



Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, June 8th, 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

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

ALSO PRESENT:

CLERK-TREASURER: Karine Pelletier

AUDIENCE: 6 Members of the Public

1. Opening of Regular Meeting by the Head of Council

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcome those in attendance. He also took a roll call.

2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**145/2021
Agenda**

THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting held on June 8th, 2021 be adopted.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest: None

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings

a) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**146/2021
Council Meeting**

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

Carried

- b) Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

147/2021
Special Meeting

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 10th, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried

- c) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

148/2021
Special Meeting

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on May 28th, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried

5. Matters arising from the minutes: None

6. Deputation: None

7. Correspondence, Information:

- a) AMO Conference – Request for Delegation with Ministers
- b) Expertise for Municipalities – Report regarding complaint about the Clerk-Treasurer
- c) Ministry of Government and Consumer Services – Distribution of Land Registry Office by email
- d) Expertise for Municipalities – Integrity Commissioner Report
- e) Health Unit– New Provincial Reopening
- f) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Extension of order under the Emergency Management Act

8. Council Reports

Councilor Wendy K. Weller

Good evening, we will start with an update from the Bylaw Officer for the month of May, 2021.

Clean and Clear

- 2 letters regarding demolition clean up
- 1 fire hydrant blockage
- 1 written letter request to remove trailer from street

Property Standards ByLaw:

Working of Property Standards bylaw and clean and clear bylaw with Bylaw Committee.

Animal Control

- 1 dog running at large in Kearns, bylaw officer looking into.
- 1 complaint of dog attacking dog, bylaw officer looking into.
- 2 dog complaints in Kearns warning have been given.

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 Bylaw did meet las month.

The ongoing topic abandon house was discussed, chairman of the Property Bylaw Committee has researched and wrote a Report to the Municipal Council on behalf of the Bylaw Committee to be discussed by council at this meeting.

Another topic is the tennis courts, the courts are on the McGarry Curling Club Property, the Club has agreed to repair the fencing covering all costs, repairs to the fence will be in the near future.

The next meeting will be held by phone on Tuesday June 15th, 2021 at 7 pm. All information for the meeting will be distributed to the committee well before the meeting. All inquire and questions from the March meeting will be addressed at the May committee meeting.

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

Councilor Bonita Culhane

Recreation Committee:

Good evening,

Welcome to our virtual Council Meeting. Announcement for Recreation Meeting will be posted with due – Notice in the near future. Plans for Summer activities will be announced by social media, posters and or newsletters when restrictions are lifted.

Have a safe happy and healthy summer season

Fire:

Monthly meetings still on hold due to the Covid regulations. MVFD officers are checking equipment following protocol rulings for the group gatherings. If you are unsure of regulations for outdoor fires please check before you start the fire.

Have a safe summer season

Point of interest:

I will be attending a virtual "Townhall" session on June 10th, 2021.

Topic: Code of Conduct Consultation Minister Clark of Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing. Associate Minister Jill Dunlop will host the presentation for this Northern Ontario Regional Session. If Council has questions or concerns, I will be glad to ask questions for them.

A written report will be submitted following my attendance.

Thank you

Mayor Matt Reimer:

1. As stated at the last Council Meeting, we addressed the concerns related to swimming at the marina waterfront. The ministry of mines instructed the claims owners to post signs and perform both water and soil chemical analysis. As we have seen the signage was posted. To our knowledge the samples have been taken but as of this date we have not received results of the analysis. We will continue to question the ministry.
2. The movement of the fence around the Gold Candle property has also been an issue. Through our inquiries we have received documents that show that the movement was developed by the ministry when complaints from residents identifying tremors and dust rising from the 2 GLORY HOLES. A study was initiated by the ministry to determine the possibility of sluffing posing a danger to residents and services using the old highway 66. Through their study and analysis, a recommendation was made to move the fence to protect the residents of McGarry Township. This was not a move to assist any open pit mining. An emergency exit from Vtown is in the plan.
3. Many years ago, a study was performed to analyze the condition of clean water supply and waste distribution system. An in-depth study identified numerous problems. Last year on 27th avenue in North Vtown was the first step in this project. Work is underway to take the next step scheduled for 2011. Our share of the remaining project is approximately 2.2 million. The expected completion is in 2025. We have contacted the Ministries involved a requested additional financial help for our coats. Our share of this project is one third of the total cost. If anyone has ideas for fundraising let us know.
4. We are continuing our communications with Gold Candle and several provincial and Federal Ministries to make sure we have info and solutions if the open pit project does come about.

Councilor Louanne Caza**Tourism:**

Public Works are rebuilding the picnic tables. Will be removing the iron rods where the coin used to sit. Need to get an estimate for the chinking and sealant. Clean up day Sunday June 13th, 2021 @ 1:00 p.m. for committee members only if permitted. Need to shop for a television for the Centre. Next meeting is July 7th, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

Thanks to Willie Reimer and Joanne for the donations of flower and Willie for all her hard work. Planting and weeding daily.

