



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, October 11th, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in person in the meeting room or by phone.

1. Opening of Meeting and Call to Order:

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

2. 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: 15

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

223/2022
Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held of October 11, 2022, be adopted.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: Councillor Bonita Culhane declared a conflict of interest on Item #14 – Closed Session – Request for Proposal for Municipal Insurance.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings :

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

224/2022
Regular Minutes

THAT the minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 13, 2022, be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

225/2022
Special Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on September 26, 2022, be adopted.

Carried

6. Matters arising from the minutes: None

7. Deputations / Delegations: None

8. Correspondence / Information:

- a) Ombudsman Ontario – Annual Report.
- b) MFOA – Response to Proposed Bill 3, Strong Mayors, Building Homes Act, 2022.
- c) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
- d) Letter from the Chief Veterinarian of Ontario – Confirm cases of highly pathogenic avian influenza (H5N1) in Ontario domestic poultry.
- e) Ontario Provincial Police – 2023 Annual Billing Statement / Police provinciale de l'Ontario.
- f) DTSSAB – Quarterly Report.
- g) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Continued Collaboration
- h) Ministry of Solicitor General – Update on Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019.

9. Members Update Reports :

Councillor Wendy K. Weller

Strategic Planning Committee:

Good evening, Strategic Planning Committee meet on October 3rd, 2022 at 7pm.
Two items were discussed.

- a) The final design and wording for the new signage for municipal buildings was created, included are the McGarry Municipal Office, McGarry Fire Department, McGarry Medical Centre, North Virginiatown, McGarry Community Centre and the welcome sign entering Kearns. The new signs are being designed by Creative Dsigns and invoices once the committee accepts them, then a letter to KDCDC, Kirkland and District Community Development Corporation will be sent asking to help in the cost of the new signs.
- b) No motorized vehicle signs for parks that are not fenced in have been ordered and will be picked up this week for the works department to install. The committee has been following the Township of McGarry Community Development Strategy 2018-2022. Attracts visitors and new residents. I would like remind council this strategy is coming to a close and we need to move forward on a new 5-year strategy by hiring a consultant. A lot of leg work has been done in the past years in the column to support residents of all ages and maximize infrastructure. The information for a dome structure and/or splash pad can be found in the Strategic Committee binder.

At this time, I would like to thank this committee for having patience over this extraordinary 4 years we have just gone through.

Next meeting will be called at the call of the chair to finish off this project.

Respectfully submitted.

Wendy Weller/Chair

Councilor Louanne Caza:

Tourist Committee:

Tree Lighting is on Sunday November 13 at 5:00 pm. There will be free hot dogs, s'mores with the McGarry Volunteer Fire Department, hot chocolate with the Legion members, candy canes from the UCFO, mailbox for letters to Santa. You can also drop your children letter off at the library.

Memory Angels are on sale at the Township for \$1.00. Donations will be given to the McGarry Christmas Food Hampers.

The Centre is now closed for the season. It will be open for the Tree Lighting Ceremony.

Hope to see everyone there.

Councillor Bonita Culhane:

Recreation Committee:

Thank you to committee members Colette Tardif, Paulette Paquet and Buzz Koomans for volunteering your service during this Council Term. Thank you to Councillor Toupin-Keft as well. During Covid services were still provided. Year one Council hand delivered gifts to the children with Santa's help. The MVFD delivered candy bags for Halloween. The second Christmas the children party was held outdoors with the cooperation of the Tourist Committee and the MVFD, manning the fire pits. Santa was present also. This year Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success for an afternoon of family fun. Thanks to the committee for the plans laid out for our upcoming season. See the website or posters for the Halloween dance, Christmas Craft & Bake Sale and the Children's Christmas Party. I have enjoyed being part of all activities working with the committee and numerous volunteers. Good luck as the committee moves forward in 2023.

Fire Department:

This week is Fire prevention Week. Since October 30, 2022, will be the last meeting with the McGarry Fire Department with the current Council; I would like to thank them on behalf of the Mayor and Council for the volunteer service these men and women provide to our community. The community appreciates your support and help when celebrating the holidays. Your efficient and speedy response when a fire call is received, and the time freely given to keep us safe. Time, which is time, taken away from your family and leisure sports. We the residents are most proud of this Brigade. Applications are available if interested in joining.

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

Community Policing Committee:

I would like to thank everyone who attended along with everyone who helped make our First Annual Family Safety Saturday a success. Our next meeting is this Thursday October 13th, 2022 in the meeting room and is open to everyone.

Public Works:

They have a lot on the go. Construction of the Crozier Garage roof is going well. Water main flushing to start soon. Marina docks coming out. They are getting ready for the white stuff.

Reminder: dump hours have changed as of October 1st and in effect until April 30th, 2023. Open Thursday's 12-4 and Saturday 9-4. Wishing everyone a great fall and happy and safe Halloween.

Mayor Matt Reimer

- Briefly talked about the Tourist Centre. The centre is now closed until next year.
- Commented on the signs that are being looked at to better attraction and appeal to tourists coming to our area.

