The consultant revising the town plan and Zoning By-Law had a conference call with Council and will be setting up more calls in the near future with Council and the public.

Thank you

Councillor Bonita Culhane

Fire:

McGarry Volunteer Fire Brigade responded to a house fire early December 2020.

Thank you to the volunteers who give their time and never hesitate to answer a call often giving up valuable family time.

Police:

Government announcements having to do with Covid-19 rulings have determined the scheduling of meetings. A meeting for Community Policing will take place in the near future so basic safety and educational sessions may occur.

Public Works

Good evening, welcome to 2021- Year ended with regular removal of snow fall.

Major water break on Cockeram Street in Virginiatown. Thanks to the Public works staff for the long hours to restore water to the residents.

Advertisement will be posted to fulfill the position of Contract Landfill Attendant (Dump Site).

Committee appointments have been changed effective January 1st, 2021. I want to thank the Public Works employees for their help and explanations of concerns with daily operations. I have enjoyed working with this Department it has been an interesting and educational experience. Wish New Representatives well as they move over to the assigned committees.

Mayor Matt Reimer

The Mayor talked about meeting with the different Ministries at the ROMA Conference.

9. New Business:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

13/2021
eSolutions

THAT Council accepts the quotation from eSolutions Group to make the Township of McGarry website compliant has per Accessibility for Ontario with Disabilities Act (AODA) in the amount of \$20,450.00.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

14/2021
Resignation

THAT Council accepts with regrets the resignation from Brian Smith effected January 25th, 2021.

Carried

Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

15/2021
Financial Statement Solar

THAT Council accepts the Financial Statement of McGarry Solar Inc for the year 2019.

Carried

10. Passing of Accounts / Adoption des comptes

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**16/2021
Accounts**

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

November 2020

Payroll	\$ 25,787.34
General	\$ 120,184.77

December 2020

Payroll	\$ 34,987.85
General	\$ 174,300.32

Carried

11. Passing of By-Laws:

Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**17/2021
By-Law 2021-03**

THAT a By-Law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy and the Payment of Interim Taxes for the Year 2021 be read three times and passed this 12th day of January and numbered by-Law 2021-03.

Carried

Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**18/2021
By-Law 2021-04**

That a By-Law to Prohibit and regulate Noises within the Township of McGarry be read three times and passed this 12th day of January and numbered By-Law 2021-04.

Carried

12. a) Submitted Questions / Questions soumises : None submitted

b) Audience Questions / Questions de l'auditoire

- Evelyn Smith asked if the work was finished at the Community Centre for the accessible bathrooms? – Clerk/Treasurer answered that the work was 90% finished. That due to Covid-19 things were a little slower and had not received some of the materials. Some electrical work still needed.

- Evelyn Smith asked if the Financial Report for the 2019 Country Jamboree was approved and if there was a deficit or profit? – The Clerk/Treasurer answered that she was not able to give the final number here, that this would have to be looked at and that Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft had given a verbal number at the October 2019 Regular Council Meeting and that the minutes were accepted by Council.

13. Closed Meeting

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy Weller

19/2021
Closed Meeting

THAT Council go into closed session at 7:40 p.m. under Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act, 2001 to receive advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege regarding communications and staffing resources.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

20/2021
Come out of Close

THAT Council come out of closed session at 8:55p.m.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

21/2021
By-Law 2021-05

THAT a By-Law to adopt an Expected Conduct policy be read three times and passed this 12th day of January, 2021 and be numbered By-Law 2021-05.

Carried

Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Louanne Caza

22/2021
By-Law 2021-06

THAT a By-Law to Direct Communication to a Committee of Council and the terms of reference be read three times and passed this 12th day of January and numbered By-Law 2021-06.

Carried

Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

23/2021
By-Law 2021-07

THAT a By-Law to appoint Committee Members and Representatives for the Township of McGarry for the year 2021 be read three times and passed this 12th day of January 2021 be numbered By-Law 2021-07.

Carried

Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Louanne Caza

24/2021
Request for Proposal

THAT Council accepts the Request for Proposal from Wishart Law Firm to hire an Accounting Firm to do Water billing calculations and review of current operations.

Carried

14. Confirmation By-Law

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

25/2021
By-Law 2021-08

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council be read three times and passed this 12th day of January and numbered By-Law 2021-08.

Carried

15. Ajournement / Clôture de l'assemblée

Moved by Wendy Weller
Second by Bonita Culhane

26/2021
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Carried

The next regular Council Meeting will be Tuesday, February 9th, 2021 at 7:00p.m.
La réunion du Conseil suivante sera le mardi le 9 février, 2021 à 19h00.


MAYOR


CLERK-TREASURER