

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. via Teleconference call.

## 1. Opening of Meeting and Call to Order:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

## 2. Roll Call: Mayor took a roll call:

Attendance:	Present	Absent
Mayor Matt Reimer	☑	
Councillor Louanne Caza		
Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft		$   \overline{\checkmark} $
Councillor Wendy K. Weller		
Councillor Bonita Culhane	$\overline{\checkmark}$	

Clerk Treasurer – Karine Pelletier Public Works Superintendent – Gord Caza Members of the audience present: 3

Moved by Louanne Caza Seconded by Bonita Culhane

36/2022 Leave of Absence

THAT Council agrees to grant a leave of absence to Member Annie Toupin-Keft from the February 8, 2022 Regular Meeting of Council due to advance notice submitted to the Clerk and the inability to attend the meeting.

Carried

# 3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum:

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Louanne Caza

37/2022 Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of February 8, 2022 be adopted with addition to #10(e) time change for Regular Meetings on Procedural By-Law 2021-57.

Carried

# 4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest:

- Councillor Louanne Caza declared a conflict of pecuniary interest on item# 10 (b) Landfill Attendant and Casual Labourer and on item #12 (a) By-Law for Pay Grids for Employees.

# 5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Moved by Louanne Caza Seconded by Bonita Culhane

38/2022 Regular Minutes

THAT the minutes for the Regular Council meeting held on January 18, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Louanne Caza

39/2022 Special Minutes

THAT the minutes for the Special Council meetings held on January 17, 2022, January 20, 2022 and on January 26, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

- 6. Matters arising from the minutes: Councillor Culhane questioned the absence and presence of Councillor Caza from the Special Council meeting of January 17, 2022. The Clerk explained she was absent due to a pecuniary interest for the beginning of the meeting which included interviews and joined the meeting after the interviews were completed and the successful applicant was chosen.
- 7. Deputations / Delegations: None
- 8. Correspondence / Information:
  - a) Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry Proposed regulatory changes under the Aggregate Resources Act Read and Received.
  - b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Updates on changes made to help streamline and simplify Ontario's planning system Read and Received.
  - c) Mr. Joseph Moses Donation to the Fire Department by the Moses Family Read and Received.
  - d) Minister of Agriculture Claim administration payment Read and Received.

# 9. Members Update Reports:

### Councillor Caza

#### **Tourist Committee**

Good evening, everyone. Our last Tourist Committee meeting was held on February 2, 2022. First thing I would like to mention is the memory angels, we raised \$445.00 and the money was donated to the McGarry Food Hampers. I would like to thank anyone who participated. We also discussed fund raising ideas: a lot of ideas was brought forward and we will discuss them again at our next meeting. We are looking for quotes for our chinking and preserving, I am also looking into security cameras to get some light on the building. We also discussed the major cleaning of the Tourist Centre for the spring opening. This will all be brought up again at our next meeting of March 2, 2022.

### **Councillor Bonita Culhane:**

McGarry Fire Department Good evening.

January's monthly meeting could not take place due to Covid Restrictions. February 27th, 2022 meeting is to be decided.

A brush fire and a chimney fire were attended to.

Proud of the Firefighters who are volunteers and never hesitate to leave family functions, dinners and warm beds to serve and protect without hesitation. We most appreciate to have them on board. Proud of the many contributors to the residents and thankful that they live in McGarry. Take time to thank them for their service when the opportunity arises, hats off to the men and women who run into danger when we run out.

#### Recreation Committee:

Recreation Committee met for monthly meeting on February 1, 2022. We have requested to have the building opened while following health regulation. February will bring a snow sculpture contest, judging will take place February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Posters will be placed around the community as well as on social media. Be creative and have fun. Three \$25.00 prizes will be given out to McGarry residents. Enjoy Family Day

Hopefully March will bring lifting on restrictions so the little ones can have a variety of activities both indoors and outside and enjoy the March break. Schedules to be posted following the March monthly meeting. Enjoy the remaining winter and welcome to early spring.

#### Councillor Wendy Weller

#### Strategic Planning Committee

Good evening, I am reporting on the Strategic Planning Committee. The committee did not have a meeting in January. Our February meeting is at the end of the month, so there is nothing to report at this time but I will have a full report after the February meeting.

## Mayor Matt Reimer

Timiskaming area Mayors and Council are very active at trying to stop the unauthorized settlement that are being created in the north. They are doing without any official plan or any kind of body to organized them. They are not even calling themselves a municipality but they are services that they will have to follow and a lot of them have refused other services such as garbage pickup. It will have to be pick up by other municipalities that are very close to them. That is not a situation that Mayors and Council of other small territories want to have the unsettled people put up them. They will not be paying any taxes, policing costs, fire control costs, this will be paid by the closest area that have that service. We have already had one organization stop their development.

On a positive side, I spoke with the president of KDCDC and there is a new program coming. FedNor is doing more study on providing guidelines and possible funding to prepare tourism attractions in all of our municipalities in the Timiskaming area. They have come up with several new ideas. There will more information provided by FedNor and presented to our Council regarding this funding.