10. New Business :

- a) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

226/2022
Tourist Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Tourist Committee meeting held on June 8, 2022, September 7, 2022 and August 3, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

- b) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

227/2022
Strategic Minutes

THAT the minutes for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on August 30, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

- c) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

228/2022
Recreation Minutes

THAT the minutes for the Recreation Committee meetings held on May 12, 2022, June 7, 2022, September 6, 2022 and September 16, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

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

229/2022
Draven Alert System

WHEREAS Council for the Township of McGarry received correspondence from the Town of Kirkland Lake requesting changes to the Amber Alert System and create a new alert called the Draven Alert;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Amber Alert is a warning system that quickly alerts the public of a suspected abduction of children who are in imminent danger with the goal to broadcast as much information about the child, the abductor and suspect vehicles as quickly as possible so that the public can respond with any relevant information that might lead to the child's safe return;

AND WHEREAS the recent tragic death of 11-year-old Draven Graham showed that the Amber Alert system is flawed when it comes to vulnerable children who can go missing but are not abducted;

AND WHEREAS it is clear that there needs to be an addition to the alert system to allow for law enforcement that do not involve an abduction but are at serious risk of injury or death;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry request that the Minister of the Solicitor General and the Commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, as well as the Premier's Office, be requested to make the necessary changes to the Amber Alert System and create a new alert called the Draven Alert, which will protect vulnerable children who have not been abducted but are at high risk of danger, injury or death and alert the public that they are missing;

AND FINALLY, THAT this Motion be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming, MP Charlie Angus (Timmins-James Bay), and MPP John Vanthof (Timiskaming-Cochrane).

Carried

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

230/2022
Electoral Boundary

WHEREAS, the Electoral Boundary Commission has proposed to remove one of the electoral ridings from Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS the proposal to diminish Northern Ontario's voice in Parliament will have a detrimental effect on participatory democracy and regional development as the issues in Northern Ontario are significant different than the issues facing the urban south; and

WHEREAS the Federal Boundary Commission proposal to cut representation in the north is contrary to the 2017 electoral boundary changes for Ontario that recognized the need to add two seats to ensure fair participation for northern residents; and

WHEREAS many of the existing ridings in Northern Ontario are already larger than many European countries, a situation that will only be worsened by the addition of massively new regions to service; and

WHEREAS the proposed new super ridings will force municipalities to compete for a limited amount of riding funding which will further exacerbate inequities in the north; and

WHEREAS Northern Ontario's population per riding is already much higher than many other rural and isolated regions in Canada's north; and

WHEREAS the courts have ruled that representative in Canada's democracy is not based merely on population but on regions of interest and the right of citizens to engage with their elected representatives; and

WHEREAS any changes to electoral boundaries should be based on principles of maintaining communities of interest within boundaries that are equitable in terms of population and geography;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council calls on the Electoral Boundary Commission to maintain the electoral representation of Northern Ontario and ensure that any boundary changes are done in a manner that responds to regional and local needs.

Carried

- f) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Louanne Caza

231/2022
Garbage Truck

THAT Council have read the Equipment and Operator Rental Agreement for the use of a garbage truck and an operator from the Township of Larder Lake and advise the Clerk and Mayor to enter into the agreement for a period of Twenty-four (24) months.

Carried

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

232/2022
McGarry Solar

THAT Council have read and accept the 2021 Financial Statement from Solar McGarry Solar Inc.

Carried

11. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

233/2022
Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

SEPTEMBER 2022

Payroll: \$ 26,572.32
General: \$ 265,258.87

Carried

12. Passing of By-Laws: None

13. a) Submitted Questions : None

b) Audience Questions:

- Mr. John Truchon had a concern about Halloween Candies – A newsletter will be sent out.
- Mrs. Rose had a question regarding the Avian Influenza with poultry. The Clerk advised that if anyone is aware of domestic chickens in the community to please report it to the staff and the By-Law Officer will investigate it.
- Ms. Smith had a question on the total amount for general accounts.
- Mrs. Paquet gave a quick update on the activity that was organized by UCFO (Escape Room).

14. Closed Meeting:

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

234/2022
Closed

THAT Council goes into closed session at 8:05 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

- Council met with the UCFO (Union Culturelle Franco-Ontarienne) regarding water leak and water damage in the basement of the Medical Centre.
- Councillor Bonita Culhane declared a conflict of interest on RFP for Municipal Insurance and left the room.
- A discussion took place regarding the Request for Proposal for Municipal Insurance.
- Councillor Bonita Culhane returned to the room after the discussion was over.
- A discussion took place regarding an Acting Public Works Foreman.

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

235/2022
Out Closed

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

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

236/2022
RFP Insurance

THAT Council have read the two (2) Request for Proposals received for Municipal Insurance Services and accept the Request for Proposal received from MIS Municipal Insurance Services at a cost of \$82,686.00 plus applicable taxes for the period of February 1, 2023, until February 1, 2024. The term of agreement will be from February 1, 2023, to February 1, 2026, based on satisfactory performance, service, and renewal pricing, subsequent renewals may be granted.

Carried

15. Confirmation By-Law:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

237/2022
Confirmation

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council be read three times and passed this 11th day of October and numbered By-Law 2022-38.

Carried

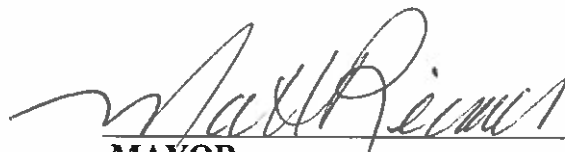
16. Adjournment:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

238/2022
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Carried



MAYOR



CLERK-TREASURER