



Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, March 9th, 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
Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

ALSO PRESENT:

CLERK: Karine Pelletier

AUDIENCE: 6 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
Seconded by Louanne Caza

73/2021
Agenda

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 9th, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest / Déclaration de conflit d'intérêt : None declared

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

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

74/2021
Council Meeting

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 9th, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

75/2021
Special Meeting

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on February 18th, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Matters arising from the minutes / Affaires découlant du process-verbal: None

6. Deputation / Délégations
None

7. Correspondence, Information / Correspondance, Information

- a) Lions Club of Larder – McGarry / Thank you for the donation funds from the Lighting of the tree.
- b) Hydro One – Vegetation Maintenance
- c) District of Temiskaming Social Services Administration Board – Apportionment cost for the Township of McGarry for the year 2021
- d) Covid 19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force – Vaccine update
- e) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – 2021 Covid 19 Recovery Funding to support our Covid 19 operating costs
- f) Donation to the Fire Department from Mr. Joseph Moses

8. Council Reports / Rapports du Conseil

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

Police

No report on Police Committee as due to Covid restrictions can't have a meeting.

Public Works

There was a water main break on Dorfman on Feb.28th, where Public Works made quick work at fixing, a boil water advisory was activated and has since been lifted. The day after there was another water main break on Kearns Ave. in Kearns that was also quickly repaired.

There was some snow removal after the snow storm.

The washrooms at the arena should be completed on Thursday of this week. For those still not aware we do have a New dump attendant who has been doing a great job.

With the mild weather also comes water runoff. Please be mindful of residents walking, your neighbors and avoid blocking ditches and drains.

Thank You

Councillor Wendy Weller

Property By-Law Committee

Good evening, we will start with an update from the By-Law Officer for the month of Feb. 2021.

Clean and Clear : there were two infractions both resolved.

Animal Control : two reported infractions regarding domestic fowl, under investigation at this time.

One Complaint of dog running off leash, under investigation

Snow removal : complaint resolved by verbal conversation.

Property Standards Complaint : Notice has been served.

All complaints must be written and handed into the municipal office, complaint forms are at office and on the township website, please date and sign the form.

Property By-Law committee will be meeting this coming Tuesday March 16 at 7 pm upstairs or online, the agenda will be advertised shortly. The public can attend by phone or online. There will be topics from Clean and Clear By-Law, Animal Control By-Law to writing the Terms of Reference for this committee. At this time there are two seats available, if you would like to join this committee please go to the municipal office and fill out the form.

Spring weather is upon us, winter treasure are popping up, please clean up so it is not a long process in the coming month. At this time the committee would like to ask Council to set a Cleanup Date for Spring cleanup and direct the Clerk to notify the public in advance.

The committee would also like to ask council to ask Wishart Law to draft a Sea can By-Law, the reason being this is a complex By-Law which has to be added to the Zoning By-Law and the Property Standard By-Law.

Thank You

Strategic Committee

Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting on Tuesday March 23th, 2021 at 7:00 pm upstairs at the municipal office, the public may attend by phone or online. The agenda with all information will be out in the next week.

There one open seat on this committee, if you would like to be a member please go to the township office and fill out a form so your name can be read out at this upcoming meeting.

Thank you

Councillor Louanne Caza

Tourism

Good evening everyone. The Tourist Committee met Wednesday March 3rd, 2021. This was our first meeting since Covid-19 started last year. It's nice to be back. All committee members were present and we had 3 residents attend on the phone. We discussed things we would like to see done this spring and summer as soon as we can access the Tourist Centre.

- Examples:
- T.V.
 - New Picnic tables
 - Clean up where the old coin sat.
 - Would like to look into chinking and sealer for the building.
 - Will be working on the budget soon.
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All residents are welcomed to attend meetings by telephone or online.
New ideas are always welcomed.

