



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, September 13<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><b>Attendance:</b></u>	<u><b>Present</b></u>	<u><b>Absent</b></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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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: 18

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**193/2022**  
**Absent**

THAT Council agrees to grant a leave of absence to Member Annie Toupin-Keft for the Regular Council Meeting of September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, due to appropriate advance notice submitted to the Clerk.

Carried

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

Moved by Wendy K. Weller  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**194/2022**  
**Adoption of Agenda**

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 13, 2022 be adopted with addition #10 (L) - Request for meeting room and gymnasium free of charge.

Carried

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

**4. Minutes of Previous Meetings :**

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**195/2022**  
**Regular Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Regular Council meeting held on June 14, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**196/2022**  
**Special Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Special Council Meeting held on July 5, 2022, July 28, 2022 and August 16, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

**5. Matters arising from the minutes: None**

**6. Deputations / Delegations: None**

**7. Correspondence / Information:**

- a) Ministry of Finance – Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund.
- b) Town of Kapuskasing – Delayed Ontario One Locates and impact on municipalities development.
- c) Sarah Gagne – Thank you for the bursary.
- d) MPAC – Quarterly update.
- e) Solicitor General – New Ontario Regulation for Standards of Care for Dogs Kept Outdoors in Ontario.
- f) Municipal Engineers Association – The Retention of Professional Engineers at Ontario Municipalities.
- g) The Managed Municipality – Affordable software tools, IT support and consulting services to small and mid-size government office.
- h) Director of the Environmental Assessment Branch of the Ministry of the Environment- Amendments to the Class Environment Assessment for Minor Transmission Facilities.
- i) Fire Marshall's Public Safety Council – Firefighter Certification.
- j) Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario – New IPC Service for file and pay for appeals online.
- k) AMCTO – Response to Bill 3: Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act.
- l) Ontario Sheep Farmers – Increase challenge livestock farmers are facing.
- m) Ontario One Call – Bill 93 Locate Performance Reports.
- n) Timiskaming Health Unit – Audited Financial Statement.
- o) Timiskaming Health Unit – Changes to self-isolation requirement.

**8. Members Update Reports :**

**Councilor Wendy K. Weller – Report not received**

**Councilor Louanne Caza:**

**Tourist Committee:**

Welcome back everyone, hope everyone had a good summer.

We had 4 amazing students this summer. I want to thank each of you. Hope you all have a great school year!

This summer the committee installed a 55' smart television. Our township history & photos have been playing on a loop for all visitors to enjoy.

The new handicap toilet has been purchased and installed in the woman's washroom.

Memory angels are on sale now. Angels are \$1.00 each. Donations will be going to the McGarry Christmas Food Hampers. The names will be placed on a beautiful gold angel and placed in the kiosk before the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. This is a beautiful way to celebrate family and friends that have passed. The deadline to purchase angels is December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

At the moment we are working on our Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. More details will follow shortly.

We have 1 seat available on the committee. If interested, please apply at the office.

The Tourist Centre is open Saturdays and Sundays 10 am to 4pm. It is being kept open by volunteers if anyone would like to volunteer, please let me know what day or days you are available.

Next meeting will be October 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**Councillor Bonita Culhane:**

**Recreation Committee:**

**Summer 2022**

Canada day was held and once again and was most successful. Recommendations – new decorations for next year.

Thanks to all who helped with the event.

**Day Camp**

32 Registration, 8 to 15 children daily. Another successful year and great participation from students and children.

**Annual Yard Sale:**

29 registered- Maps given out at McGarry Tourist Centre. Recommendation – Share date with Larder

Lake to make it an all-day event.

Dates selected for upcoming events Christmas Craft Sake – November 12, 2022 - \$10.00 per table. Christmas children party December 10<sup>th</sup> – 11:30 – 2:30 pm. Details to come and will be available on Posters and Website.

Thank you to Melanie for the posters.

Point of Interest: Larder will not be hosting a Halloween dance. Recreation Committee will make decision if we host one here.

#### Fire Department

Fire Department hold meetings last Sunday of each Month- not open to the public. They are looking for volunteers. Applications through fire people or at township office.

Canada Day Parade was enjoyed by many and once again the fireworks were spectacular. Thank you to the volunteers on our Fire Department for always giving your time so freely.

#### **Mayor Matt Reimer**

Mayor Matt Reimer talked about chemicals being sprayed on blueberries near our community and the impact of these chemicals.

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

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

**197/2022**  
**Tourist Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Tourist Committee meeting held on May 11, 2022 and July 26, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

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

**198/2022**  
**Strategic Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on May 24, 2022, June 28, 2022 and July 26, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

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

**199/2022**  
**Library Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the McGarry Public Library meeting held on May 30, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

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

**200/2022**  
**Policing Meeting**

THAT the minutes of the Community Policing Committee meeting held on June 9, 2022 and on August 10, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

- e) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**201/2022**  
**Town of Aurora**

Whereas municipal governments provide essential services to residents and businesses in their communities; and

Whereas the introduction of new provincial policies and programs can have an impact on municipalities; and

Whereas municipal governments are generally supportive of efforts to modernize and enhance the volunteer and full-time fire services that serve Ontario communities; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) believes in principle that fire certification is a step in the right direction, it has not endorsed the draft regulations regarding firefighter certification presented by the Province; and

Whereas municipalities and AMO are concerned the thirty-day consultation period was insufficient to fully understand the effects such regulations will have on municipal governments and their fire services; and

Whereas fire chiefs have advised that the Ontario firefighter certification process will create additional training and new costs pressures on fire services; and

Whereas the Ontario government has not provided any indication they will offer some form of financial support to deliver this service; and

Whereas AMO, on behalf of municipal governments, in a letter to Solicitor General Jones dated February 25, 2022, made numerous comments and requests to address the shortcomings in the draft regulations;

1. Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of McGarry does hereby support AMO's recommendations; and
2. Be It Further Resolved that the Township of McGarry does hereby call on the Solicitor General of Ontario to work with AMO, municipal governments and fire chiefs across Ontario to address the concerns raised so that municipalities can continue to offer high quality services to their communities; and
3. Be It Further Resolved That a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Small Urban Municipalities (OSUM), and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Carried.

