



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</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 Bonita Culhane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Louanne Caza	<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

Members of the audience present: 48

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

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**238/2023**  
**Adoption of Agenda**

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 12, 2023, be adopted with addition to #12 (C) By-Laws to appoint committee members and representatives for the Township of McGarry for the year 2023-2024.

Carried

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

**5. Minutes of Previous Meetings :**

Moved by Wendy Weller  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**239/2023**  
**Regular Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on June 13, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**240/2023**  
**Special Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Special Meetings of Council held on June 12, 2023, June 15, 2023, June 28, 202, June 29, 2023, July 18, 2023, July 26, 2023 and August 16, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

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

**7. Deputations / Delegations:**

- Mr. Blueman – Request for Zoning By-Law Amendment – Mr. Blueman was given 10 minutes for his delegation to Council regarding his commercial business operating in a residential zone.

**8. Correspondence / Information:**

- a) Timiskaming Health Unit – Community Safety and Wellbeing Coordinator update.
- b) Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery – Subdivision and Condominium.
- c) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Environmental Registry of Ontario.
- d) Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry – Amendments to Occupation of Public Lands and Crown Land Camping on provincial land.
- e) Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks – Update on Modernizing Ontario's Environment Assessment program.
- f) Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – Update on Property Assessment
- g) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) – Extension of current assessment cycle, and valuation date of January 1, 2016.
- h) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Building Faster Fund.
- i) Municipal Asset Management (MOI) – AMP it up 3.0 program to help municipalities with asset management plans / Municipal Asset Management (MOI).
- j) XYZ Senior's Club – Reopening of XYZ Club in the meeting room every Wednesday.
- k) Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, Treasurers of Ontario – Update on Assessment Cycle.
- l) Ontario Provincial Police – 911 Agreement.
- m) Timiskaming Health Unit – Merge of the Porcupine Health Unit and Timiskaming Health Unit.

**9. Members Update Reports :**

Mayor and Members of Council gave a verbal report.

**10. New Business :**

- a) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Louanne caza

**241/2023**  
**Policing Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Community Policing Committee meeting held on May 18, 2023 and July 20, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- b) Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**242/2023**  
**Recreation Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Recreation Committee meeting held on June 6, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- c) Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**243/2023**  
**Library Report**

THAT Council has read the quarterly report (January to April 2023) received from the McGarry Public Library.

Carried

- d) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**244/2023**  
**Strategic Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting held on May 30, 2023 and on June 27, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- e) Moved by John Truchon  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**245/2023**  
**Library Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the McGarry Public Library Board Meeting held on May 29, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- f) Moved by John Truchon  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**246/2023**  
**TMSA Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association Meeting held on April 20, 2023 and on July 5, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- g) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by John Truchon

**247/2023**  
**Communication Committee**

THAT Council has read the report on the rotation of members of the Communication Committee and the following rotation schedule be approved:

November 2022 to September 2023	-	Mayor Culhane and Councillor Caza
October 2023 to May 2024	-	Councillor Weller and Councillor Truchon
June 2024 to December 2024	-	Councillor Caza and Councillor Plante
January 2025 to August 2025	-	Councillor Weller and Mayor Culhane
September 2025 to March 2026	-	Councillor Plante and Councillor Truchon
April 2026 to November 2026	-	Councillor Caza and Councillor Weller

Carried

h) Moved by John Truchon  
Seconded by Francine Plante

248/2023  
TMA Support

**WHEREAS** the population of our region is disproportionately aged (per capita) as compared to the rest of the province; and

**WHEREAS** speciality medical services are disproportionately unavailable within our region; and

**WHEREAS** the distances to travel for speciality services generally exceeds 300km return; and

**WHEREAS** trips to receive outpatient speciality services often require transportation services; and

**WHEREAS** trips to receive outpatient speciality services often require overnight accommodations for our community member as well as the transportation service driver; and

**WHEREAS** residents of our communities are at risk of premature institutionalization without adequate care; and

**WHEREAS** there is limited institutional (Hospital and Long-Term Care) space for care of the elderly within the region and provincially; and

