



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, at 6:00 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 6:00 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 Stephen McLean	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Bonita Culhane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Francine Plante	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Jean (John) Truchon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Wendy Weller	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Clerk-Treasurer – Karine Pelletier  
Acting Public Works Superintendent – Mark Brown  
By-Law Enforcement Officer – Pete Guilboe

Members of the audience present: 15

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

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by John Truchon

**131/2023**  
**Adoption of Agenda**

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 23, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

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

**5. Minutes of Previous Meetings :**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by John Truchon

**132/2023**  
**Regular Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on April 11, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

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

**7. Deputations / Delegations: None**

**8. Correspondence / Information:**

- a) Ministry of Finance – Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) – Second Quarter Payment.
- b) Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) – 2024 Municipal Policing Billing Statement Property Count.
- c) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) – New online school support portal.
- d) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) – 2022 Annual Report.
- e) Temiskaming Municipal Association (TMA) – Petition to ensure the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing promptly and consistently enforces the rules in their bulletin.
- f) Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Strategy (MOI) – Ontario launches new interactive high-speed Internet Map.
- g) Timiskaming Health Unit – 2022 Annual Report.

**9. Members Update Reports :**

Mayor and Members of Council gave a verbal report.

**10. New Business :**

- a) Moved by John Truchon  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**133/2023**  
**Policing Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Community Policing Committee meeting held on March 16, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- b) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by John Truchon

**134/2023**  
**Recreation Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Recreation Committee meeting held on April 4, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- c) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**135/2023**  
**Tourist Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Tourist Committee meeting held on March 1, 2023 and on April 12, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- d) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**136/2023**  
**Strategic Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on March 28, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- e) Councillor Truchon requested to have a discussion regarding concerns with the tennis court and the fencing  
- A discussion took place and Mr. Pete Gilboe said he would look into it.

- f) Moved by Wendy Weller  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**137/2023**  
**MIS**

THAT Council direct the Clerk to purchase Cyber Insurance from MIS Insurance as per quote of \$3,150.00 plus tax.

Carried

- g) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**138/2023**  
**Homeless Crisis**

**WHEREAS** the homeless crisis is taking a devastating toll on families and communities, undermining a healthy and prosperous Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** the homelessness crisis is the result of the underinvestment;

**AND WHEREAS** homelessness requires a range of affordable housing, social service and health solutions from government;

**AND WHEREAS** homelessness is felt most at the level of local government and the residents that they serve;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities and District Social Administration Boards are doing their part, but do not have the resources, capacity or tools to address this complex challenge;

**AND WHEREAS** leadership and urgent action is needed from the provincial government on an emergency basis to develop, resource, and implement a comprehensive plan to prevent, reduce and ultimately end homelessness in Ontario.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry calls on the Provincial Government to urgently:

- a) acknowledge that homelessness in Ontario is a social, economic, and health crisis;
- b) commit to ending homelessness in Ontario; and
- c) work with AMO and a broad range of community, health, Indigenous and economic partners to develop, resource, and implement an action plan to achieve this goal.

**AND FINALLY THAT** a copy of this motion be addressed to the Premier of Ontario, copying the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services; Ministry of Health, Timiskaming District Social Services Administration Board (TDSSAB, Association of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM); MPP Cochrane-Timiskaming, MP Timmins-James Bay, and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

Carried

- h) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**139/2023**  
**Women in Politics**

**WHEREAS** the Township of McGarry values equality and inclusivity in all areas of life, including politics;

**AND WHEREAS** women have historically been underrepresented in politics, and continue to face barriers and discrimination in their pursuit of elected office;

**AND WHEREAS** misogyny and harassment have been identified as significant challenges for women in politics, both in Canada and around the world;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of McGarry believes that all individuals have the right to participate in a political environment that is free from discrimination, harassment, and misogyny;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council for the Corporation of the Township of McGarry expresses its support for women in politics and their right to participate in a political environment that is free from misogyny and harassment, and where everyone feels equal;

**AND THAT** this Council commits to taking steps to ensure that our political environment is inclusive and welcoming to all individuals, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or other identity factors;

**AND THAT** this Council encourage action at the provincial level to create legislation to ensure equality, safety and security of women in politics;

**AND THAT** this Council encourages all forms of government across Canada in supporting women in politics and promoting gender equality in all areas of society;

**AND FINALLY THAT** a copy of this Motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMHA), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), MPP Cochrane-Timiskaming, MP Timmins-James Bay, all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming, and the Timiskaming District Social Services and Administration Board representing all unorganized territories within this District.

