



Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, October 10<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 type="checkbox"/>            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Councillor Wendy Weller        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

Clerk-Treasurer – Karine Pelletier

Members of the audience present: 10

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

Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**272/2023**  
**Adoption of Agenda**

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on October 10, 2023, be adopted with addition to New Business #10 (n) Resignation of Councillor Truchon.  
Carried

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

**5. Minutes of Previous Meetings :**

Moved by Wendy Weller  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**273/2023**  
**Regular Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on September 12, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**274/2023**  
**Special Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Special Meetings of Council held on September 1, 2023, September 7, 2023, September 19, 2023, and September 28, 2023 be adopted.

Carried

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

**7. Deputations / Delegations:** None

**8. Correspondence / Information:**

- a) Ontario Provincial Police - Distribution of Police Record Revenue to Municipalities.
- b) Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities Policy Documents presented during AMO Conference.
- c) Ontario Provincial Police – Annual Billing for 2024.
- d) Year to date Budget for the Township as of August 31, 2023.
- e) Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Responding to the Housing Affordability Task Forces Recommendations.
- f) Township of Larder Lake – Garbage pickup change of date from October 19<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**9. Members Update Reports :**

Mayor and Members of Council gave a verbal report.

**10. New Business :**

- a) Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**275/2023**  
**Recreation Minutes**

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

Carried

- b) Moved by Wendy Weller  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**276/2023**  
**Strategic Minutes**

THAT the minutes for the Strategic Planning Committee Meeting held on July 25, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- c) Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**277/2023**  
**Tourist Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Tourist Committee Meeting held on June 7, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- d) Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**278/2023**  
**Library Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the McGarry Library Board Meeting held on June 26, 2023 be approved.

Carried

- e) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**279/2023**  
**Make-A-Wish**

THAT Council agree to place an ad in the Hospital Activity Book for Children for the Make-A-Wish in the amount of \$249.00 plus tax.

Carried

- f) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**280/2023**  
**CCST**

**THAT** Council agrees to grant the Centre de Sante Communautaire du Temiskaming the use of the kitchen and the meeting room at the Community Centre free of charge for a lunch and learning activity that aims to improve the health and well-being of the community on the following days:

September 12, 2023, October 24, 2023, November 21, 2023, December 12, 2023, January 23, 2024, February 27, 2024, March 26, 2024, April 23, 2024, May 21, 2024 and on June 11, 2024.

Carried

- g) Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**281/2023**  
**CCST**

**THAT** Council agrees to grant the Centre de Sante Communautaire du Temiskaming the use of the Community Centre free of charge for exercise sessions for the adults 55+ on the following days:

- Moderate intensity exercises every Monday and Wednesday from 11h15 to 12h15
- Higher intensity exercises every Monday and Wednesday from 12h15 to 1h15

Council also agrees that the Centre de Sante continue to store the related equipment in the storage room near the kitchen.

Carried

- h) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**282/2023**  
**New Tourist Member**

**THAT** Council accepts the recommendation from the Tourist Committee to appoint Renate Schmitz as a Tourist Committee member.

Carried

- i) Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**283/2023**  
**FONOM**

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of McGarry recognized the urgent need for physicians in Northern Ontario as it is experiencing a shortage of trained physicians and specialist physicians;

WHEREAS life expectancy of Northern residents is more than two years lower than the Ontario average, and mental health and addictions are at a four-times higher rate;

WHEREAS one in eight Northern residents does not have access to a family doctor, and many must travel long distances to access healthcare services representing the failure of healthcare in Northern Ontario;

WHEREAS communities in Northern Ontario require access to equitable health care, especially underserved rural, Indigenous, and Francophone communities;

WHEREAS in April of 2022, the Government announced an unprecedented medical expansion for NOSM University's medical programs;

AND WHEREAS the current base funding rates for the Northern School of Medicine University (NOSM) have not been increased sufficiently to accommodate growth and expansion;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McGarry strongly requests the Provincial Government grant NOSM University's request for a permanent increase in annual base funding by \$4.0 million before the end of this fiscal year so it can continue to deliver on the mandate that the Conservative Government initially established in response to the needs of Northern municipalities.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health and Deputy Premier Sylvia Jones, Minister of Colleges and Universities Jill Dunlop, MPPs Greg Rickford, Vic Fedeli, George Pirie, Ross Romano, Kevin Holland, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Northern Ontario School of Medicine University, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association and the leaders of the opposition parties of Ontario

Carried

- j) Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Francine Plante

**284/2023**  
**Fall Clean up**

THAT the Landfill site be open on the following days to allow residents to dispose of garbage instead of holding a Fall Clean up week due to limited time and staff.

Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Carried

- k) Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**285/2023**  
**Surplus Equipment**

THAT Council declares the following equipment surplus and directs the Clerk and superintendent to advertise them or sale:

1988 Kubota tractor  
D170 John Deere riding lawnmower  
Z425 zero turn John Deere mower  
Honda 1000-watt generator

Carried

- l) Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**286/2023**  
**On Call Public Works**

THAT Council read the Staff report regarding a public works employee being on call. Council agrees to have a public works employee on call during weekends and holidays with remuneration of a daily three hour call out rate beginning on January 1, 2024.

Carried

- m) Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Wendy Weller

**287/2023**  
**Resignation Letter**

THAT Council accepts the resignation of Councillor Truchon effective October 10, 2023.

Carried

#### **11. Passing of Accounts:**

Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**288/2023**  
**Accounts**

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

#### **SEPTEMBER 2023**

Payroll: \$ 26,178.47  
General: \$ 180,390.49

Carried

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

- a) Discussion on Council report to establishing a new user fee By-Law for the Township of McGarry – Council deferred the review of the Proposed user fee by-law to the Special Meeting of Council to be held on October 16, 2023.

**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

**289/2023**  
**Confirmation By-Law**

**THAT** a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023 and numbered By-Law 2023-48.

Carried

**15. Adjournment**

Moved by Francine Plante  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**290/2023**  
**Adjournment**

**THAT** this meeting be adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Carried

  
**MAYOR**

  
**CLERK-TREASURER**