**WHEREAS** homecare has been identified as the most fiscally responsible means to care for our seniors; and

**WHEREAS** homecare has been identified as the most socially responsible means to care for our seniors; and

**WHEREAS** the pandemic has demonstrated that living at home is the safest place for most of the vulnerable members of our communities; and

**WHEREAS** base funding for homecare in our region has not seen a significant increase from the province in over 16 years; and

**WHEREAS** the inflationary pressures on regional service providers in this time has not been financially addressed by the province; and

**WHEREAS** the Human Resources cost and need increases have not been financially addressed by the province; and

**WHEREAS** the increasing needs of aging residents of the region has not been financially addressed; and

**WHEREAS** the recipients of homecare services cannot afford increases in service costs; and

**WHEREAS** the providers of homecare services cannot mitigate such increases in costs and need without affecting both quality and quantity of services;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we lobby the Ontario Government, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, Ontario Health North, elected members, FONOM and all other government

representatives to support a Homecare First approach to healthcare by investing significantly and immediately in home and community care organizations and services in the northeast. To make the investments at **base funding level** to support the sector now and for the future, to ensure all north-eastern Ontarians can avoid premature institutionalization and live safely at home, in the region, for as long as possible.

Carried

- i) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by John Truchon

**249/2023**  
**Backyard Chickens**

**THAT** Council has read the report on Backyard Chickens and advise the Clerk to the bring the By-Law forward with the changes requested at the next meeting.

Carried

- j) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by John Truchon

**250/2023**  
**TMSA**

**THAT** Council hereby accepts the Financial Statement dated December 31, 2022 for the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association as presented.

Carried

- k) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by John Truchon

**251/2023**  
**Temiskaming Health Unit**

**THAT** Council hereby accepts the Financial Statement dated December 31, 2022 for the Timiskaming Health Unit as presented.

Carried

- l) Moved by John Truchon  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**252/2023**  
**AMO**

**THAT** Council has received and read the Association of Municipalities Ontario's 2022 annual report.

Carried

- m) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by John Truchon

**253/2023**  
**UCFO Bingo**

**THAT** Council grant the use of the meeting room free of charge to the members of l'Union Culturelle Franco-Ontariennes of Virginiatown to hold a monthly bingo on Sunday afternoons on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023, October 29, 2023, and on December 2, 2023, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Carried

- n) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**254/2023**  
**STP Mechanical**

**THAT** Council have read the report titled STP Mechanical Request and defer the matter to the October 10<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting.

Carried

- o) Moved by John Truchon  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**255/2023**  
**THU Covid/Influenza Clinics**

THAT Council agree to let the Timiskaming Health Unit use the community centre free of charge for the Covid/Influenza clinics to be held on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 and November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Carried

**11. Passing of Accounts:**

Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by John Truchon

**256/2023**  
**Accounts**

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

**JUNE 2023**

Payroll: \$ 31,627.68  
General: \$ 183,491.50

**JULY 2023**

Payroll: \$ 48,341.49  
General: \$ 150,211.98

**AUGUST 2023**

Payroll: \$ 35,475.05  
General: \$ 106,472.02

Carried

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

Moved by John Truchon  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**257/2023**  
**By-Law 2023-39**

**THAT** a By-Law respecting construction, demolition and change of use permits and inspections be read a second and third time and passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 and numbered By-Law 2023-39.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**258/2023**  
**By-Law 2023-43**

THAT a By-Law to authorize the Corporation of the Township of McGarry to enter into a data sharing and services agreement with the Municipal property Assessment Corporation be read three times and passed on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 and numbered By-Law 2023-43.

Carried

Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**259/2023**  
**By-Law 2023-44**

**THAT** a By-Law appoint committee members and representatives for the Township of McGarry for the year 2023-2024 be read three times and passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September and numbered By-Law 2023-44.

Carried

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

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

**14. Confirmation By-Law:**

Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**260/2023**  
**Confirmation By-Law**

**THAT** a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023 and numbered By-Law 2023-45.

Carried

**15. Adjournment**

Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**261/2023**  
**Adjournment**

**THAT** this meeting be adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Carried

  
MAYOR

  
CLERK-TREASURER