Councillor Bonita Culhane

Fire Department

Good evening,

Spring like weather has arrived in the Township- Enjoy

Late February McGarry Volunteer Fire Department responded to a garage fire in Kearns. Their quick action saved the surrounding buildings. If and when you come upon a fire scene where these men and women are battling for control of a fire, please stay well away so they can do their job. Nosey distractions are not required. Thank you to this group of Volunteer who never hesitate to respond and so freely give your time.

Recreation

McGarry Recreation Committee held Virtual Public Meeting March 02-2021 @ 7 p.m.. Items on the Agenda were discussed and some were depleted because of Covid Restrictions and some were deferred to be discussed at the next Regular Monthly Meeting to be held April 06-2021 @ 7 p.m. – Virtual Phone Number to be announced if required.

The exercise Room in the Community Centre was one topic given consideration. It will be back on the agenda for further discussion to see if we will be able to open and if we can follow guidelines. The grant for Canada day has been applied for. Looking forward to being able to plan for spring and summer activities.

Thank You

Mayor Reimer

- Mayor Reimer reported on the resurfacing of Hwy 66 that was done. He has been in contact with the Ministry and they have given him some chemical report that he has read over. The Mayor is looking into getting the chemical content analyzed. They have told the Mayor that they will be redoing the resurfacing of the Hwy.
- The Mayor also advised the public that he they feel they have damaged to their vehicles from the chemical of the Hwy to file an insurance claim. There is also a form available at the Township Office.

9. New Business:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

76/2021
AMO Conference

THAT Councillor Wendy K. Weller attend the AMO Virtual Conference from August 15th to August 18th, 2021 at a cost of \$600.00 plus tax.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

77/2021
Pinchin Annual Report

THAT Council have read and accepts the 2020 Pinchin Annual Monitoring Report.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

78/2021
Clerk-Typist Probation

THAT the Clerk-Typist Receptionist has successfully completed her probation period and is now a Full-Time Employee and be moved to Step 1 of the pay grid.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

79/2021
OCWA Annual Report

THAT Council have read and accept the Annual/Summary report from Ontario Clean Water Agency.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

80/2021
AMCTO Conference

THAT the Clerk-Treasurer attend the AMCTO Rise Annual General Meeting and Professional Development Institute taking place virtually June 14- June 16, 2021 at a cost of \$490.00 plus HST.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

81/2021
COVID-19 Safety Plan

THAT Council have read and approve the Covid-19 Safety Plan for the Corporation of the Township of McGarry.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

82/2021
Mask Policy

THAT Council have read and approve the Mandatory use of mask or face covering with the Corporation of the Township of McGarry.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Wendy Weller

83/2021
XYZ TV Installation

THAT Council agrees to let the XYZ Seniors Club install a 75-ince screen in the Meeting Room. The Public Works crew will help with the installation when time permits. Nobody other than the Public Works crew will be allowed to enter the facility without approval in order to comply with the Covid-19 Safety Plan and with the restrictions.

Carried.

10. Passing of Accounts / Adoption des comptes

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

84/2021
Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

February 2021

Payroll	\$ 23,786.61
General	\$ 208,367.74

Carried

11. Passing of By-Laws: None

12. a) Submitted Questions / Questions soumises

- Evelyn Smith submitted a question in regarding the 2019 Jamboree Financial Statement – The Clerk replied that the 2019 Financial Statement was approved as a profit of 2,990.57 under the Councillor Report for Councillor Annie-Toupin Keft in the minutes of October 8, 2019. The Mayor replied that a donation \$5,000.00 was expected and that is why Councillor Annie-Toupin Keft reported a profit of \$2,990.57 when the Financial Statement from the bookkeeper showed a deficit of \$2,009.43. Mayor Reimer also stated that the donation should be received any day.
- Taylor White submitted a complaint regarding the number of garbage bags allowed per week. She feels this is not enough for a big family. Council had a discussion regarding this issue and the following motion was presented and passed.

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

85/2021
Garbage bag Increase

THAT Council agrees to increase the three-bag limit per household to a 4-bag limit per household for the weekly garbage pickup starting on March 18th, 2021.

