



Agenda # 4 la

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, April 13th, 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: 4 Members of the Public

1. Opening of Regular Meeting by the Head of Council

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., took a roll call and welcome those in attendance.

2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Louanne Caza **93/2021**
Seconded by Bonita Culhane **Agenda**

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest : None

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Moved by Bonita Culhane **94/2021**
Seconded by Louanne Caza **Minutes**

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

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

95/2021
Special Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on March 1, 2021 and on March 5, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Matters arising from the minutes:

- Councillor Toupin-Keft pointed out the time of the Minutes of March 5th said 10:30 p.m. and it should read 10:30 a.m.

6. Deputation

None

7. Correspondence, Information

- a. Covid 19 Vaccine Distribution Task
- b. Ministry of the Solicitor General / Amendments to Orders under the Reopening Ontario Act
- c. Bell – Thank you for the letter of support

8. Council Reports

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

Police

No report on Police Committee due to Covid restrictions we are unable to hold a meeting.

Public Works

With the arrival of Spring Public Works has a lot on the go to get our little town ready for summer.

Water main flushing is going to start soon, if you experience brown water, please let the water run until clear.

Street sweeping will also be underway shortly.

Scheduled are two service line repairs, one for tomorrow and hopefully one at the beginning of next week.

With the snow gone all the winter trash is now visible, to help keep our little town clean it would make a great difference if even one piece of trash could be picked up and disposed properly.

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 March and April 2021.

Clean and Clear: 0

Animal Control: 4 complaints about owners not picking up after their animal (s) waste. Under investigation.

One Complaint of dog running off leash, under investigation.

One complaint of aggressive dog, the complaint has been looked after by the Kirkland Lake OPP

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 meet last month, (March) the topics discussed were the Clean and Clear By-Law, Animal Control ByLaw. The writing the Terms of Reference for this committee has been referred to the next meeting.

Also, the committee has brought forward a wish list to work on with the following items.

- a) Ticket and removal of vehicle's in and around residential properties that do not comply with the Ontario Municipal Act.
- b) Infringement use of Township property, example buildings.
- c) Work on curb side appeal Clean and Clear By-Law.

Also, a committee member brought forward the condition of the tennis court fencing. Looking into the location of tennis court to being on township property or private property.

There were two motions sent through to Council.

- a) Motion to ask Council to repost the position for Animal Control Officer.
- b) Motion to accept the name of Francine Plante to sit on this committee.

Correspondence: A letter was sent to each Councillor by a resident concerned about the way the complaints can only be accepted by the complaint form. This letter will be addressed at the next meeting by the committee.

At this time there is still one seat open on this committee.

Thank You

Strategic Committee

Strategic Planning Committee meet in March, the main topics were signage, newly acquired patent surface rights acquired along north shore of Larder Lake, Official Plan and Zoning of cottages on Larder Lake in McGarry township with water access only.

- a) Signage: the committee will look into the cost and sign that was proposed a year ago by Creative Design.
- b) Surface rights to a patent the township has acquired from Gold Candle along the north shore of Larder Lake and possible usage by the public.
- c) To bring new businesses to town.
- d) The town Official Plan and Zoning By-Law, when will there be a public consultation with the company contracted to prepare the Update Official Plan and Zoning By-Law

The committee discussed the zoning of the cottages with water access only.

The committee voted and motioned through to council to accept the name of Francine Plante as a new committee member.

The committee will not be meeting in April because of the lock down.

Hopefully we will resume in May.

Thank you

Councillor Louanne Caza

Tourism

Good evening everyone. I am reporting on the Tourist Committee.

We have some very exciting news.

I would like to report that the \$5,000.00 donation that was promised to the McGarry Country Jamboree back in summer of 2019 has come in.

I would like to give a huge thank you to Gold Candle and Mr. Michel Burns. Your generous donation means a great deal to our small community. Again, Thank you

Our financials for the 2019 Country Jamboree will be amended to reflect a true accurate recording.

I will be setting up a meeting very soon for the committee members to go through the budget.

Thank you and stay safe

Councillor Bonita Culhane

Fire Department

M.V.F.D. following guidelines to remain safe. Neil will resume meetings- practice and training sessions once allowed.

Have a safe spring and summer season.

Recreation

Good evening,

The monthly meeting for April was cancelled due to Covid Pandemic. The meeting for May should be able to take place with electronic attendance online or phone. Visit the Township Website for Agenda and phone number.

Next meeting to be held May 4th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Please follow health Guidelines and stay safe.

Thank you

Budget Meeting to be determined by attendance of committee.