9. New Business:

- a) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**149/2021
K.L. Opioid**

WHEREAS substance abuse/addiction has become an ever-growing crisis in the District of Temiskaming affecting individuals and their families;

AND WHEREAS there are no facilities in the district to assist individuals from the area requiring assistance to recover from substance abuse/addiction;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry hereby resolves, in principle, to support K.L. Opioid Poisoning Prevention Task Force in its efforts to convert the former Pinegar Detention Center into an Addiction Residential Community which would contain nonmedical withdrawal management beds; recovery residential housing and a recovery and community reintegration program to address the needs of individuals recovering from substance abuse/addiction;

AND FURTHER that the resolution of support be forwarded to all Municipalities in the District of Temiskaming; OPP Detachments – Kirkland Lake and Timiskaming Shores; Timiskaming Health Unit, Temiskaming Municipal Association and John Vanthof – MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane

Carried

- b) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**150/2021
Summer Meeting**

THAT Council agrees to not meet for the months of July and August for a Regular meeting of Council and reconvenes on Tuesday, September 14, 2021.

Carried

- c) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**151/2021
POA**

Whereas the Stronger, fairer Ontario Act, 2017 was passed by the Legislative Assembly of Ontario on December 14, 2017; and

Whereas the Stronger, Fairer Ontario Act, 2017 enable the Attorney General to enter into agreements with municipalities to transfer responsibility for certain prosecutions currently prosecuted by the Ministry's Criminal Law Division under Part III of the Provincial Offences Act (POA); and

Whereas the Ministry's effort to modernize POA prosecutions has been ongoing for over three years; and

Whereas the delay in implementing the transfer of responsibility of certain Part III POA prosecutions to municipalities has resulted in inefficiencies and additional cost; and

Whereas on November 19, 2019 the Director of Crown Operations North Region advised the City of Temiskaming it was continuing its plan for a phased approach to transfer the responsibilities of certain Part III prosecutions based on local site readiness and capacity to assume the responsibility; and

Whereas the City of Temiskaming is responsible for the administration of POA matters in the District of Timiskaming with the exception of prosecutions under Part III of the Provincial Offences Act; and

Whereas the Timiskaming District POA Intermunicipal Advisory Committee met on March 22, 2021 and passed a resolution to indicate its readiness and capacity to assume certain Part III prosecutions under the Provincial Offences Act as enabled by the Stringer, Fairer Ontario Act, 2017.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of McGarry hereby petitions the Ministry of the Attorney General to honor its commitment to modernize the prosecution of Provincial Offences Act (POA) matters and transfer responsibilities of permitted Part III POA prosecutions to the City of Temiskaming Shores as soon as possible; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities in the District of Timiskaming; the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities; and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for their support.

Carried

- d) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

152/2021
Minute 2019

THAT the minutes of the Property Standards Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, November 19th, 2019 be approved.

Carried

- e) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

153/2021
Minute 2021

THAT Minutes of the Property By-Law Committee Meeting held on Sunday, March 21st, 2021 be approved.

Carried

- f) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

154/2021
Abandoned

THAT Council accepts the Property By-Law Committee Report requesting to add the definition of Abandoned in Section 2.0 Definitions of By-Law 2016-15 being a By-Law for prescribing standards for the Maintenance and Occupancy of Property within the Corporation of the Township of McGarry and directs the Clerk-Treasurer to amend By-Law 2016-15 by adding a new definition of abandoned as: "to intentionally and permanently give up, surrender, leave, desert, or relinquish all interest or ownership in the property, home, or other premises, a right way.

10. Passing of Accounts

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**155/2021
Accounts**

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

MAY 2021:

Payroll:	\$25,414.22
General:	\$91,684.25

Carried

11. Passing of By-Laws:

- a) Moved by Wendy K.Weller
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**156/2021
Library**

THAT a By-Law to establish a Public Library Board be considered read three times and passed this 8th day of June and numbered By-Law 2021-27.

Carried

- b) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy K.Weller

**157/2021
By-Law Officer**

THAT a By-Law to hire a By-Law Officer be read three times and passed this 8th day of June and numbered By-Law 2021-28.

Carried

12. A) Submitted Questions

Suggestion from Holly House to have online billing for water bills to save money on stamps and paper and she also suggested to have a hopscotch game, 4 squares, maybe dots for kids to bike around on the old arena pad and maybe if the funds were available a basketball net would be nice.

B) Audience Questions

- Muriel Rose mentioned that on April 7th she asked the Property By-Law Committee if the By-Law Officer will act on his own or will he only act with a written notice. Councillor Weller responded that the By-Law Officer will act on his own and also with the Clerk and Committee.
- Muriel Rose also asked if there was a By-Law for someone living in a trailer and if there was a time limit for someone to live in a trailer. Councillor Weller replied that there is no bylaw and that it is in the By-Law Officer's hands. She also mentioned that someone can live in a trailer 2 weeks after they begin repairs to their house.

13. Closed Meeting : None

14. Confirmation By-Law

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

158/2021
By-Law 2021-29

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the of Council be read three times and passed this 8th day of June and numbered By-Law 2021-29.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

159/2021
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Carried

The next regular Council Meeting will be Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 at 7:00p.m.


MAYOR


CLERK-TREASURER