



Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday June 10th, 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Louanne Caza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Elaine Fic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Annie Keft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Francine Plante	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Also Present

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

Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

197/2025
Absent

THAT Council agrees to grant a leave of absence to Councillor Keft for the Regular Council Meeting of June 10, 2025, due to appropriate advance notice submitted to the Clerk.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum.

Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

198/2025
Adoption of Agenda

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

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary of Interest: Councillor Louanne Caza declared a Pecuniary Conflict on item #5 (c) Adoption of previous Minutes.

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

- a) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic **199/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante **Regular Council Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on May 13, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

- b) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic **200/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante **Repeal Resolutions**

THAT resolution #166/2025, 167/2025, 168/2025, 169/2025 and 170/2025 be repealed.

Carried

- Councillor Caza declared a conflict of interest and left the room.

- c) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic **201/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante **Close Session Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the close session held on March 11, 2025, the minutes of the closed session held on March 19, 2025, the minutes of the close session held on April 2, 2025 be adopted. be adopted.

Carried

- Councillor Caza returned to the room.

- d) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic **202/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza **Closed Session Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the close session held on April 8, 2025 and the minutes of the close session held on April 16, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

6. Delegations, Petitions and Presentations: None

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 – Environmental permissions.

8. New Business:

- a) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza

203/2025
Report Councillor Plante

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.

Deferred to July 8, 2025 meeting.

- b) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

204/2025
Support Evanturel Resolution

WHEREAS Canada and the United States have a shared history of friendship, respect and neighbourly relations;

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions and by more than a century and a half of multi-cultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalition and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS newly elected President Donald trump has suggested that with the use of economics force such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States;

AND WHEREAS President Trump, has now imposed tariffs on imports from Canada that will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries;

AND WHEREAS federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian, at the same time as it seeks to remove inter-provincial trade barriers within Canada;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs and can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support Canadian businesses by their procurement of Canadian products and services;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry categorically rejects any efforts by President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada, and we stand united with our provincial and federal leaders for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government;

AND FURTHER that Council endorses the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian and therefore remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for products and services when appropriate and feasible;

AND FURTHER THAT Council encourages the provincial and federal governments to remove trade barriers between provinces in support of Canadian businesses;

AND FURTHER THAT the current purchasing policy be amended to integrate and address these concerns;

AND FURTHER that this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Mark Carney, Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Timmins-James Bay MP Charlie Angus, Timiskaming-Cockrane MPP John Vanthof, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal association, Ontario Good Roads Association, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Municipalities in the District of Temiskaming.

Carried

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

205/2025
TMSA

WHEREAS the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association (TMSA) has proposed a two-year regional bylaw enforcement trial to support coordinated access to bylaw officer services following the retirement of the current officer;

AND WHEREAS the model recommends a shared contract with David Bishop, as endorsed by Pete Gilboe, and allows participating municipalities to access services under a common agreement with fixed retainer and pay-per-use billing;

AND WHEREAS each participating municipality will sign the agreement directly and coordinate service use and billing with the officer independently;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry:

1. Agrees to participate in the regional bylaw officer trial for the period of 2025–2027 if a minimum of 18 communities choose to participate;
2. Authorizes the TMSA Board to draft a standard agreement with the officer for signature by participating municipalities;
3. Acknowledges that billing will occur directly between the officer and the municipality based on use, in addition to the agreed retainer contribution;
4. Direct staff to take the necessary steps to execute the agreement once received.

Carried

- d) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

206/2025
25 Kearns Avenue surplus land

THAT the Council has received a letter from Mr. Micheal Spack proposing an offer of \$4,000.00 for the property located at 25 Kearns Avenue in Kearns, which has been posted as surplus land on two occasions without receiving any offers.

AND THAT the Council accept Mr. Spack's offer and instruct the Clerk to prepare all necessary documentation and that Mr. Spack be responsible for all expenses related to the sale of this property.

Carried

- e) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

207/2025
Tourist Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Tourist Centre Committee meeting held on April 23, 2025 be approved.

Carried

- f) Letter from Ministry of Municipal Affairs on Opportunity to Express Interest in Surplus School Board Sites for Housing Development was received and read by the Council.

- g) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza

208/2025
Waive Tipping Fees

THAT Council has received a request from Mr. Kevin Hislop of 5 Thompson Street Virginiatown to waive the tipping at the landfill site until the end of August 2025, to allow for the cleaning up of his property that was destroyed by fire.

Defeated

- h) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

209/2025
Day Camp Fees

THAT Council approve the Committee recommendations for Day Camp User Fees as:
Resident: \$5.00/day, \$80.00/month and \$150.00/season and for Non-Resident: \$10.00/day, \$110.00/month and \$200.00/season per child. Discounts for each additional child the Committee recommends 10% for the 1st child, 20% for the 2nd child and 30% for the 3rd child that registers.

THAT Council approves the Committee recommendation for Pickle Ball membership to be \$15.00/month each member.

THAT Council approves the Knitting Club membership of \$5.00/month each member.

Carried

- i) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

210/2025
Recreation Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on May 6, 2025 be approved.

Carried

- j) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

211/2025
Recreation New Member

THAT Council accepts the recommendation from the Recreation Committee to accept Wendy Weller as the new Recreation Committee member.

Carried

9. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

212/2025
Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

MAY 2025:

Payroll: \$ 61,019.16
General: \$ 127,635.17

Carried

10. Passing of By-Laws: None

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

213/2025
Closed Session

THAT Council goes into closed session at 7:04 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

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

214/2025
Out of Closed Session

THAT Council come out of closed session at 7:37 p.m.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza

215/2025
Public Works Foreman

THAT Council held interviews for the position of Public Work Foreman and offered the position to Mark Brown on April 16, 2025 with a six-week probationary period.

AND THAT Council acknowledges that Mark Brown has satisfactorily completed his probationary period and is hereby appointed as the Public Work Foreman. Additionally, the Council authorizes the salary increase from Step 3 to Maximum Step, effective June 2, 2025.

Carried

14. Confirmation By-Law:

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza

216/2025
By-Law 2025-27

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 10th day of June 2025 and numbered By-Law 2025-27.

Carried

15. Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

217/2025
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Carried


MAYOR


CLERK-TREASURER