



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 14th, 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

MPAC – Mario Levesque

Members of the audience present: 15

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by John Truchon

74/2023
Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 14, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: Councillor Francine Plante declared a conflict of interest on Item #10 (j) ESCEN – Request for bursaries.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings :

Moved by John Truchon
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

75/2023
Regular Minutes

THAT the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on February 14, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by John Truchon

76/2023
Special Minutes

THAT the minutes for the Special Council Meetings held on February 23, 2023, be adopted.

Carried

6. Matters arising from the minutes: None

7. Deputations / Delegations: 20 minutes presentation by Mario Levesque from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation. Mario gave a short presentation on Property Assessment in Ontario and the audience had the opportunity to ask some questions.

8. Correspondence / Information:

- a) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Proposed amendments to Public Lands Act.
- b) Ministry of Infrastructure / Ontario's Broadband and Cellular Strategy – High speed internet announcements
- c) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks – Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) has been amended.

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

77/2023
Policing Minutes

THAT the minutes for the Community Policing Committee meeting held on January 19, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- b) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by John Truchon

78/2023
Recreation Minutes

THAT the minutes for the Recreation Committee meeting held on February 7, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- c) Moved by John Truchon
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

79/2023
Tourist Minutes

THAT the minutes for the Tourist Committee meeting held on February 1, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- d) Moved by John Truchon
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

80/2023
Strategic Minutes

THAT the minutes for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on January 31, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- e) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

81/2023
2022 Annual Report/OCWA

THAT Council read and approves the 2022 Annual/Summary Report for the Virginiatown-Kearns Drinking Water System from Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA).

Carried

- f) Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

82/2023
Bill-42

WHEREAS in the current state, medically necessary services are inaccessible to the majority of trans and gender diverse people in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Gender affirming healthcare is recognized as medically necessary by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health and many other recognized medical institutions and organizations in Canada and around the world;

AND WHEREAS in November 2022, Bill 42 Gender Affirming Healthcare Act was introduced in the Ontario Legislature as an essential first step to improving the health and healthcare of transgender, non-binary, 2-Spirit and gender diverse people in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS if passed, this Bill will require the Ministry of Health to form an advisory committee to review the state of trans healthcare in Ontario and make recommendations to the Minister of Health for improving gender affirming care in Ontario;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry support the passing of Bill 42 – Gender Affirming Health Care Act;

AND FINALLY THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Ministry of Health, the Ontario Ministry Social Services, MPP Cochrane-Timiskaming, MP Timmins-James Bay, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Kirkland & District Family Health Team, Ontario Health Chief Regional Officer for North East & North West, and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

Carried

- g) Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

83/2023
CSWBP

THAT Council read and approves the agreement with Timiskaming Health Unit for the Municipal Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP) for the period of April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

Carried

- h) Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

84/2023
Pinchin

THAT Council read and approves the 2022 Annual Monitoring Report from Pinchin.

Carried

- i) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

85/2023
AMO

THAT Council approves that Councillor Francine Plante attend the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) New Councillor Virtual Training Session on April 3, 2023 at a cost of \$593.25.

Carried

- j) Moved by John Truchon
Seconded by Wendy Weller

86/2023
Bursaries

THAT Council gives 2 bursaries in the amount of \$100.00/ each to Ecole Secondaire Catholique l'Envolee du Nord to be awarded to local graduates.

Carried

- Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded John Truchon

87/2023
Tourist Interviews

THAT Council give the Tourist Committee permission to advertise to the public that the Committee is looking for individuals to conduct interviews for historical memory and information on the Township of McGarry.

Carried

- l) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

88/2023
Operational Plan

THAT Council has read and approves of the updated Operational Plan for the Virginiatown-Kearns Drinking Water System to reflect the new contacts.

Carried

- m) Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

89/2023
Bursaries

THAT Council give 2 bursaries in the amount of \$100.00 / each to Kirkland Lake Composite School (KLDCS) to be awarded to local graduates.

Carried

- n) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Francine Plante

90/2023
411 Package

THAT Council direct the Clerk to purchase the Update Package 411 smart search at a cost of \$445.00 per year.

Carried

11. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Francine Plante

91/2023
Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

FEBRUARY 2023

Payroll: \$ 25,489.40
General: \$ 175,726.86

Carried

12. Passing of By-Laws: None

13. a) Submitted Questions : None

b) Audience Questions: A question period was held.

14. Closed Meeting:

Moved by Francine Plante
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

92/2023
Close Session

THAT Council goes into closed session at 7:17 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; (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiation carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. 2001. C. 25, s.239 (2); 2017, c. 10, Sch. 1, s.26.

Carried

Moved by Francine Plante
Seconded by John Truchon

93/2023
Out of Close Session

THAT Council come out closed session at 8:19 p.m.

Carried

Moved by Francine Plante
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

94/2023
Canteen Agreement

THAT Council directs the Clerk to finalize the contract between The Township of McGarry and Trudy Desjardins for the use of the concession at the Community Centre to be re-evaluated in three months.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Francine Plante

95/2023
Pay Raise Debbie Monson

THAT Council read the confidential report and approves that Debbie Monson go up to Maximum Rate on the Pay Grid, effective March 18th, 2023.

Carried

15. Confirmation By-Law:

Moved by Francine Plante
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

96/2023
Confirmation By-Law

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 14th day of March and numbered By-Law 2023-15.

Carried

16. Adjournment:

Moved by Francine Plante
Seconded by John Truchon

97/2023
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Carried



MAYOR



CLERK-TREASURER

