

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the gym at the Community Centre, Virginiatown, Ontario.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Matt Reimer

COUNCILLORS: Councillor Louanne Caza
Councillor Wendy K. Weller
Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Councillor Bonita Culhane

ALSO PRESENT:

DEPUTY CLERK: Karine Pelletier
Jason Georgeoff

AUDIENCE: 10 Members of the Public

1. **Presentation by Paul Nadeau – Solaire McGarry Solar**
2. **Opening of Regular Meeting by the Head of Council / Ouverture de la reunion par le Maire.**
3. **Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda/Ajouts/Suppression/Adoption de l'ordre du jour.**

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**01/2020
Agenda Adoption**

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 be adopted.

Carried

4. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest / Déclaration de conflit d'intérêt**
None

5. **Minutes of Previous Meetings / Procès-verbal des reunions précédente**

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**02/2020
Council Meeting**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

03/2020
Special Meeting

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday December 17th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

6. Matters arising from the minutes / Affaires découlant du process-verbal.

None

7. Deputation / Délégations

None

8. a) Submitted Questions / Questions soumises

b) Audience Question

- A resident inquired about who does the maintenance of Public Works machinery / Answer: Some work is performed by the Township Public Work employees and some by a mechanic but mostly by the Township employees.
- A resident thanked the township for the excellent planning on the kids Christmas party.

9. Correspondence, Information / Correspondance, Information

- a) Christmas card thank you from André Gagnon / Received and Filed
- b) Survey from the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services on Poverty Reduction. / Received and Filed
- c) Regional consultation on Draft Forest Sector Strategy from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. / Received and Filed
- d) Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines: Natural Gas Expansion Support Program. / Received and Filed
- e) Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks: Minister's Annual report on Drinking Water 2019. / Received and Filed
- f) Timiskaming Health Unit: Excess funds from the reserve. / Received and filed

10. Council Reports / Rapports du conseil

Councillor Wendy K. Weller

Property Standards

Good evening and welcome

Property Standards now has in place a By-Law officer and 3 member appeals committee. The By-Law Officer has acted on five (5) snow complaint and they are resolved. The committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month here at the Community Centre at 7:00pm. All are welcome to our meetings.

The committee will be working on the updated Property Standards By-Law with help from our new town clerk Jason Georgeoff.

We are presently in need of two (2) more members. If you are interested please apply at the municipal office. Thank you

Strategic Planning

Strategic Planning committee meets every fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm here in the Community Centre. We are looking at the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law. Also, moving forward on the 2nd phase of the waterfront project. There is one spot open for the committee, please apply at municipal office.

Public Works

Public Works has been very busy during the holidays and first part of the new year. The department received the new grader which is working out very well. There have been a couple of water breaks that have been resolved. A reminder that garbage pick-up is now every two (2) weeks, the same day as recycling. Next pick up is Thursday January 23, 2020.

Recreation

Recreation Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in meeting room. Everyone is welcome. I would like to thank the committee and all of the volunteers; you made recreation events very successful. A few things that can be seen on our new web page under events are every Tuesday from 1:00 to 3:00pm is knitting and crocheting. Family craft night on January 22, 2020 in the Community Centre gym from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. January 25, 2020 is Family indoor curling from 10:00am to 11:30am. All information is on the website and paper posters posted around town. This committee has no spots open at this time.

Fire – Police

Reporting for Councillor Bonita Culhane

McGarry Volunteer Fire Department has not had a meeting. Meetings are on the last Sunday of the month. Meetings are closed to the public. Note of interest is the upcoming annual skidoo poker run on Saturday February 15, 2020. Great family day, fun for all.

Councillor Louanne Caza

Recreation

Good evening and Happy New Years to everyone. Recreation met on January 7, 2020. Activities for January are: Craft night which will start Wednesday January 22, 2020. Project will be Painting bird houses. Supplies needed are: a bird house from the dollar store. Recreation will supply the paint and brushes. From 6:30 to 8:30. Exercises room is open every Monday from 1:00 pm to 2:00pm free of charge. Children's curling will be January 25, 2020 from 10:00am to 11:30am. 5 years old and up.

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

Library

We are yet to have any Public Library Board meetings, however we are almost there. Soon we will be sending out a call out for new members. In the meantime, please check social media for upcoming activities at the library.

Fire-Police

The Police Committee had a good turnout at the January 8th, 2020, we had an information session on snowmobile safety and telephone scams. We ran out of time on the information session for telephone scams, we will be having our next meeting on March 11, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room for the continuance of the telephone scam presentation. Meetings are open to the public and if you have any suggestions on future information session, please let us know.

Tourist

The Tourist Committee has started the planning for the 2020 McGarry Country Jamboree. We have some events planned for this year with all proceeds going to the Jamboree. April 11, 2020 there will be a pancake breakfast, more information to come. May 9th, 2020 a Sip n Paint, more information to come. Also, a spaghetti dinner will be hosted, more information to come. Our next Tourist Committee meeting will be February 5th, 2020 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room. Meetings are open to the public.

