

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Community Centre, Virginiatown, Ontario.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Matt Reimer

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

ABSENT WITH REGRETS: Councillor Dimitri Kowbassa

ALSO PRESENT:

CLERK-TREASURER: Anne Kmyta
PUBLIC WORKS: Gord Caza

AUDIENCE: 17 Members of the Public

1. Call to Order

Mayor Matt Reimer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft **85/19**
Seconded by Louanne Caza **Adoption of Agenda**

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 be adopted with addition.

Carried

10 (i) XYZ – Requesting use of the Meeting Room
(j) XYZ – Requesting storage space

3. Disclosure of Conflict of interest:

None

4. Minutes of Previous Meetings / Procès-verbal des reunions précédente:

Moved by Louanne Caza **86/19**
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft **Council Meeting**

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, March 12th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None

6. Delegations/Deputations:

Mr. Fred Grey – complaint regarding the charge for thawing the waterline servicing property

Mr. Grey made a presentation to the Municipal Council regarding the invoice that he had received for the services he received to thaw the waterline servicing his property. Mr. Grey stated that he believed that the charge of \$655.61 was excessive as he believed he was not given an adequate estimate of the costs from the Municipal Staff. Members of the Municipal Council questioned Mr. Grey as to the information he had received and the Clerk-Treasurer was requested to prepare a resolution authorizing that 50% of the full cost for the service received from the Town of Kirkland Lake be charged to the property owner.

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

87/19
Invoice Mr. Grey

THAT Council hereby agrees to split the cost of the original invoice, leaving Mr. Grey's share to be \$655.61.

Carried

Wishart Municipal Law Group

Paul Cassan, from the Wishart Municipal Law Group made a presentation to the Municipal Council regarding the services that are available through his law firm to the Municipality. He explained that the firm specialized in legal matters that concerned municipalities and that advice could be obtained prior to a matter escalating that could result in much higher legal fees. Mr. Cassan also explained the tax collection service that would be made available to the Municipality and the proven success rate that the firm had achieved in collecting tax arrears.

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

88/19
Wishart Law Group

THAT the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement with the Wishart Municipal Law Group for legal services identified as "Package 1" for the sum of \$6,000.00 plus HST.

Carried

7. a) Submitted Question:

None

b) Audience Questions:

8. Correspondence Information

- a) Minister of Infrastructure and Communities – 2019 Gas Tax Fund
Received and Filed
- b) Ontario Provincial Police – 2019 Annual Billing Statement
Received and Filed
- c) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

89/19
Save on Energy

THAT the Municipal Council hereby authorize the Clerk-Treasurer and the Public Works Superintendent to select viable projects that are eligible for the “Save on Energy” – Retrofit Program.

Carried

- d) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded Louanne Caza

90/19
Mary Walsh

THAT the Municipal Council directs the Clerk-Treasurer to investigate all options available to the Township regarding the request put forward by Mary Walsh regarding the closure of Casselman Avenue at the north exit.

Carried

- e) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

91/19
Advertisement

THAT the Municipal Council authorizes the placement of an advertisement in the Kirkland Lake Centennial Special Edition at a cost of \$189.00 plus HST.

Carried

- f) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

92/19
Bursary

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

Carried

- g) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

93/19
Emergency Week

THAT the Municipal Council declares the week of May 5th – 11th, 2019 Emergency Preparedness Week.

Carried

h) Merdy Armstrong – Request for Information regarding the Audience Question Period
Received and Filed

i) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

94/19
Kitchen Use

THAT Council gives authority to the McGarry Volunteer Firefighters to use the kitchen for the Maple Taffy on snow which will be held March 16th, 2019.

Carried

j) Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Louanne Caza

95/19
Mother's Day Breakfast

THAT Council gives authority to the Larder/McGarry Knights of Columbus to use the kitchen and the canteen on May 11th & 12th, 2019 for preparation of the Annual Mother's Day Breakfast which will be held Sunday May 12th, 2019.

Carried

Council Reports

Mayor Matt Reimer

- Attended TMA meeting on March 28, 2019 in Earlton.
- Short Meeting
- Reading of Minutes of last meeting
- Election for Executive
- Previous meeting – RE: Hwy conditions & line paint
- I have asked TMA to include Hwy 66 in all of their motions & letter to government & hwy groups.

Councillor Wendy K. Weller

Property Standards

Property Standards Committee public meetings are held on third Tuesday of the month. In the last meeting all committee members were present. The members are working with the public and municipality to help with complaints concerning areas under the Property Standards By-Law.

Spring is hopefully around the bend and always in spring snow melts and surprises are found. So please start collecting items and get them ready for spring clean-up week, the week will be advertised in the spring newsletter.

Property Standards meetings are open to the public.

Strategic Planning

Strategic Planning Committee is still looking for two more committee members. At our last meeting we are cleaning old items off our agenda to be able to move forward to new business.

The Meetings are on the last Tuesday of the month here at the Community Centre at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcomed.

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

96/2019
Bear-Proof Containers

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves the purchase of 4 Bear-Proof waste containers and 2 additional Poop-Bag dispensers as requested by the Strategic Planning Committee.

Carried

Councillor Louanne Caza

Recreation

Good evening everyone

- Kids Easter party is set for Saturday April 13, 2019. 12:00 noon until 2:30 pm. We will have kid's games, curling, bean bag toss, musical chairs, bunny hop and a Easter fitness course and face painting. We will finish the day off with Easter treats. We will have a hot dog lunch as well.
- Next movie night is April 26 at 6:30 pm
- Next kids morning will be May 4th from 10am to noon, we will work on Mother's Day crafts.
- Our Walking and Exercise program is doing well. 2 people last week, 10 people the week before. Open to the public from 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm every Monday afternoon.
- Letter from XYZ Club with a donation of their curling game. Please accept with thanks. – Send a letter of Thanks to XYZ Club.

