



Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, September 14th, 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 Annie Toupin-Keft
Councillor Bonita Culhane

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Councillor Wendy K. Weller

ALSO PRESENT:

CLERK: Karine Pelletier

AUDIENCE: 3 Members of the Public

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

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

2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft **214/2021**
Seconded by Louanne Caza **Agenda**

THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of September 14th, 2021 be adopted as presented with additions #9 (i) Tax write offs.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: None declared

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Moved by Bonita Culhane **215/2021**
Seconded by Louanne Caza **Council Meeting**

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 8, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

216/2021
Special Meeting

THAT the minutes for the Special Council Meeting held on May 28th, 2021, June 14th, 2021, July 6th, 2021, August 12th, 2021 and August 19th, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

5. Matters arising from the minutes: None

6. Deputation: None

7. Correspondence, Information

- a) Ministry of the Attorney General – Provincial Offences Act Part III
- b) Resource Productivity & Recovery Authority
- c) Ministry of Energy Northern Development and Mines – Expand access to natural gas for families and businesses in rural areas.
- d) MPAC – Back in the community after Covid 19
- e) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – OMPF Funding
- f) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Main Street Recovery Act, Amendments
- g) Timiskaming Health Unit- Update on Screening Guidance for Business
- h) Timiskaming Health Unit – Ontario to Require Proof of Vaccination in Select Settings

8. Council Reports

Councilor Bonita Culhane

Recreation Committee:

Good evening,

Summer is quickly coming to an end, Welcome Fall. Good to be back to regular monthly meetings (for now at least).

Day Camp had a few concerns in the beginning but a safe and fun filled summer was enjoyed by a great turn out of little ones and well run and very organized by the students.

Covid rules were trying a times for staff and the children but I feel all turned out very satisfactory. Thank you, Serena, Sarah, Kate and Zoey. Also, thanks to our office staff and public works department. Team work pays forward.

The flowers planters were once again looked after by neighborhood volunteers. Thanks to Gisele Lemire and Paulette Paquet along with other helping hands.

The exercise room has been able to reopen providing all Covid rules and regulations restrictions are followed. Registration must be through the Municipal office.

GFL – Kitchener Ground Force (Zeipz)

Fire:

McGarry Volunteer Fire Department held their first monthly meeting in some time on August 29, 2021. Business as usual was taking place when an incident occurred on the property so the meeting was cut short. Application is available if one has interest to apply to volunteer to join the Brigade. Meeting is not open to the public.

Point of interest:

June 17th, 2021

I had the privilege of attending a virtual session for Northern Ontario. Session 2- organized by Municipal affairs & Housing.

Associate Minister Jill Dunlop held a very informative and productive meeting for our North Eastern Communities. Valuable concerns and suggestions were given by Spanish River, Moonbeam, Kenogami, Sundridge, Kenora, Latchford and West Nippising to name some of our neighbors. Topics discussed where improvements could be considered included Code of Conduct, accountability for Council members, stronger penalties for violations, complaint investigations, better training for relationship between Council and Administration, penalties for nonperformance. Ending with a discussion regarding Harassment and bullying.

Attached is a copy of the consultation questions which was shared with my Council Co-Workers who had the opportunity for response by July 15th, 2021.

Thank you for the opportunity of attending. I had valuable information given to act on and found the session most interesting.

I would recommend attendance for session 3 should one occur.

Mayor Matt Reimer:

Councilor Annie Toupin-Keft

Public Works:

The Public Works Department were busy all summer. The summer students were a great help. Public Works had a service line repair in Kearns, they repaired a few signs and put in the new Fred Francoeur Street sign. The arena is just about done with its repairs.

Finished old dock ramp repairs for the year at the marina. A few boards were repaired at the Kearns bridge.

With Fall, comes winter, Public Works is gearing up for the season change, boat storage, dock removal and new dump hares coming soon.

Stay Safe everyone
Thank you

Councilor Louanne Caza

Tourism:

Unfortunately, our September 1st, 2021 meeting was cancelled due to no quorum. I do want to thank the residents that waited on the phone for the 20 minutes until I could close the meeting. I hope to hear from everyone at our October 6th, 2021 meeting. I would also like to thank Mayor Matt Reimer and his wife Willie for volunteering to keep the Tourist Centre open until Thanksgiving weekend, and the Fall decorations you have added to the outside are wonderful.

Thank you

Library:

Good evening, everyone,

There is great news, our Library is up and running once again. The Library Board has hired a new CEO/Librarian named Erika. Erika and the Board have been working hard at getting things in order to provide our residents with a safe place to enjoy. All Covid regulations must be followed. Look for our new hours in the upcoming Fall newsletter.