Councillor Bonita Culhane

- No report

Mayor Matt Reimer

- TMA had no meetings
- Received calls regarding snow issues
- Received calls regarding Ecologix recycling issues

11. New Business:

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

04/2020
Recreation Committee

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday November 5th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

05/2020
Tourist Committee

THAT the Minutes of the Tourist Committee meeting held on Wednesday November 6th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

06/2020
TMSA Building Code

THAT Council approves the resolution that follows:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has legislated in the *Building Code Act* that “the council of each municipality is responsible for the enforcement of this Act in the municipality” and “the council of each municipality shall appoint a chief building official and such inspectors as are necessary for the enforcement of the Act in the areas in which the municipality has jurisdiction”;

AND WHEREAS “the council of a municipality may pass by-laws applicable to the matters for which and in the area in which the municipality has jurisdiction for the enforcement of this Act”;

AND WHEREAS the Province has asked local governments to find efficient and cost-effective ways to deliver municipal services and is now asking these same municipalities to collect a tax on their behalf to create a new Delegated Administrative Authority to deliver services that have historically been the responsibility of the Ontario Government;

AND WHEREAS Premier Ford stated in his keynote address at the Association of Ontario Municipalities 2019 Conference that “we can’t continue throwing money at the problem (broken systems) as our predecessors did, into top-down, big government schemes. That is neither compassionate nor sustainable”;

AND WHEREAS alternate methods of building administration and enforcement have been proposed in this consultation that remove municipal authority but not associated liability;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McGarry requests that, the Province of Ontario research their own efficient and cost effective means to deliver their services, or work with other building sector groups that, for the past fifteen years, have been filling the voids as the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has severely reduced its service delivery role, or provide evidence based justification to municipalities that the creation of a new Delegated Administrative Authority is necessary prior to any legislative changes to the *Building Code Act*, with regard to building service delivery, are introduced in the Legislature.

AND FURTHER that a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; the Honourable Jim McDonnell, Parliamentary Assistant for Municipal Affairs and Housing, AMO, FONOM, the Temiskaming Municipal Services Association (TMSA); the member municipalities of the TMSA and MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming-Cochrane.

Carried

Presentation from Anthony Danis from OCWA regarding the funding project.

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

07/2020
Funding Project

THAT Council approves the resolution that follows:

Whereas, in 2013, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP)

inspection reports identified two major issues with the Township of McGarry's water and wastewater systems: exceedingly high water usage (averaging 1,528 L/person/day) that was likely attributable to leaks in the system and regular high flows into the wastewater treatment system that impacted phosphorus removal and resulted in a number of bypass events; and

Whereas, OCWA assessed the infrastructure and provided a draft report that is named *Distribution & Collection System Upgrades Under OCIF* and it entails recommendations for prioritized projects to rectify the issues; and

Whereas, if the Township wishes to submit one of the recommended projects for the ICIP funding, OCWA can assist with finalizing the budget and completing the application; and

Whereas, to ensure the application is submitted by the January 22nd deadline, approval to proceed must be given by January 15th; and

Therefore, the Council of the Township of McGarry deems it desirable to take advantage of the ICIP Green Stream funding opportunity by committing a **maximum of \$1 million** to the project recommended by OCWA within their memo dated January 10, 2020 (i.e. the Virginiatown work); and pending confirmation that Council can opt out at a later date after funding approval, but before the agreement is signed.

Further, that the Council of the Township of McGarry directs staff, in consultation with OCWA, to proceed with finalizing the project scope, execution details, budget re-calculation, and to submit an application for funding.

Carried

12. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

08/2020
Passing of Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

<u>December</u>	
Payroll	\$30,871.90
General	\$191,350.76

Carried

13. Passing of By-Laws:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

09/2020
By-Law # 2020-01

THAT a By-Law to appoint a Clerk-Treasurer for the Township of McGarry be considered read three times and passed this 14th day of January 2020 and numbered By-Law No. 2020-01.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

10/2020
By-Law # 2020-02

THAT a By-Law to provide for an interim Tax Levy and the payment of interim taxes for the year 2020 be considered read three times and passed this 14th day of January 2020 and numbered By-Law No. 2020-02.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

11/2020
Borrowing By-Law

THAT A By-Law to authorize the temporary borrowing be considered read three times and passed this 14th day of January 2020 and numbered By-Law No. 2020-03.

Carried

14. Closed Meeting:

None

15. Confirmation By-Law / Confirmation des règlements municipaux

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

12/2020
Confirmation

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be considered read three times and passed this 14th day of January, 2020 and numbered By-Law 2020-04.

Carried

16. Adjournment:

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

13/2020
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER