



Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 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  
Councillor Wendy K. Weller

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**CLERK:** Karine Pelletier

**AUDIENCE:** 6 Members of the Public

**1. Opening of Regular Meeting by the Head of Council**

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

**2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda/Ajouts/Suppression/Adoption de l'ordre du jour.**

Addition: New Business item #9 (g) Resignation of the By-Law Officer.

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**249/2021**  
**Agenda**

THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of September 14, 2021 be adopted as presented with additions under New Business item #9 (g) Resignation from By-Law Officer.

Carried

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

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

Moved by Wendy Weller  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**250/2021**  
**Council Meeting**

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 14, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**251/2021**  
**Special Meeting**

THAT the minutes for the Special Council Meeting held on September 8, 2021 and September 22, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

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

None

**6. Deputation / Délégations**

None

**7. Correspondence, Information / Correspondance, Information**

- a) Mr. Fred Francoeur – Thank you card
- b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Expiry of Temporary Regulations Limiting Municipal Authority to Regulate Construction Noise

**8. Council Reports / Rapports du Conseil**

**Councilor Bonita Culhane**

**Recreation Committee:**

The Regular monthly meeting will take place October 19, 2021 rescheduled from October 5<sup>th</sup>. Check the Township website for details to join in virtually. I would like to Thank the McGarry Tourist Committee for supporting the request from recreation Committee to partner up for the upcoming Christmas season. Details will be forth coming to host the children Christmas Party and the tree Lighting Ceremony on the same day. It will be on outside event with Covid rules being followed. Should be a family fun filled time with a visit from Santa.

Fire:

McGarry Volunteer Fire Department regular monthly meeting will be held on October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Our Firemen and Firewomen will be at the McGarry Fire Hall on the 31<sup>st</sup> for trick or treating ghosts and goblins. They will also be once again patrolling our streets to keep all safe. Goodie bags have been prepared following guidelines and are available on site.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween

**Mayor Matt Reimer:**

**Councilor Annie Toupin-Keft:** No Report

**Councilor Wendy Weller:**

Strategic Planning:

Good evening,

Strategic Planning Committee meeting held their monthly meeting online Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7pm.

There are no updates on the new Official Plan or Zoning By-Law.

The new welcome sign for highway 66 for V-Town, North V-Town and Kearns is ongoing. A new price list for the sign has been brought forward to the committee. There are questions from the committee if we need one or two signs, if the sign needs extra areas for events and printings on the sign.

Broadbent was discussed from notes taken during the AMO conference. Question was brought forward by committee member why discuss communications. In the official strategic plan for 2019 to 2022 one of the topics is communication.

For information only, the committee is putting together information package for the public on the topic of storage units.

At this present time the committee is full.

The next meeting will be called by the chairman of the committee.

Thank you

**Councilor Louanne Caza**

Tourism:

Good evening everyone,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. Our last Tourist meeting was held on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Topics for discussion were:

- 1- Tree Lighting/Children Party  
This year the Tourist Committee will be partnering up with the Recreation Committee to hold an outdoor event for all residents to enjoy. Covid rules will be followed. More details will follow soon.
2. The Committee has chosen a new Gold Coin Pamphlet to hand out to visitors to our area. Thank you to member Willie Reimer for all your hard work on this project.
3. The Committee members will be meeting this Thursday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 11:00 am to put away the clothing and get ready for winter.
4. The Tourist is now closed for the season to reopen in the spring.
5. Next meeting will be held November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Thank you

**9. New Business/ Nouvelles affaires:**

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**252/2021**  
**Recreation Meeting**

THAT the minutes for the Recreation Committee meeting held on March 2, 2021 and July 20, 2021 be accepted.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**253/2021**  
**Eco-Logix**

THAT Council has read and accepts the Contract Documents for the Producer Responsibility Transition Consultation from Eco-Logix.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**254/2021**  
**Rotation**  
**Communications Committee**

THAT Council accepts the following rotation schedule for the Communications Committee:

January to June 2022 – Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft and Councillor Wendy K. Weller

July to November 2022 – Councillor Bonita Culhane and Mayor Matt Reimer

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**255/2021**  
**Statutory Holiday**

THAT Council is in favor to add September 30<sup>th</sup> as a new Federal Statutory Holiday, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**256/2021**  
**Regular Council**

THAT Council agree to move the next Regular Council Meeting from Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2021 to Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**257/2021**  
**Christmas Party**

THAT Council has received and approves the memo from the Clerk-Treasurer in respect to the Annual Christmas Party for Staff and Volunteers.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**258/2021**  
**Resignation**

THAT Council accepts with regrets the resignation from Mr. Bastiaan Koomans as By-Law Officer effective December 31, 2021.

Carried

#### **10. Passing of Accounts**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**259/2021**  
**Accounts**

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

#### **SEPTEMBER 2021:**

Payroll: \$38,623.01  
General: \$127,914.24

Carried

## **11. Passing of By-Laws:**

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**260/2021**  
**By-Law 2021-50**

THAT a By-Law to enter into and execute an agreement with her Majesty the Queen in Right of the Province of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure for a grant to improve the drinking water distribution and wastewater collection systems in Virginiatown. The work will involve replacing approximately 650 metres of water main, approximately 650 metres of sewer pipe, fire hydrants, valves, manholes and associated equipment. In addition, storm water connections along Connell Avenue will be investigated and upgraded or repaired, and approximately three (3) kilometres of sewer pipe be read three times and passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October and be numbered By-Law 2021-50.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**261/2021**  
**By-Law 2021-51**

THAT a By-Law to enter into an Agreement for the Virginiatown Distribution and Collection Upgrade under "ICIP" funding with the Ontario Clean Water Agency be read three times and passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October and numbered By-Law 2021-51.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**262/2021**  
**By-Law 2021-52**

THAT a By-Law to recognize an amendment to the purpose of the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association Articles of Incorporation be read three times and passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October and numbered By-Law 2021-52.

Carried

## **12. a) Submitted Questions : None**

### **b) Audience Questions**

A resident asked Councillor Wendy Weller if she was advertising storage units for the Township or for a private entrepreneur. Councillor Wendy Weller replied it was for a private entrepreneur.

A resident asked if Public Works Department sold the scrap metal and where did the money go. Councillor Culhane answered that they did sell the scrap metal and all the money was giving back to the Community.

**13. Closed Meeting : None**

**14. Confirmation By-Law**

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**263/2021**  
**By-Law 2021-53**

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of October and numbered By-Law 2021-53.

Carried

**15. Adjournment**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**264/2021**  
**Adjournment**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Carried

The next regular Council Meeting will be Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00p.m.  
La réunion du Conseil suivante sera le mardi le 16 novembre, 2021 à 19h00.

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK-TREASURER