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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in person in the meeting room or by phone.

**Opening of Meeting and Call to Order:**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

**1. Roll Call:** Mayor took a roll call:

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Matt Reimer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Louanne Caza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Wendy K. Weller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Bonita Culhane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Clerk Treasurer – Karine Pelletier

Members of the audience present: 17

**2. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum:**

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

**143/2022**  
**Adoption of Agenda**

THAT the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of June 14, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None**

**4. Minutes of Previous Meetings :**

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**144/2022**  
**Regular Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Regular Council meeting held on May 10, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

THAT the minutes for the Special Council meeting held on May 2, 2022 with amendments and May 25, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

5. **Matters arising from the minutes:** Councillor Louanne Caza informed the Clerk that a recorded vote was called at the May 2, 2022 meeting and it had not been recorded in the minutes. The Clerk noted the change and will amend the minutes.
6. **Deputations / Delegations:** Amanda St-Cyr addressed the Council to request a donation / sponsorship and the use of the Community Centre free or charge for her daughter Isabella-Kelly St-Cyr to be able to attend the international performance of Performers (IPOP) convention in Los Angeles California from January 2 to January 8, 2023. Council requested to have this discussion in the close session of the meeting.
7. **Correspondence / Information:**
  - a) Ministry of Infrastructure – Asset Management – Received and Read.
  - b) McGarry Public Library – Thank you to Gold Candle Ltd. – Received and Read.

8. **Members Update Reports :**

**Councillor Wendy K. Weller**

**Strategic Planning Committee:**

Good evening,

Strategic Planning Committee meet on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 pm. 4 items were discussed:

- a) Welcome highway sign and marina new sign have been ordered. Signs are being designed and installed by Creative Designs of Kirkland Lake.
- b) Loose Parts Park: the items that are going to be collected for the new Loose Parts Park are being acquired by the committee members. In the near future, the park will be worked on by the committee members and the public is invited to help. Dates will be posted.
- c) A list for new signage for municipal buildings was created. Looking into for available funds through FedNor for bilingual signs.
- d) A sitting area for the front of the Public Library, benches, or handicap picnic benches.

The next committee meeting will be Tuesday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 7:00 pm here in the meeting room. At the present time the committee has no openings.

**Councillor Louanne Caza:**

**Tourist Committee:**

Good evening, everyone

The Tourist Committee last met Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. We have had many visitors since being open. I would like to thank Mr. & Mrs. Reimer for volunteering to open on Saturdays and Sundays.

This year we are lucky to be receiving 4 summer students. Before the students start, the inventory will be counted and the on-loan and consignment book will be checked by the committee, once the students start, the centre will be open 7 days a week. The time capsule will also be returned to the centre soon. The planter box has been planted and looking good.

The committee will be moving forward with some building repairs this summer, some outside work to the building and some minor repairs inside. At this time, I would like to mention that we have received two donations to the Tourist Centre – First, from Buzz & Nyla Koomans of a box of costume jewelry. Thank you. Second, from Marcel and Paulette Paquet of a George Taylor Hardware Book dated 1953. I would also like to thank you.

Lastly, we have 2 vacant seats open on the Tourist Committee, if you are interested, please apply at the township office.

Next meeting will be July 6, 2022, at 7:00 pm everyone is welcome.

Please have a joy filled and safe summer.

Thank you

**Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft :**

**Recreation Committee :**

We had a Recreation Committee meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Community Centre. The business of the day was Canada day.

Friday July 1<sup>st</sup>, Canada day will take place at the Community Centre. Posters to come with all the details.

Parade to start at 11:00 am from the Cenotaph to finish at the Community Centre. No peddle bikes in the parade but there is going to be a peddle bike parade on the ice pad following the parade.

12:00 pm- peddle bike parade and prizes, prizes awarded for the best three floats in the parade along with decorated bikes.

12:30pm – opening ceremony along with oh Canada by Joanne Thompson followed by hot dogs and cake.