## 10. New Business:

Moved by Louanne Caza Seconded by Bonita Culhane

40/2022 AMCTO

THAT Karine Pelletier attend the virtual AMCTO Spring Clerk Forums on March 31, 2022 at a cost of \$330.00 plus tax.

Carried

- Councillor Caza declared a conflict of pecuniary interest of item # 10 (b) and left the room.

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

41/2022

Landfill Attendant/Casual

Labourer

THAT Council hire Gord Caza Jr. for the position of Landfill Attendant and Casual Labourer with a 6-month probationary period.

Carried

Councillor Caza returned to the table.

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

42/2022

Treasurer Report

THAT the report of the Treasurer prepared under section 284 of the Municipal Act be accepted.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller Seconded by Bonita Culhane

43/2022

**By-Law Officer Report** 

THAT Council has read and received the Report from the By-Law Enforcement Officer for the month of January 2022.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller Seconded by Bonita Culhane

44/2022

Request for Amendment of start time for Regular Council

Meeting

THAT Councillor Louanne Caza is requesting an amendment to the start time of the Regular Council Meeting set out in By-Law 2021-57 being a bylaw to provide rules for governing the order and procedures of the Council of the Township of McGarry, passed on November 24, 2021.

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

45/2022 Amendment of start time for Regular Council Meetings

THAT Council is requesting an amendment be made to the start of the Regular Council Meetings set out in By-Law 2021-57 being a By-Law to provide rules for governing the order and procedures of the council of the Township of McGarry, passed on November 24, 2021. Council is requesting the start time be amended from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. beginning in March 2022.

Carried

### 11. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

46/2022 Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

## JANUARY 2022

Payroll: \$ 24,265.26 General: \$ 132,151.37

Carried

## 12. Passing of By-Laws:

- Councillor Caza declared a conflict of pecuniary interest on item #12 (a) and left the room.

Moved by Wendy K. Weller Seconded by Bonita Culhane

47/2022

By-Law 2022-06

THAT a By-Law to amend By-Law 2011-11 being a by-law to establish pay grids for employees be read three times and passed this 8th day of February and numbered By-Law 2022-06.

Carried

- Councillor Caza returned to the table.

Moved by Wendy K. Weller Seconded by Bonita Culhane

48/2022

By-Law 2022-07

THAT a By-Law to amend By-Law 2020-09 being a by-law to establish remuneration and benefits for members of Council be read three times and passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February and numbered By-Law 2022-07.

Moved by Wendy K. Weller Seconded by Bonita Culhane

49/2022 By-Law 2022-08

THAT a By-Law to provide for an Interim Tax Levy be read three times and passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February and numbered By-Law 2022-08.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

50/2022 By-Law 2022-09

THAT a By-Law to authorize the temporary borrowing be considered read three times and passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February and numbered By-Law 2022-09.

#### Carried

13. a) Submitted Questions: None

b) Audience Questions: None

#### 14. Closed Meeting:

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

51/2022 Closed

THAT Council goes into closed session at 6:30 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; (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

52/2022 Out Closed

THAT Council come out closed session at 8:02 p.m.

- Council met and gave direction to Erin from J.L. Richards regarding a Hunt Camp Extractive Industrial / Mineral Aggregate Resource Area application.
- Council discussed the two Pinchin reports with Public Works Superintendent Gord Caza
- Council discussed the Harassment and Slander directed at the Clerk-Treasurer.
- Council discussed the re-opening of the Community Centre

Moved by Louanne Caza Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

53/2022
Pinchin Monitoring and
Reporting on Landfill

THAT Council has read the report and the proposal from Pinchin and agrees to hire them for the 2022-2024 annual Monitoring and Reporting for the McGarry Landfill site at a cost of 42,148.00 plus tax.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Louanne Caza

54/2022

Pinchin Aerial Waste Capacity

Review

THAT Council has read the report and the proposal from Pinchin for the Proposal for Aerial UAV/RPAS Topographic and Waste Capacity review for the McGarry Waste Disposal Site as a cost of \$6,985.00 plus tax.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

55/2022

Harassment/Slander

THAT Council agrees to pay all costs associated with the harassment and slander directed towards the Clerk-Treasurer of the Township of McGarry.

Recorded Vote	Requested by	y Councillor Culhane
Mayor Reimer Councillor Wendy K. Weller Councillor Louanne Caza Councillor Bonita Culhane Councillor Annie Toupin-Toupin	YES _XXXXX	NO
	Carried	

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

56/2022

Community Centre Re-opening

THAT Council agrees to re-open the Community Centre as of February 8, 2022 and that all Covid-19 rules and regulations will be followed.

## 15. Confirmation By-Law:

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

57/2022 Confirmation

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February and numbered By-Law 2022-10.

Carried

## 16. Adjournment:

Moved by Bonita Culhane Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

58/2022 Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Carried

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