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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, June 13th, 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

Members of the audience present: 7

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

163/2023
Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 13, 2023, be adopted with addition to New Business #10 (O) resignation to the Library Board.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest: None

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings :

Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

164/2023
Regular Minutes

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

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

165/2023
Special Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Special Meetings of Council held on May 4, 2023 and on June 1, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

6. Matters arising from the minutes: None

7. Deputations / Delegations:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

166/2023
Kemp Elliott

THAT the Municipal Council has read and approves the 2021 Consolidated Financial Report presented by Kemp Elliott Blair and dated December 31, 2021.

Carried

Moved by Francine Plante
Seconded by Wendy Weller

167/2023
Hens

THAT Council directs the Clerk to look into various By-Laws that allow for 6 (six) hens and bring them forward for Council to review.

Carried

8. Correspondence / Information:

- a) Treasury Board Secretariat – Emergency Management Ontario congratulates the municipality for meeting the requirements.

9. Members Update Reports :

Mayor and Members of Council gave a verbal report.

10. New Business :

- a) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

168/2023
Policing Minutes

THAT the minutes for the Community Policing Committee meeting held on April 20, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- b) Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

169/2023
Recreation Minutes

THAT the minutes for the Recreation Committee meeting held on May 2, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- c) Moved by Francine Plante
Seconded by John Truchon

170/2023
Strategic Minutes

THAT the minutes for the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on April 25, 2023 and on May 2, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- d) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

171/2023
Tourist Minutes

THAT the minutes for the Tourist Committee meeting held on May 3, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- e) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Francine Plante

172/2023
Armed Cameras

WHEREAS almost 824,000.00 students travel in about 16,000 school vehicles every single day in Ontario and according to the Ministry of Transportation's statistics the rate of vehicles blowing by stopped school buses is over 30,000 times every day;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario passed the Safer School Zones Act in 2017 which authorized the use of Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Systems to detect incidents where vehicles failed to stop when the school bus was stopped, and the stop-arm extended (O.Reg. 424/20);

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities (AMO) working on behalf of all Ontario Municipalities made its submission to the Standing Committee on General Government on May 21, 2019 in support of Administrative Monetary Penalties (AMPs) to be used to collect fine revenue for school bus stop arm infractions and other applications, including Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) technologies deployed in school and community safety zones;

AND WHEREAS police resources can not be spread any thinner to enforce Highway Traffic Act offences throughout municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the administrative and financial costs to establish the required municipal Administrative Penalty program under the Highway Traffic Act, and its regulations, are substantial and maybe out of reach for small and rural municipalities that have insufficient amounts of traffic to generate the required funds to offset the annual operational costs of a municipal Administrative Penalty program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarr, urges the Provincial Government to:

- a) Require all school buses to have stop arm cameras installed and paid for by the Province for the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and

- b) Underwrite the costs for the implementation and on-going annual costs for Administrative Monetary Penalties in small and rural municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Attorney General Doug Downey, Minister of Education Stephen Lecce, Provincial opposition parties, MPP Cochrane-Timiskaming, MP Timmins James Bay, AMO and all municipalities in Ontario.

Carried

- f) Moved by Francine Plante
Seconded by John Truchon

173/2023
Enbridge Gas

WHEREAS Enbridge recently made an announcement of their intention to begin charging third-party contractor and other utilities \$200.00 CAD (plus all applicable taxes) for utility locates where a field locate is required;

AND WHEREAS third-party contractors include Ontario municipalities;

AND WHEREAS these locate requests are only required where Ontario municipalities have allowed utilities to use municipal rights-of-ways at no charge to the utilities;

AND WHEREAS this announcement of new downloaded costs will negatively impact the budgets of Ontario municipalities which are already burdened;

AND WHEREAS if Enbridge is successful in implementing this new charge, a precedence is set for other utility companies to also begin charging for locates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry strongly opposes these utility locate costs being downloaded to Ontario municipalities by Enbridge Gas or other utilities;

AND THAT the Province of Ontario's Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery make it clear that these costs must be borne by the utilities themselves;

AND FINALLY THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery (MPBSD), Ministry of Infrastructure (MOI), Ministry of Energy (MOE), MPP Cochrane-Timiskaming, MP Timmins-James Bay, Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS), and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

Carried

- g) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Francine Plante

174/2023
FONOM

WHEREAS the cost of Policing and Emergency Services in Northern Communities is harming a community's ability to support local Social and Health issues;

WHEREAS a small percentage of those affected by an Addiction in the communities of Northern Ontario are committing crimes;

WHEREAS many of those committing crimes are not housed in the correctional system, therefore, remain in our community, often those that do require treatment for their Addiction issue receive none.

WHEREAS some committing crimes become violent, but are released back into the community, due to the negative impacts Federal Bill C75;

WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) believes that more must be done by the Federal Government on Bail Reform;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) request the Federal Government make these Legislative changes:

1. Create a Designation of a chronic persistent offender.
2. Allow community impact statements at bail and at bail hearings.
3. Creating reverse onus in bail for all firearms offences.
4. All bail-related gun charges go to the superior court for bail release.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, Federal Justice Minister, Premier of Ontario, The Attorney General, the Solicitor General, Minister of Infrastructure, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Northeastern MPs and MPPs, Leaders of the Opposition, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

h) Moved by Francine Plante
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

175/2023
College Skills

WHEREAS Colleges provide more than 80 percent of the in-class portion of apprenticeship training in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS maintaining a strong College system with high-quality facilities and cutting-edge labs is essential if Ontario hopes to make real progress closing the skills gap;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Colleges work with industry and trade unions to develop a skilled labor force;

AND WHEREAS public Colleges were not independently included in the recently announced funding for skill training centres (March 2023);

AND WHEREAS Colleges are now funding trade training centers on their own and funding is needed to support these state-of-the-art trades training centers;

AND WHEREAS in some areas of the Province, Colleges are the only training providers, and no funds will flow into these regions due to lack of funding as recently announced in March 2023;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the Township of McGarry request the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development re-evaluate their trades training funding approach to include Colleges in funding for skills training;

AND FINALLY THAT this motion be circulated to Honourable Premier of Ontario, Ministry of Labour Immigration, Training and Skills Development, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), MPP Timiskaming -Cochrane; MP Timmins-James Bay and all municipalities within the District of Timiskaming.

Carried

- i) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by John Truchon

176/2023
J.L. Richards

THAT Council read the Proposal from J.L. Richards for the McGarry Strategic Plan and direct the Clerk sign and accept the proposal at a cost of \$28,242.75.

Carried

- j) Moved by Francine Plante
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

177/2023
Accessibility Report

THAT Council read and accept the 2022 Municipal Elections accessibility Report.

Carried

- k) Moved by Francine Plante
Seconded by John Truchon

178/2023
Resignation

THAT Council accepts the resignation of Gord Jr. Caza effective May 27, 2023 as Landfill Attendant and Casual Labourer.

Carried

- l) Moved by John Truchon
Seconded by Francine Plante

179/2023
MNR Data CGIS

THAT Council read and give the Clerk-Treasurer the authority to sign the agreement from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to use the data from CGIS to update the Government of Ontario's Road Network (ONR).

Carried

- m) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by John Truchon

180/2023
Tourism Membership

THAT Council direct the Clerk to pay the invoice from Northeastern Ontario Tourism for the 2023/2024 membership at a cost of \$565.00.

Deferred

THAT Councillor Plante request the motion to be deferred to the September 12/2023 meeting.

Carried

- n) Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

181/2023
ADR Chambers

THAT Council have read the contract (By0Law 2021-36) between ADR Chambers and the Township of McGarr for Integrity Commissioner Services and agree to exercise their option to extend the contract for an additional two year term from July 8, 2023 to July 7, 2025 with the same terms and pricing.

Carried

- o) Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

182/2023
Library Board

THAT Council accept the resignation of Amanda St-Cyr from the McGarry Library Board.

Carried

11. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Bonita Culhane
Seconded by Wendy Weller

183/2023
Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

MAY 2023

Payroll: \$ 24,871.42
General: \$ 100,764.33

Carried

12. Passing of By-Laws: None

13. a) Submitted Questions : None

b) Audience Questions: A question period was held.

14. Confirmation By-Law:

Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

184/2023
By-Law 2023-24

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceeding of Council be read three times and passed this 13th day of June 2023 and numbered By-Law 2023-24.

Carried

15. Adjournment

Moved by Wendy Weller
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

185/2023
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Carried


MAYOR


CLERK-TREASURER