Carried.

b) Audience Questions / Questions de l'auditoire

- Mrs. Rose asked if the donation was received for the 2019 Jamboree if the 2019 Financial would be updated to reflect this donation. The Mayor and Councillor Toupin-Keft answered that yes it would be.

13. Closed Meeting

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

86/2021
Closed Meeting

THAT Council go into closed session at 7:52 p.m. Under the Ontario Municipal Act 239 (2) (a) the security of the property of the municipality or local board; (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communication necessary for that purpose, 239 (3.1) Educational session.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

87/2021
Out of Close

THAT Council come out of closed session at 8: 45 p.m.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Wendy Weller

88/2021
KGMC Reconsideration

THAT the decision to accept the Request for Proposal from KGMC for the Water Calculations and Review of Current operations in the amount of \$20,000 and the decision to direct Wishart Law Firm to draft a contract and notice of intent to award the contract to KGMC be reconsidered.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

89/2021
KGMC Reconsideration

WHEREAS Section 20(k) of by-Law 2016-12 sets out a process to reconsider any question;

AND WHEREAS the following motion was carried : Motion 59/2021 Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza and seconded by Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft that the decision to accept the Request for Proposal from KGMC for the Water Calculations and Review of Current Operations in the amount of \$20,000 and the decision to direct Wishart Law Firm to draft a contract and notice of intent to award the contract to KGMC be reconsidered.

NOW THEREFORE Council for the Township of McGarry shall reconsider the decision to accept the proposal from KG Municipal Consulting Inc. ("KGMC") in the amount of \$20,000 and the decision to direct Wishart Law Firm LLP to draft a contract and notice of intent to award to KGMC.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

90/2021
RFQ

WHEREAS Council for the Township of McGarry considered the sole submission received for RFP 2021: Water Billings and Calculations and Review of Current Operations ("RFP 2021") at its Council Meeting on February 18, 2021;

AND WHEREAS at the aforesaid council meeting Council passed a resolution to accept the proposal submitted by the sole proponent, KG Municipal Consulting Inc. ("KGMC"), as the successful proponent in the aforesaid RFP process and directed Wishart Law Firm LLP to draft a contract and a notice of intent to award a contract to KGMC;

AND WHEREAS RFP 2021 provides that it does not commit the Township in any way to a successful proponent, or to proceed to negotiations for a contract, or to award any contract, and the Township therein reserved the right to at any time reject all proposals and to terminate the proposal process;

AND WHEREAS at its Council meeting on March 9, 2021, Council for the Township of McGarry reconsidered the matter of the selection of KG Municipal Consulting Inc. ("KGMC") as the successful proponent in RFP 2021 and reconsidered its direction to Wishart Law Firm;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of McGarry determined not to proceed to award any contract under RFP 2021 and to terminate the proposal process;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of McGarry decided to proceed alternatively by way of Request for Quotations ("RFQ");

AND WHEREAS By-law 2018-33 permits Council to request prices for specific goods and/or services less than \$25,000;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Clerk-Treasurer be directed to instruct Wishart Law Firm LLP: (1) not proceed to draft a contract and notice of intent to award a contract to KGMC; (2) to draft an appropriate RFQ for the services contemplated under RFP 2021 and report to Council; and (3) instruct Wishart to work with the Clerk-Treasurer to identify a shortlist of suitable firms and prices for the Request for quotation.

Carried

14. Confirmation By-Law / Confirmation des règlements municipaux

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

91/2021
By-Law 2021/19

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council be read three times and passed this 9th day of March and numbered By-law 2021-19.

Carried.

15. Ajournement / Clôture de l'assemblée

Moved by Wendy Weller
Second by Annie Toupin-Keft

92/2021
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Carried

The next regular Council Meeting will be Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 at 7:00p.m.
La réunion du Conseil suivante sera le mardi le 13 avril, 2021 à 19h00.



MAYOR



CLERK-TREASURER