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Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday July 8th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room via in person or by phone.

1. Call to order:

Mayor Culhane called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Roll Call: The Mayor took a roll call

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Bonita Culhane	☒	☐
Councillor Louanne Caza	☐	☒
Councillor Elaine Fic	☒	☐
Councillor Annie Keft	☒	☐
Councillor Francine Plante	☒	☐

Also Present

Clerk-Treasurer - Karine Pelletier
Public Works Foreman - Mark Brown
Deputy Clerk – Melanie Jensen
Members of the audience present: 2

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

224/2025
Absent

THAT Council agrees to grant a leave of absence to Councillor Louanne Caza for the Regular Council Meeting of July 8, 2025, due to appropriate advance notice submitted to the Clerk.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum.

Moved by Councillor Francine Plante
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

225/2025
Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on July 8, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary of Interest: None

5. Adoption of the Previous Minutes and matters arising from the Minutes:

- a) Moved by Councillor Francine Plante **226/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft **Regular Council Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on June 10, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

- b) Moved by Councillor Annie Keft **227/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic **Special Council Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on June 5, 2025 and on June 26, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

- c) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic **228/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante **Close Session Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the close session meeting of Council held on June 10, 2025, and of June 26, 2025, be adopted.

Carried

6. Delegations, Petitions and Presentations:

- a) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic **229/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft **Financial Statement 2024**

THAT Council have read and approves the 2024 Consolidated Financial Report presented in open meeting by Steven Acland from Kemp Elliot Blair dated December 31, 2024.

Carried

7. Correspondence, Information:

- a) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act.
- b) FONOM – Resolutions passed at the May 5, 2025 meeting.
- c) Northeastern Public Health – Minutes of April 3, 2025.
- d) Ontario Provincial Police – Organizational realignment.
- e) Northeastern Public Health – Dashboard on local air and fire danger.
- f) Ministry of the Solicitor General – Ontario Provincial Policing (OPP) Cost Recovery Model Review and June 2025 Webinars.
- g) Municipal Property Assessment Corporation – 2025 Ontario Budget, A Plan to Protect Ontario.
- h) Ministry of Natural Resources – Reintroduction of the Geologic Carbon Storage Act.
- i) Blanche River Health – Invitation to participate in the Community Profile Development Project for Timiskaming District.
- j) MECP – Environnemental permissions.

8. New Business:

- a) Moved by Councillor Francine Plante
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

230/2025
32 Lynch Avenue/Surplus

THAT Council accept the Public Tender for the declared surplus property of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry, registered as 32 Lynch Avenue, Kearns, Ontario, PT MCL 5413, PCL 8177CST, submitted by Van Truong, in the amount of \$ 30,199.99, and that the successful bidder is well aware that he / or she is required to obtain all necessary permits and must demolish the existing structure on the land within one year of purchase, at their own expense and that the successful bidder is also responsible for any legal or other related costs associated with the sale of this property.

Carried.

- Moved by Councillor Annie Keft
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

231/2025
2 Cockeram Street/ Surplus

THAT Council accept the Public Tender for the declared surplus property of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry, registered as 2 Cockeram Street, Virginiatown, Ontario, Plan M126T LOT 11 PCL 10465 CST, submitted by Richard Boucher, in the amount of \$ 6,000.00 and that the successful bidder is responsible for any legal or other related costs associated with the sale of this property.

Carried

- Moved by Councillor Francine Plante
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

232/2025
6 Colville Street / Surplus

THAT Council accept the Public Tender for the declared surplus property of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry, registered as 6 Colville Street, Virginiatown, Ontario, Plan M126T LOT 149 PCL 5760 CST, submitted by Nancy & John Swick, in the amount of \$ 6,305.55 and that the successful bidder is responsible for any legal or other related costs associated with the sale of this property

Carried

- Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

233/2025
58-60 Connell Avenue /Surplus

THAT Council accept the Public Tender for the declared surplus property of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry, registered as 58-60 Connell Avenue, Virginiatown, Ontario, Plan M126T LOT 194 & 195, submitted by Richard Wallis, in the amount of \$ 8,026.00 and that the successful bidder is responsible for any legal or other related costs associated with the sale of this property

Carried

- b) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

234/2025
Green Municipal Fund Grant

THAT Council authorizes Councillor Plante to prepare and submit an application to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Green Municipal Fund for funding to conduct a feasibility study for the retrofit of the Municipal Office building, recognizing this project as a priority should the Tourist Centre Trillium grant application not be approved.