Inflatables from 1:00-3:00 pm games from 1:30-3:00 pm

At 6:00 pm a 50/50 draw by our McGarry Volunteer Fire Brigade.

7:00 m – Bingo by the St-Pierre Apotre Church.

Finishing the celebration with fireworks at dusk.

### **Policing Committee:**

The Policing Committee had their first meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the community centre.

A lot of great ideas were brought forward for future info session. We will be kicking off the summer with a Bike Rodeo on July 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Community Centre, rain or shine. If its beautiful out it will take place in the parking lot if it's raining it will take place on the ice pad.

This event is being presented by the Early on Child & Family Centre and the Ontario Provincial Police. Please keep an eye out for our poster.

Date to be determined but for August the info session will be on Anti-Scams. More info to come.

### **Public Works:**

Once again, our Public Works Department has worked hard at getting our little community ready for summer.

The docks are in, the water main flushing has been completed, work on the Crozier Building has started and new windows to be installed at the community centre.

Things are going to look even better soon as our students will be starting shortly. They will be doing the lawn mowing along with new coats of paint were needed.

A big thank you to our students who gave up their Saturday morning to pick up the trash around the municipality, and to our volunteers who also gave up a Saturday morning to surprise and transport the students.

**Councillor Bonita Culhane**

### **Fire Department**

- For the McGarry Fire Volunteer Department I was not able to attend the meeting but hope that the residents will enjoy the schedule Canada Day parade and evening fireworks that will be displayed on July 1<sup>st</sup>. A reminder that the Fire Department has 50/50 tickets still available. They are available from any member of the brigade or at the Township Office, so try to be that lucky winner.
- Enjoy a safe summer ahead and as a part of interest, start collecting your treasures because the annual yard sale will be held on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **Recreation**

- For the Recreation Department – Thank you Councillor Toupin-Keft for reporting and thank you Councillor Caza and Councillor Weller for taking charge of the Township planters. Thank you to the Recreation Committee for following through with all the plans for Canada Day. Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy and joy free summer ahead. Thank you

### **Mayor Matt Reimer**

Mayor Reimer read a letter from the Development and Rural Broadband Strategy stating that municipalities under 20,000 residents receive less support from the federal government in comparison to their much larger counterparts. Red tape duplications and certain application requirements disproportionately burden small rural communities with very few staff. Rural Canadians must band together for fairer and more robust funding for communities all over Rural Canada.

### **9. New Business :**

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

**146/2022**  
**Recreation Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on April 11, 2022 be approved.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**147/2022**  
**Tourist Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Tourist Committee meeting held on April 6, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**148/2022**  
**Strategic Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on April 26, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**149/2022**  
**Library meeting**

THAT the minutes of the McGary Public Library Board meeting held on April 25, 2022 be approved.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**150/2022**  
**Garbage Truck**

THAT Council declare the 2009 Garbage Truck as surplus equipment and direct the Clerk-Treasurer to put it up for sale.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**151/2022**  
**AMO**

THAT \_\_\_\_\_ attend the AMO Conference from August 14 to August 17, 2022 in Ottawa at a cost of \$1000.00 plus \$50.00 for social pass.

**Deferred**

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**152/2022**  
**Defibrillators**

THAT Council purchase two new defibrillators (one for the Township Office and one for the Community Centre) at a cost of \$13335.00 each plus tax.

**Deferred**

**10. Passing of Accounts:**

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**153/2022**  
**Accounts**

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

**MAY 2022**

Payroll: \$ 27,005.19  
General: \$ 189,191.67

Carried

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

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**154/2022**  
**By-Law 2022-19**

THAT a By-Law to authorize delegated authority during the "Lame Duck Period" of Council during the 2022 Municipal Elections be read three times and passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June and be numbered By-Law 2022-19.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**155/2022**  
**By-Law 2022-20 -Animal By-Law**

THAT a By-Law to amend By-Law 2021-34 be read three times and passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June and be numbered By-Law 2022-20.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**156/2022**  
**By-Law 2022-21**

THAT a By-Law to appoint signing officers be read three times and passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June and be numbered By-Law 2022-21.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**157/2022**  
**By-Law 2022-22**

THAT a By-Law to establish Tax Ratios for 2022 be read three times and passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June and be numbered By-Law 2022-22.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**158/2022**  
**By-Law 2022-23**

THAT a By-Law to authorize the adoption of the 2022 operating budget and capital budgets be read three times and passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June and be numbered By-Law 2022-23.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**159/2022**  
**By-Law 2022-24**

THAT a By-Law to set and levy the rates of taxation for the year 2022 be read three times and passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June and be numbered By-Law 2022-24.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**160/2022**  
**By-Law 2022-25**

THAT a By-Law to adopt the Timiskaming District Joint Compliance Audit Committee and Terms of Reference be read three times and passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June and be numbered By-Law 2022-25.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**161/2022**  
**By-Law 2022-26**

THAT a By-Law to establish travel expenses and allowance while traveling for council and employees be read three times and passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June and be numbered By-Law 2022-26.

Carried

**12. a) Submitted Questions :**

- 1) Denis Smith – What was the amount received from the Solar Project for the year 2021? The final Financial Statements have not been approved yet. When they are approved, will you be able give out this information.
- 2) Denis Smith - What is the Township doing with the old garbage truck? The truck has been declared surplus and will be sold.

**b) Audience Questions:**

- Sue Culhane – shared her concerns about the drinking water being cloudy – The Public Works foreman is aware of the problem and is looking into it.
- Gerry Tremblay – Asked if his letter was going to be addressed – It was explained that this was being brought forward in the close session.
- Ivan Pike – Question about the culvert in the laneway. When will it get fixed. – This is being addressed in the close session.
- Sue Culhane – Informed Council that signs on the highway are laying over and asked if they would be fixed.
- Andre Gagnon – asked if Council had received his complaint and what was the protocol - This concern is being addressed in close.
- Linda Lamarre – Asked why there is so many meetings? It was explained that meetings are required and necessary.
- Amanda St-Cyr – asked if the funding received for the big water and sewer project would help with the repair of certain street in Virginiatown. The Township does not pick the street that will be worked on for this project.
- John Truchon – had concerns about the little ones driving around with the motor bikes and not being supervised. This concern has been brought forward at the Policing Committee.
- Mr. Pike asked what the speed limit is in town and where are the signs posted. Council requested the Clerk look into additional signage.



**13. Closed Meeting:**

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**162/2022**  
**Closed**

THAT Council goes into closed session at 8:15 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 Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**163/2022**  
**Out Closed**

THAT Council come out closed session at 9:17 p.m.

Carried

- A discussion took place with Council and the Public Works Superintendent regarding the laneway between Lynch Avenue and Casselman Avenue in Kearns.
- A discussion took place regarding a donation/sponsor.

Moved by Wendy K. Weller  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**164/2022**  
**Donation**

THAT Council donate/sponsor the amount of \$500.00 to Isabella-Kelly St-Cyr for her to attend the international performance of Performers (IPOP) convention in Los Angeles, California from January 2 to 8, 2023.

Carried

**14. Confirmation By-Law:**

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**165/2022**  
**Confirmation**

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June and numbered By-Law 2022-27.

Carried

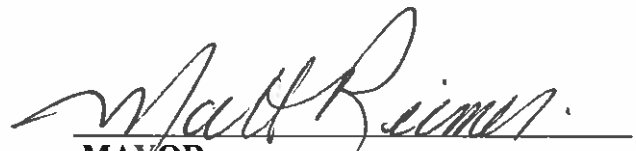
**15. Adjournment:**

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**166/2022**  
**Adjournment**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Carried

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK-TREASURER