- f) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**202/2022**  
**Town Owen Sound**

Whereas across municipal councils in Ontario there has been appalling instances of misogyny and hatred; and

Whereas the powers of the Office of the Integrity Commissioner do not include the ability to recommend expulsion of councillors;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Council of Township of McGarry direct staff to send a letter to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Housing with copies being sent to the federal government, provincial government, association of Municipalities, requesting the Ministry:

1. Study the merits of allowing the recall of municipal councillors under carefully prescribed circumstances, including displays of hatred, misogyny, and all forms of discrimination; and
2. Facilitate strengthened and ongoing orientation and training sessions for Councils, local boards, and committees”

Carried

- g) Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**203/2022**  
**AMCTO**

THAT Council direct the Clerk to book a session (workshop) on Staff Council Orientation at a cost of \$2600.00 plus HST with.

Carried

- h) Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**204/2022**  
**Well -Being Safety Plan**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the staff report entitled “Community Safety and Well-Being Adoption” be received; and

THAT, the “Timiskaming District Community Safety and Well-Being Plan” as attached to the Report be adopted, and

FINALLY, that Council approves in principle an annual contribution for a Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) Plan resource based on the current apportionments by the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board (DTSSAB), resulting in a district-wide funding approach.

Carried

- i) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**205/2022**  
**Taylor White**

THAT Council grant Taylor White the use of the gymnasium free of charge to host a fall market to showcase business/artisans on October 1, 2022.

Defeated

- j) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**206/2022**  
**Amendment By-Law 2022-17**

**WHEREAS** Section 15 of the Police Services Act, R.S.O 1990 as amended provides that a municipal council may appoint persons to enforce the by-laws of the municipality, and that municipal law enforcement officers are peace officers for the purpose of enforcing municipal by-laws; and

**WHEREAS** we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry, are desirous of appointing a Property Standards Officer;

**NOW THEREFORE** we, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry do hereby, amend By-Law #2022-17 as follows;

1. **By adding** “and property Standards Officer” at the end of the following statement: **AND WHEREAS** the council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry deems it desirable to appoint Pete Gilboe as Municipal Law Enforcement officer, and
2. **By adding** “and property Standards Officer” to Section 1.

Carried

- k) Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**207/2022**  
**New member**

THAT Council accept the recommendation of new member Amanda St-Cyr from the Tourist Committee.

Carried

- l) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**208/2022**  
**UCFO Gym**

THAT Council grant UCFO the meeting room and gymnasium on October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 free of charge for a bilingual event for the residents.

Carried

## **11. Passing of Accounts:**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**209/2022**  
**Accounts**

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

### **JUNE 2022**

Payroll: \$ 26,054.76  
General: \$ 222,788.31

### **JULY 2022**

Payroll: \$ 44,563.72  
General: \$ 250,470.82

### **AUGUST 2022**

Payroll: \$ 69,470.44  
General: \$ 120,853.27

Carried

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

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**210/2022**  
**By-Law 2022-34**

THAT a By-Law to provide for advance votes be read three times and passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September and numbered By-Law 2022-34.

Carried

**13. a) Submitted Questions :**

- Mayor Reimer declared a conflict of interest on Item 13(a) and left the room.
- Acting Mayor Louanne Caza read a letter received by Muriel Rose regarding the Curling Club. - Council had a brief discussion and advised the Clerk to send a letter on Council's behalf.
- Mayor Reimer returned to the room.
- Mayor Reimer read a letter received from Evelyn Smith regarding chicken coops – It was explained that this was actively being dealt with by our By-Law Enforcement Officer.

**b) Audience Questions:**

- Mr. John Truchon asked a question regarding the Certification of Firefighters – A brief discussion took place.
- Mr. Andre Gagnon asked why the August Payroll Disbursements are higher than other months – This is due to summer students and overtime.
- Mr. Andre Gagnon asked if the firefighters were covered under the Township's WSIB – Yes they are.

**14. Closed Meeting:**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**211/2022**  
**Closed**

THAT Council goes into closed session at 8:12 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 Louanne Caza

**212/2022**  
**Out Closed**

THAT Council come out closed session at 9:28 p.m.



Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**213/2022**  
**Bookkeeper Pay Scale**

THAT Bookkeeper go from Step 2 to Step 3 of the pay grid, effective September 18, 2022.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**214/2022**  
**Clerk-Typist Pay Scale**

THAT the Clerk-Typist receptionist go from Step 3 to Maximum Rate on the pay grid, effective September 14, 2022.

Carried

**15. Confirmation By-Law:**

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**215/2022**  
**Confirmation**

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September and numbered By-Law 2022-35.

Carried

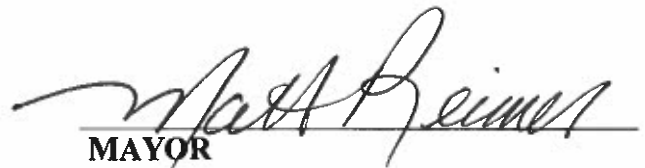
**16. Adjournment:**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**216/2022**  
**Adjournment**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Carried

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK-TREASURER