Defeated

- c) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

235/2025
Resolution Fire Protection

WHEREAS the Ontario government has enacted). Reg. 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection Act, 1997;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of McGarry acknowledges the importance of standardized firefighter training and safety;

AND WHEREAS these mandatory certifications requirements pose significant challenges for small, rural, and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographics barriers, and reliance on volunteer fire department;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the Township's ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of McGarry formally opposes the mandatory firefighter's certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP John Vanthof, the Fire Marshall, AMO, FONOM, and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

- d) Moved by Councillor Annie Keft
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

236/2025
Emergency Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Emergency Management Planning Committee meeting held on March 19, 2025 be approved.

Carried

- e) Moved by Councillor Francine Plante
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

237/2025
Strategic Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on March 25, 2025 and on May 27, 2025 be approved.

Carried

- f) Moved by Councillor Francine Plante
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

238/2025
NOHFC Grant

BE IT RESOLVED that on July 8, 2025 that the Corporation of the Township of McGarry supports the application and can enter into an agreement with NOHFC regarding Community Enhancement Program – Rural Enhancement stream toward the Community Centre Exterior Enhancement project.

AND THAT the Corporation of the Township of McGarry agrees to commit a total of \$20,000.00 towards the total project cost of \$200,000.00 and resolves to cover any project-related cost overruns, should they be incurred.”

Carried

- g) Moved by Councillor Annie Keft
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

239/2025
Hospital Activity Book

THAT Council agree to sponsor an ad for the Hospital Activity Book for children in the amount of \$269.00 plus HST.

Carried

- h) Moved by Councillor Francine Plante
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

240/2025
ADR Chambers

THAT Council have read the contract (By-Law 2021-36) between ADR Chambers and the Township of McGarry for Integrity Commissioner Services and agree to exercise their option to extend the contract for an additional two-year term from July 7, 2025 to July 8, 2027 with the same terms and pricing.

Carried

9. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

241/2025
Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

JUNE 2025:

Payroll: \$ 26,636.12

General: \$ 377,677.38

Carried

10. Passing of By-Laws:

- a) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

242/2025
By-Law 2025-29

THAT a By-Law to authorize the appointment of a public works foreman for the Township of McGarry be read three times and passed his 8th day of July 2025 and numbered By-Law 2025-29.

Carried

- b) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

243/2025
By-Law 2025-30

THAT a By-Law to establish user fees for the Township of McGarry be read three times and passed this 8th day of July and numbered By-Law 2025-30.

Carried

- c) Moved by Councillor Francine Plante
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

244/2025
By-Law 2025-31

THAT a By-Law to enter into an agreement with David Bishop to supply Contract By-Law Enforcement Services for the Township of McGarry and to appoint a Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer and Property Standards Officer for the Township of McGarry be read three times and passed this 8th day of July 2025 and numbered By-Law 2025-31.

Carried

- d) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

245/2025
By-Law 2025-32

THAT a By-Law to regulate the use of sea can/shipping containers be read three times and passed this 8th day of July and numbered By-Law 2025-32.

Carried

11. Reports of Municipal Officers and Members Verbal Update:

- Municipal Officers, Mayor and Council gave a verbal report.

12. Question Period:

- A question period was held.

13. Closed Meeting:

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

246/2025
Closed Session

THAT Council goes into closed session at 7:26 p.m. under the Municipal Act 2001. C25, s 239, Section (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local employees (d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried

- Council held interviews for the position of Casual Labourer / Landfill position

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

247/2025
Out of Closed Session

THAT Council come out of closed session at 8:09 p.m.

Carried

14. Confirmation By-Law:

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

248/2025
By-Law 2025-33

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 8th day of July 2025 and numbered By-Law 2025-33.

Carried

15. Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Annie Keft
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

249/2025
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Carried



MAYOR Deputy



CLERK-TREASURER