The current hours are:

Tuesday 6pm - 9pm
Wednesday Noon – 4pm
Thursday 9 am – noon

Thank you

9. New Business

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**217/2021
DTSSAB**

THAT Council supports the Town of Englehart's position that the DTSSAB recalculation that resulted in a monetary correction in cost appropriation should not be funded with the Board's Reserve and directs the Clerk/Treasurer to send a letter to support.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

218/2021
Prostate Cancer

WHEREAS the male population has been made to pay for prostate blood test and whereas 11 Canadian Men will die of prostate cancer every day and;

WHEREAS 1.5 million Canadian men are not seeking the early detection PSA testing and;

WHEREAS prostate cancer is the most common cancer in men and;

WHEREAS when detected early the survival rate is close to 100% and detected late 3 of 4 men will be lost and;

WHEREAS men who wishes to have this test done have to pay \$33.00 for the test;

THEREFORE, the Township of McGarry Council move that both the Federal and Provincial Governments move to have this test included in the national health care system and that it be made available for all Canadian men at no charge and further that the Government make every effort to have this become reality sooner than later as stated above every day that goes by another 11 men will die of this avoidable disease and;

FURTHERMORE, that this motion be distributed to Right Honourable Justin Trudeau Prime Minister of Canada, Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, Minister of Health (Canada) Honourable Patty Hajdu, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health (Ontario) Honourable Christine Elliot, all municipalities, and all First Nation Communities.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

219/2021
Broadband

THAT the Council of the Township of McGarry hereby resolves to support the Corporation of the Town of Englehart in its request to Northern Tel / Bell Canada Inc. to provide improved broadband internet quality, speed, and reliability to all businesses and residents in the Township of McGarry and surroundings area;

AND FURTHER that this resolution of support be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade; the Minister of Education, CEO of Bell Canada/BCE Inc., Mirko Bibic, Charlie Angus – MP Timmins-James Bay, John Vanthof – MPP Timiskaming – Cochrane; and the surrounding Municipalities.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

220/2021
Minutes 2020

THAT the minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on March 3, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

221/2021
Minutes 2021

THAT the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee held on March 23, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

222/2021
Minutes 2020

THAT the minutes of the Tourist Committee held on March 4, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

223/2021
Minutes 2021

THAT the minutes of the Tourist Committee held on June 2 , 2021 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Louanne caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

224/2021
Eco-Logix

THAT Council choose Option 1 and have Eco-Logix complete the process for the transition to a new regulatory framework and full producer and prepare all necessary paperwork and reports to ensure compliance for the Township of McGarry at a one-time cost of \$2,700.00.

Carried

Moved by Louanne caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

225/2021
Write-Offs

THAT Council approves the write off of the remaining taxes owing for the following accounts: 1016, 3971, 5662, 6230, 6256, 12774, 7600, 7593, 7634, 2577, 2733 totaling \$19,010.26.

Carried

10. Passing of Accounts

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

226/2021
Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

JUNE 2021:

Payroll: \$26,348.23
General: \$81,146.01

JULY 2021:

Payroll: \$ 38,877.89
General: \$ 124,672.35

AUGUST 2021:

Payroll: \$ 48,302.57
General: \$ 131,402.65

Carried

11. Passing of By-Laws:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

227/2021
By-Law 2021-43

THAT a By-Law to authorize the execution of an agreement with Her Majesty Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Infrastructure for repairs and numbered to the Public Works garage be read three times on this 14th day of September and be numbered By-Law 2021-43.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

157/2021
By-Law 2021-44

THAT a By-Law deem certain lots to no longer be registered lots on a plan of subdivision be read three times and numbered By-Law 2021-44.

Carried

12. A) Submitted Questions: None submitted.

B) Audience Questions

Mrs. Muriel Rose asked who was responsible for identifying properties around Town: The Clerk-Treasurer responded that it was the responsibility of the By-Law Officer. She also asked if anything was being done about the abandoned properties and the Clerk-Treasurer replied that we are following the procedures.

13. Closed Meeting

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

229/2021
Close Meeting

THAT Council goes into closed session at 7:49 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;

Carried

- Two confidential reports were presented to Council.

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

230/2021
Out Closed

THAT Council come out of closed session at 8:17 p.m.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

231/2021
Clerk-Typist Receptionist

THAT Council has read the confidential report regarding the Clerk-Typist Receptionist and are in agreement that she be moved Step 2 of the Pay Grid effective September 14, 2021.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

232/2021
Bookkeeper

THAT Council has read the confidential report regarding the Bookkeeper and are in agreement that the Bookkeeper has successfully completed her probation period and moved Step 1 of the Pay Grid effective September 18, 2021.

Carried

14. Confirmation By-Law

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

233/2021
By-Law 2021-45

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times on this 14th day of September 2021 and numbered By-Law 2021-45.

Carried

15. Adjournment / Cloture de Assemblée

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

234/2021
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Carried

The next regular Council Meeting will be Tuesday, October 12th, 2021 at 7:00p.m.
La réunion du Conseil suivante sera le mardi le 12 octobre, 2021 à 19h00.


MAYOR
CLERK-TREASURER