



Agenda # 4 (a)

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, May 11th, 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-TREASURER: Karine Pelletier

AUDIENCE: 13 Members of the Public

1. Opening of Regular Meeting by the Head of Council

The Mayor opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. He also took a role call.

2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Wendy K. Weller **132/2021**
Seconded by Louanne Caza **Agenda**

THAT the agenda of the May 11th, 2021 Regular Council meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: None

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft **133/2021**
Seconded by Louanne Caza **Council Meeting**

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on May 11, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

134/2021
Special Meeting

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on April 19, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried

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

- Councillor Culhane mentioned that there was no report under the Mayor Report. The Mayor replied he would get his report to the Clerk so it could be added.

6. Deputation

Charlene Lalonde 10-minute Delegation – Schedule 6 of Bill 228, Zoning orders, forming a conservation authority/committee, drinking water source signage, Schedule 8 of Bill 228.

7. Correspondence, Information

- a) Canada Summer Jobs / Approval of Summer Students
- b) Tri-Town Welding / Repair and Maintenance of snow and ice equipment -
- c) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Strengthen accountability for municipal council members:

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Louanne Caza

135/2021
N.O.M

THAT Bonita Culhane be identified to participate as a representative of the Township of McGarry in a town hall session with municipal representative from Northern Ontario's Municipalities on June 10th, 2021 at 11:15 a.m.

Carried

- d) The McGarry & District XYZ Seniors Club – Grant from New Horizons for Seniors Program
- e) Association of Local Public Health Agencies – Paid sick leave as public health measure
- f) AMO – Policy introduces paid covid 19 leave

8. Council Reports

Councilor Wendy K. Weller

Property By-Law Committee:

Good Evening,

We will start with an update from the By-Law Officer for the month of April 2021.

Two (2) By-Laws were sent and accepted by Ontario Court of Justice, a) Municipal By-law 2016-17 Clean and Clear and b) Municipal By-Law 2010-32 Temporary Structures By-Law and have been approved by the Ontario Courts.

Clean and Clear:

One (1) letter has been sent out and the order is in the first 30 days to reply.

By-Law 2016-17 has been approved and the fine schedules, the By-Law Officer is working with the By-Law Committee and will be acting on written complaints of properties not in compliance with Clean and Clear By-Law.

Property By-Law Committee:

Three (3) complaints have been received about abandoned buildings. The complaints are being worked on.

Animal Control:

Complaint about domestic fowl the 30 days letter has been sent.

The OPP are looking after two (2) dog complaints of dog running at large. With non-compliance with orders and fines by the By-Law Officer.

Two (2) complaints of dog running at large, resolved.

One (1) complaint of aggressive dog and owner has been turned over to the OPP.

One (1) complaint of car parked next to fire hydrant, resolved.

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

Property By-Law committee did not meet last month due to the Covid lock down.

Next meeting will be held by electronically and phone on Tuesday, May 18th, 2021 at 7 p.m. All information for the meeting will be distributed to the committee will before the meeting. All inquiries and questions from the March meeting will be addressed at the May meeting.

At this time there are no seats open on this committee. Thank you.

Councilor Bonita Culhane

Recreation Committee:

Good Evening,

With Covid-19 restrictions in place and the Community Centre being off limits it is very important to plan and visualize where we should start when planning on re-opening the building. I am requesting permission to enter the premises to evaluate where, why and how to start the process of being ready when time permits. Summer plans should be underway and organized- then if it is not suitable because of guidelines at least we would have been ready. Masks, sanitation and regulations will be followed.

Fire:

Welcome to our monthly meeting with Covid-19 guidelines in place it is very quiet in the M.V.F. Department. Checking on equipment and maintenance is being taken care of by the Public Works Department.

Thank you to all the men and women who are on standby and always ready to respond when necessary.

Mayor Matt Reimer:

Waterfront and Signage

Many years ago, when the beach was closed by the provincial Health due to tailings signs were posted. Over the years the Municipality has replaced these signs numerous times but vandals keep destroying them.

Thanks to the Lions Club a beach and camp site was opened at Bear Lake. When those claims were sold the new owners closed the campsite.

The Township built a marina and gazebo with signage warning citizens about the tailings. Those signs were also removed by Vandals many times.

The mining Ministry was contacted many times requesting the cleanup of the hazards at the old beach site.

Our recent meeting with the ministry resulted in them contacting the claim owners and demanding that the closure plan be followed and the tailing problem be addressed. The Claims Owner installed the signage currently there and submitted a plan to perform tailings and water chemical tests to determine the action to be taken. These results will be submitted to the ministry and Municipality. We are disappointed that the signs do not contain "NO SWIMMING".

The Ministry of Mines has informed us that a proper Mine Closure Plan will be followed.

SMALL BUSINESS FUNDING

If you operate a small business and are registered with Revenue Canada you may be eligible for financial assistance through the KDCDC organization. If your business has suffered expenses and loss of revenue due to Covid regulations you may apply for this assistance. Please contact the Township office or myself directly for an application form.

Councilor Annie Toupin-Keft

Public Works:

Good evening,

Water main flushing is done. Sweeping is almost done just Kearns to finish. The docks are in, rest to follow before long weekend. There was a few line repairs and arena storage done.

Spring cleanup week has been cancelled due to Covid restriction.

Landfill site will be open May 25th, 26th, and 28th from 10a.m. to 4 p.m. and May 27th from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday regular hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Flyers to follow.

Thank you

Councilor Louanne Caza

Tourism:

Good evening everyone,

Tourist meetings have been postponed due to Covid.

I will be setting a telephone meeting up with the committee to work on our budget.

The Tourist Centre looking forward to our June meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Stay Safe

Thank you

Library:

The Library is open 5 days a week now in the afternoons. Covid-19 restrictions allow for curbside pickup only.

There has been a board meeting set up for Wednesday May 19th, 2021 at 2 p.m.

Stay Safe

Thank you

9. New Business

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

136/2021
Census 2021

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The "Council of the Township of McGarry supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca . Accurate and completed census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

137/2021
Francine Plante
Committee Member

THAT Council accepts the recommendation from the Property By-Law Committee and from Strategic Planning Committee to add Francine Plante to the Property By-Law Committee and to the Strategic Planning Committee as a new member.

Carried

10. Passing of Accounts

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

138/2021
Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

APRIL 2021:

Payroll:	\$25,319.26
General:	\$118,657.40

Carried

11. Passing of By-Laws: None

12. a) Submitted Questions / Question Soumises : None

b) Audience Questions / Questions de l'auditoire

- Colette Tardif asked if the rocks would be cleaned up around the Water Tower. The public works foreman replied that the company is planning on drilling there again and that the rocks will be cleaned up before winter.
- Mrs. Rose asked if a signature and date could be added to the complaint forms. The Clerk-Treasurer replied that she would look into this.

- Mrs. Rose also asked if there was not Day Camp do to covid would the students be place in another department. The Clerk responded that we are unable to place students in other departments. When the application is sent and approved by the Government, we must keep them as they are. It was also mentioned that we could also have a virtual day camp and they could do anything pertaining to Recreation.

13. Closed Meeting : None

14. Confirmation By-Law

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

139/2021
By-Law 2021-25

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council be read three times and passed this 11th day of May and numbered By-Law 2021-25.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

140/2021
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Carried

The next regular Council Meeting will be Tuesday, June 8th, 2021 at 7:00p.m.
La réunion du Conseil suivante sera le mardi le 8 juin, 2021 à 19h00.


MAYOR


CLERK-TREASURER