**Recorded Vote**

**Requested by Mayor McLean**

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Mayor Stephen McLean</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Councillor Bonita Culhane</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Councillor Francine Plante</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Councillor Jean (John) Truchon</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Councillor Wendy Weller</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>

Carried

- i) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**140/2023**  
**School Elections**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry receives and supports the attached resolution from the Town of Petrolia requesting changes to Ontario Board Elections, dated January 25, 2023;

**AND FINALLY THAT** this Motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ministry of Education (MOE), Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMHA), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), MPP Cochrane-Timiskaming, MP Timmins-James Bay, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

Carried

- j) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**141/2023**  
**Oath of Office**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry receives and supports the attached resolution from the Municipality of Trent Lakes requesting changes to the municipal Oath of Office, dated February 28, 2023;

**AND FINALLY THAT** this Motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMHA), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Beaverhouse First Nation – Wabun Tribal Council; Métis Nation of Ontario – Temiskaming Métis Community Council, MPP Cochrane-Timiskaming, MP Timmins-James Bay, Timiskaming District Social Services and Administration Board, and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

Carried

- k) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**142/2023**  
**Resignation of Member**

THAT Council accept with regrets the resignation of Amanda St-Cyr from the Tourist Committee.

Carried

- l) Moved by Wendy Weller  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**143/2023**  
**Public Tax Sale**

**WHEREAS** prior to being repealed by the Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017, Section 380(6) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, allowed for a municipality to retain surplus proceeds from tax sales within their jurisdiction;

**AND WHEREAS** the Public Tax Sale process is burdensome to municipalities who invest a considerable amount of time and money recovering these proceeds for the potential sole benefit of the Crown in Right of Ontario;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry directs the Clerk to send a letter to all relevant provincial taxation bodies urging them to re-instate previous legislation that permitted a municipality to apply for and retain the surplus proceeds from a tax sale within its jurisdiction.

**AND FINALLY THAT** a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, Ministry of Finance (MOF), Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMHA), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), MPP Cochrane-Timiskaming, and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

Carried

- m) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**144/2023**  
**Outside Pad**

THAT Council grant the request received by Sarah Plante to use the outside pad (beside the water tower) for the summer months.

Carried

**11. Passing of Accounts:**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**145/2023**  
**Accounts**

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

**APRIL 2023**

Payroll: \$ 25,275.73  
General: \$ 155,172.31

Carried

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

Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**146/2023**  
**By-Law 2023-20**

THAT a By-Law to enter into an Agreement with Pete Gilboe to supply Contract By-Law Enforcement Services for the Township of McGarry and to appoint a Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer and a Property Standards Officer be read three times and passed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023 and numbered By-Law 2023-20.

**Recorded Vote**

**Requested by Mayor McLean**

**Mayor Stephen McLean**  
**Councillor Bonita Culhane**  
**Councillor Francine Plante**  
**Councillor Jean (John) Truchon**  
**Councillor Wendy Weller**

YES	NO
<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>

Carried

**13. a) Submitted Questions : None**

**b) Audience Questions:** A question period was held.

**14. Closed Meeting:**

Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**147/2023**  
**Close Session**

THAT Council goes into closed session at 7:20 p.m. under the Ontario Municipal Act 239 (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**148/2023**  
**Out of Close Session**

THAT Council come out closed session at 10:01 p.m.

Carried

**15. Confirmation By-Law:**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**149/2023**  
**Confirmation By-Law**

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May and numbered By-Law 2023-21.

Carried

**16. Adjournment:**

Moved by Wendy Weller  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**150/2023**  
**Adjournment**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Carried

  
**MAYOR**  
**CLERK-TREASURER**