

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Community Centre, Virginiatown, Ontario.

**PRESENT:**

**MAYOR:** Clermont Lapointe

**COUNCILLORS:** Elaine Fic  
Wendy K. Weller  
Bonita Culhane  
Annie Toupin-Keft

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**CLERK-TREASURER:** Sylvie Côté

**AUDIENCE:** 6 Members of the Public

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Clermont Lapointe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

**2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda:**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**034/18**  
**Adoption of Agenda**

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adopted with additions.

Carried

10. g)OCWA Report

**3. Disclosure of Conflict of interest:**

None

**4. Adoption of Minutes:**

Moved by Wendy K. Weller  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**035/18**  
**Regular Council Meeting**

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**036/18**  
**Special Meeting**

THAT the Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adopted.

Carried

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

- Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Fire/Police Report: The McGarry Volunteer Fire Department holds their practices on the first two Mondays of each month.

**6. Delegations/Deputations:**

- Micheline St-Pierre and Amanda Squire: requesting that the crossing guard be present until the end of the school year. Discussion has taken place on ways to proceed so the corner is safer for the students crossing. A municipal flyer will be sent to the residents notifying them that there is no more crossing guard.

**7. a) Submitted Question:**

None

**b) Audience Questions:**

None

**8. Correspondence Information**

- a) Sylvia Jones
- b) Association of Municipalities of Ontario

## 9. Council Reports:

### **Mayor Clermont Lapointe**

- Attended DSSAB meeting in Englehart; the budget was finalized; McGarry Budget had a .06% increase.
- All 3 Solar Projects are now producing.
- To answer last meeting's question regarding time left to repay the debenture is 8 years left.
- Working on municipal budget, many meetings were held, Councillor Elaine Fic will report.
- We have been approved for a grant of \$1,960,000.00 for water and sewage and resurfacing on 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue in North Virginiatown.
- Charlie Angus will be at the Township office on Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9 till 12 noon.

### **Councillor Bonita Culhane**

#### Tourism

- The Committee met on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and discussed draft budget; 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Country Jamboree Plans such as budget and lineup of entertainers, price per person and letters requesting donations and labour; Fashion Show, further details forthcoming. The next Tourist Committee meeting is Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the meeting room at the Community Centre, at 7:00 p.m.

#### Strategic Planning

- Monthly meeting held on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018; topics of discussion were on signage. The next Strategic Planning meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in the meeting room at the Community Centre at 7:00 p.m.

#### K.L. Health Centre

- Congratulations to the Family Health Team of the North East; it was announced that Kirkland Lake Team ranked highest of all Ontario for the fourth consecutive time.
- D2D a unique picture of primary care across the province, working with other teams to improve care.

### **Councillor Wendy K. Weller**

#### Recreation

- During the month of February and beginning of March, Recreation Committee has been holding two hour events on Saturdays.
- First day of winter day camp, a total of 9 children and 5 adult supervisors.
- Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup>, a "Day of ice fishing" will take place from 10:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m.
- All information available at the day camp and on the McGarry Website.
- Upcoming events: Easterfest on Saturday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at the Community Centre.
- Look for coming events on McGarry Website as well at the library and post office.

## **Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft**

### **Fire/Police**

- Still working on the Community Policing meeting
- The Fire Department meeting was held on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. They are now 18 full time and 4 probationary. They are still looking for volunteers. You may pick up an application at the Township office.
- On February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 they held their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Run with an estimated of 150 sleds participating. Thank you for the Legion Branch 384 for providing the food and the bar. Thank you for all that participated and helped.
- Winners of the poker hands:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: Ashley Côté \$1,165.00
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeff Martin \$850.00
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: Regis Goulet \$349.50
  - 50/50 draw: Janette Lafleche: \$3,605.00
- The Fire Department donated a PA system to the Township of McGarry. Thank you, it was greatly needed.
- The Fire Department is hosting a Maple Taffy on snow on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Centre.
- The next Fire Department meeting is March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and is not opened to the public.

### **Library**

- The McGarry Public Library had a meeting on February 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.
- CEO is working on spending the grant received for new equipment.
- Lots of activities are planned during the March Break, everyone welcome!
- The McGarry Public Library is holding a surplus furniture and supplies sale, please inquire with the CEO.
- The next McGarry Library meeting is March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.

### **Property Standards**

- Last meeting was on February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018; offences are being addressed; should you have anything to report or complaints, you may pick up a form at the Township Office.
- Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Community Centre. Meetings are opened to the public.

## **Councillor Elaine Fic**

### **Public Works**

- Busy with snow removal, clearing of snowbanks and preparation for new signage, repairing water breaks and sanding of streets.
- Maintenance on equipment has started to prepare for spring and summer.

Finance

- Committee and departments met to prepare draft budgets.
- Upon completion of year-end audit, we will be able to finalize this year's budget.
- Tax bills were mailed out based on 50% of the 2017 assessment. First installment is due March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and second installment is due April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**10. New Business:**

- a) Moved by Elaine Fic **037/18**  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane **Strategic Planning**

THAT the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee held on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 be adopted.

Carried

- b) Moved by Elaine Fic **038/18**  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft **Recreation Meeting**

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation Committee held on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adopted..

Carried

- c) Moved by Elaine Fic **039/18**  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller **ECJV Grant**

THAT Council approves a grant in the amount of \$100.00 to École Catholique Jean-Vanier for their active fund raising event to support this year's graduation ceremony.

Carried

- d) Moved by Wendy K. Weller **040/18**  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane **Student Bursary**

THAT Council approves two \$100.00 donations towards a bursary for students pursuing post-secondary studies.

Carried

- e) Moved by Bonita Culhane **041/18**  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft **AMCTO Zone 7&8**

THAT Council approves that Clerk-Treasurer Sylvie Côté attends the AMCTO Zone 7&8 Spring Workshop which will be held on April 19 & 20, in Sudbury.

Carried

- f) Moved by Bonita Culhane **042/18**  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft **Tax Write-Off**

THAT Council approves the write off of taxes on all McGarry Township owned properties and of the Township Grant Properties for the Interim Tax Billing for the amount of \$8,951.78.

- Grants Account #2577 & #2733
- Township Properties Account #1016, #3971, #5662, #6256, #12774, #71113, #7600

Carried

- g) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft **043/18**  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller **OCWA**

THAT Council receive from Ontario Clean Water Agency, and accept the Virginiatown-Kearns Drinking Water System 2017 Annual/Summary Report.

Carried

**11. Passing of Accounts:**

- Moved by Elaine Fic **044/18**  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane **Passing of Accounts**

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

Payroll:	\$19,726.45
General:	\$114,149.86

Carried

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

None

**13. Closed Meeting:**

- Moved by Elaine Fic **045/18**  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller **Closed Meeting**

THAT Council go into closed meeting at 7:40 p.m. for the purpose of financial matters.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**046/18**  
**Out of Closed Meeting**

THAT Council come out of closed meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Carried

**14. Confirmation of By-Law:**

Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**047/18**  
**By-Law Confirmation**

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be considered read three times and passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018 and numbered By-Law 2018-08.

Carried

**15. Adjournment:**

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**048/18**  
**Adjournment**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Carried

Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

**SIGNATURES ON FILE**

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**CLERK-TREASURER**