9. New Business:

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

96/2021
Health & Safety Officer

THAT Melanie Jensen be appointed Health and Safety Officer for the Township of McGarry effective immediately.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Louanne Caza

97/2021
MFOA

WHEREAS the Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant financial and operational impacts on Ontario Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have had to divert resources towards addressing the immediate needs of the pandemic and maintaining service delivery standards despite evolving restrictions and limited funds;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has delayed timelines with respect to several pieces of legislation;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal asset management through O.Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015;

AND WHEREAS O. Reg. 588/17 mandates that every municipality shall prepare an asset management plan in respect of its core municipal infrastructure assets by July 1, 2021, and in respect of all its other municipal infrastructure assets by July 1, 2023;

AND WHEREAS the key components of an asset management plan as required by the regulation are:

1. Infrastructure asset inventory
2. Levels of service
3. Lifecycle management and financial strategy

AND WHEREAS there is concern amongst Municipal Finance Officer's Association of Ontario (MFOA) members and their municipalities that current capacity challenge (redeployment of staff and lack of available resources) will result in limitations for purposeful asset management planning;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities do not anticipate the current capacity challenges to be resolved in the short-term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of McGarry supports the MFAO's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure request a one-year extension of deadlines in O. Reg. 588/17: Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015; so that all municipalities planning when capacity challenges are resolved.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

98/2021
Kohut

THAT Council approves the quotation from Kohut Electric Limited to purchase and install a 22-kw propane auto start generator for the Township Municipal Building in the amount of \$19,650.00 plus HST.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

99/2021
Communication
Committee Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Communications Committee Meeting held on January 28, 2021 and on February 3, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

100/2021
Bursary

THAT Council approves a \$200.00 donation towards a bursary for students pursuing post-secondary studies to ESC l'Envolee du Nord.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

101/2021
Bursary

THAT Council approves a \$200.00 donation towards a bursary for students pursuing post-secondary studies to KLDCS.

Carried

Moved by Wendy k. Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

102/2021
CSWBP

WHEREAS the Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA) has entered into an agreement with the District of Temiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB) to develop and administer a Community Safety and Well being Plan (CSWBP) for the Municipalities in the District of Temiskaming; and including the Municipalities of Temagami;

AND WHEREAS due the Covid-19 Pandemic the original deadline of January 1, 2021 for the completion of a CSWBP was delayed to July 1, 2021 as announced by the Solicitor General of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the DTSSAB has advised the TMA that it will be impossible to meet the deadline of July 1, 2021; and has requested the TMA appeal to the Ministry of Communication Safety and Correctional Services (MCSC) to extend the deadline until the Spring of 2022 for the completion of the CSWBP; to provide for the required time to complete and implement the plan;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry supports the actions of the TMA in its appeal to the MCSCS to extend the CSWBP current deadline date of July 1, 2021 to Spring 2022;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be directed to the MCSCS and the Ontario Solicitor General; and forwarded to the TMA; DTSSAB; AMO; John Vanthof-MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

103/2021
Make a Wish

THAT Council support Make a Wish Canada by purchasing the same ad as the previous years.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

104/2021
Grader Surplus

THAT Council declares the 1990 Champion 720 grader as surplus and authorizes staff to dispose of the asset in a manner that optimizes revenue.

10. Passing of Accounts

Moved by Annie Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

105/2021
Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

March 2021

Payroll	\$ 32,595.81
General	\$ 109,182.10

Carried

11. Passing of By-Laws

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

106/2021
By-Law 2021-20

THAT a By-Law to amend By-Law 2020-44 being a By-Law to appoint an Information Emergency Coordinator be read three times and passed this 13th day of April and numbered By-Law 2021-20.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

107/2021
By-Law 2021-21

THAT a By-Law to amend By-Law 2020-45 being a By-Law to appoint a Community Emergency Management Coordinator be read three times and passed this 13th day of April and numbered By-Law 2021-21.

Carried

12. Closed Meeting

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

108/2021
Closed Meeting

THAT Council go into closed session at 7 :55 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; (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communication necessary for that purpose

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

109/2021
Out of Close

THAT Council come out of closed session at 9:25 p.m.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

110/2021
Animal Control Officer

THAT Council directs the Clerk-Treasurer to advertise for an Animal Control Officer.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

111/2021
OCWA

THAT Council accepts the Expenditure request from our Public Works Superintended to purchase from Ontario Clean Water Agency a replacement Jockey Pump -23 hp – for the Virginiatown Pump station for a total cost of \$23,531.96 to be purchased with the Gas Tax fund.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

112/2021
Water Billing

THAT Council directs the Clerk-Treasurer send the Request for Quotation for Water Billing and Collection and to evaluate the Current operations of the Water Billing drafted by Wishart Law Firm to 5 or more different licensed CPA in or around this area.

Carried

13. Confirmation By-Law

Moved by Louanne Caza
Second by Annie Bonita Culhane

113/2021
Confirmation By-Law

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council be read three times and passed this 13th day of April and numbered By-Law 2021-22.

Carried

14. Ajournement / Clôture de l'assemblée

Moved by Louanne Caza
Second by Annie Toupin-Keft

114/2021
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Carried

The next regular Council Meeting will be Tuesday, May 11th, 2021 at 7:00p.m.
La réunion du Conseil suivante sera le mardi le 11 mai, 2021 à 19h00.


MAYOR


CLERK-TREASURER