



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, November 8th, 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: 21

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum:

Moved by Bonita Culhane

239/2022

Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council of November 8, 2022, be approved.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings :

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft

240/2022

Seconded by Louanne Caza

Regular Minutes

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

Carried

6. Matters arising from the minutes: None

7. Deputations / Delegations: None

8. Correspondence / Information:

- a) Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs -Avian Influenza in domestic poultry.
- b) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – More Homes Built Faster: Ontario’s Housing Supply Action Plan 2022-2023.
- c) Ministry of Finance – 2022 Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Fourth quarter payment.
- d) AMO – 2021 Annual Report on The Canada Community-Building Fund.
- e) MPAC – 2022 Year-End Updates.

9. Members Update Reports :

Members of Council gave a verbal update.

10. New Business :

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| a) Moved by Louanne Caza | 241/2022 |
| Seconded by Bonita Culhane | Tourist Minutes |

THAT the minutes of the Tourist Committee meeting held on October 5, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

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| b) Moved by Bonita Culhane | 242/2022 |
| Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft | Strategic Minutes |

THAT the minutes for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on October 3, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

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| c) Moved by Louanne Caza | 243/2022 |
| Seconded by Bonita Culhane | Recreation Minutes |

THAT the minutes for the Recreation Committee meetings held on October 4, 2022 be adopted.

Carried

- d) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

244/2022
Christmas Hours

THAT Council has received and approves the Report from the Clerk-Treasurer in respect to Christmas hours of operations for the Municipal Office, Public Works Department and Landfill site.

Carried

- e) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

245/2022
Library Minutes

THAT the minutes of the McGarry Library meeting held on June 27, 2022, be adopted.

Carried

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

246/2022
Latchford Resolution

WHEREAS the Montreal River which flows through the District of Temiskaming has 9 different control dams located on it, Duncun Lake, Gowganda, Mistinikon, Indian Chute, Lady Evelyn, Latchford, Hound Chute, Ragged Chute and the Lower Notch with two being controlled by the Ministry of Natural resources, Forestry and Northern Development (MNR/FND), five by OPG, one by Public Service and Procurement Canada and one by Trans Alta.

AND WHEREAS parameters of operation of these dams relating to seasonal water level requirements and other factors are established in a Water Management Plan (WMP) with a reporting system for issues of non-compliance being addressed at a Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting which is convened at least three times a year.

AND WHEREAS the Montreal River Water Management Plan (MRWMP) has been approved but never implemented the Town of Latchford implores the MNR/FND to expedite the implementation of MRWMP and to create the necessary SAC prior to the year 2023.

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to the Temiskaming Municipal Association and MPP John Vanthof for their support.

Carried

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

247/2022
Lottery Licensing

THAT the Clerk-Treasurer be authorized to attend the Municipal Lottery Licensing refresh and Update virtually on November 24, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at a cost of \$320.00 plus HST.

Carried

- h) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

248/2022
Tax Write Offs

THAT Council approves the write off of the remaining taxes owing for the following accounts: 6256, 12774, 6230, 7600, 5662, 3971, 1016, 2577, 7634 and 7593 totaling \$18,958.03.

Carried

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

249/2022
Acting Foreman

THAT Council appoint Mark Brown as Acting Public Works Foreman and agree to a \$3.00/hour wage increase effective October 12, 2022.

Carried

- j) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

250/2022
Signage

THAT Council approves to pay \$8,194.23 for the new signage around the community as per the request of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Carried

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

251/2022
Municipal Training

THAT Council approves a private Municipal Finance Training Course for Council and Staff offered by Kemp Elliot, Blair at a cost of \$500.00 plus HST.

Carried

11. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

252/2022
Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

OCTOBER 2022

Payroll: \$ 25,065.40
General: \$ 121,304.12

Carried

12. Passing of By-Laws: None

13. a) Submitted Questions :

Questions submitted by Francine Plante:

- 1) How much did the tax report from Kemp Elliot Blair cost?
- 2) The report indicates that \$360,702.00 are to be credited to taxpayers. Can it be explained that this amount is not completely coming out of the townships account.
- 3) Can it be explained that these accounts were accounts that were in arrears but most importantly that most of these accounts are from abandoned properties that have outstanding balances for years and us most likely will never receive the balance owing to these accounts. It is important that taxpayers understand that many properties correspondence comes back to the municipality and there is no known address.
- 4) It would also be important to explain that it was the same issue that occurred with the water billing and that the amount shown in the water billing report was not the correct amount paid out to the taxpayers.

The bookkeeper answered the questions and gave a small presentation. The presentation will be posted online for anyone to review.

b) Audience Questions:

- Question from John Truchon regarding tax sales – *Discussion took place.*

12) Closed Meeting:

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

253/2022
Closed

THAT Council goes into closed session at 7:59 p.m. 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; (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (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

254/2022
Out Closed

THAT Council come out closed session at 8:28 p.m.

Carried

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

255/2022
Laneway

THAT Council close and sell part of the laneway between Kearns Avenue and Townsley Avenue to Mr. and Mrs. Allen at a price of \$12,000.00, plus all of municipality's legal and real estate fees and all taxes related to the transfer of the property.

AND direct the Clerk to hire Doupe Law Professional Corporation to act on behalf of the Township of McGarry.

Recorded Vote

Requested by Councillor Bonita Culhane

	YES	NO
Mayor Matt Reimer	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councillor Wendy K. Weller	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councillor Louanne Caza	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councillor Bonita Culhane	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Carried

13) Confirmation By-Law:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

256/2022
Confirmation

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Regular Meeting of Council be read three times and passed this 8th day of November and numbered By-Law 2022-39.

Carried

14) Adjournment:

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

257/2022
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Carried



MAYOR



CLERK-TREASURER