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

On Monday April 8th, 2019 I attended the Teeny Tiny Summit in Matheson. I have to say it was well organized and a sold out event.

There was a good variety of folks from all walks of life. Township staff, council members, businesses, committees and more. I learned so much. It was an amazing presentation on growing municipalities. I learned that we need to make the best of what we already have instead of wanting to bring in something new. The slogan left behind was: The future just isn't what it used to be. If it returns to the area I would encourage everyone to go.

Fire-Police

Good news, we have made contact with the Police officer in charge. We are in the process of opening communication hoping to get the Committee up and running shortly.

The Fire Department – Sunday March 31, 2019

The Fire Department has 23 Full Time, 2 Probation and needs 3 more members. Applications are available at the Township Office.

At this time they are getting ready for Spring calls and putting together the Spring Fire Prevention Campaign. Next meeting is Sunday April 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Meetings are not open to the public.

Library

We would like to welcome Victoria McDuffie as the new library assistant. The library has a lot of activities for April. Every Monday except the 3rd Monday from 6 to 8pm there is a knitting group. Every Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 pm is Girl Guides.

Thursday April 4 – Spring Yoga for kids 6:30 to 7:30pm

Thursday April 11 – Easter Egg decorating 6:30 to 7:30pm

Friday April 12 – Easter craft – 1:30 to 2:30pm

Thursday April 18 – Easter Egg Hunt – 6:30 to 7:30pm

Friday April 19 – Closed – Monday April 22, 2019 – Closed

Friday April 26 – Make a bird feeder – 1:30 to 2:30pm

Next Library meeting is April 15 at 6:30pm

Tourism

At this time the Committee is concentrated on organizing the 10th anniversary of the Country Jamboree. Our line-up is almost complete and we are trying to have posters out by May 1st, 2019. Our headliners are Merle Haggard tribute band. Naomie Bristol and Larry Mercy. In total we have 9 artist booked, we are just waiting on the closing band.

Things are moving along nicely. We are collecting donations of plate bedsheets for a project. If you have any please let us know and we will make arrangement for pickup.

Tourist Committee meetings are every first Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the meeting room. The next meeting is May 1, 2019 at 7:00pm.

New Business:

- a) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

97/19
Property Standards

THAT the Minutes of the Property Standards Committee meeting held in Tuesday, February 19th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

- b) Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

98/19
Recreation

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

Carried

- c) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

99/19
Tourist Committee

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

Carried

- d) Moved by Wendy K. Weller **100/19**
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft **Pinchin Ltd.**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into The Annual Monitoring and Reporting Agreement with Pinchin Ltd. for the period 2019-2021.

Carried

- e) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft **101/19**
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller **Salary Increase Clerk**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby recognizes that the Clerk-Treasurer has successfully completed the 3 month probationary period of employment and approves the salary increase from Step 3 to the Maximum Rate effective March 5th, 2019.

Carried

- f) Moved by Wendy K. Weller **102/19**
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft **Zone 8 Workshop**

THAT Council approves that Clerk-Treasurer Anne Kmyta attends the AMCTO Zone 8 Spring Workshop & Meeting which will be held in Elk Lake, Ontario.

Carried

- g) Moved by Louanne Caza **103/19**
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller **FONOM**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the following councillor Annie Toupin-Keft to attend the 2019 FONOM Northeastern Municipal Conference to be held May 8th – 10th, 2019 in Sudbury, Ontario.

Carried

- h) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft **104/19**
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller **Library Funding**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the payment of a One-Time Funding Supplement in the amount of \$5,000.00 to the McGarry Public Library.

Carried

- Moved by Louanne Caza **105/19**
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller **Casual Librarian**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves the request put forward by the McGarry Public Library to hire Victoria McDuffie as the Casual Librarian Assistant.

Carried

- i) Moved by Wendy K. Weller **106/19**
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft **XYZ Storage**

THAT Council gives permission to the XYZ Club to use an area inside the arena to store the materials for their garden project for approximately 2 months starting in April, the area designated shall be the Ice Pad.

Carried

- j) Moved by Louanne Caza **107/19**
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller **XYZ Bake Sale**

THAT Council gives authority to the XYZ Club to use the meeting room on May 11th, 2019 from 9am to 5pm for their annual bake sale and nickel sale.

Carried

Passing of Accounts:

- Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft **108/19**
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller **Passing of Accounts**

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

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| Payroll: | \$27,269.27 |
| General: | \$86,905.85 |

Carried

Passing of By-Law:

None

Closed Meeting:

- Moved by Louanne Caza **109/19**
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller **Closed Meeting**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby moves into Closed Session as per Section 239(b) of the Municipal Act to discuss matters regarding:

- a) Personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees.
- b) Council Training

Carried

- Moved by Wendy K. Weller **110/19**
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft **Out of Closed**

THAT Council come out of closed meeting at 9:35 pm.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

111/19
Library Hours

THAT the Municipal Council hereby defers the recommended Schedule of Hours (Administrative and Open) put forward by the McGarry Public Library Board.

Deferred

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Louanne Caza

112/19
Extend Curfew

THAT Council hereby agrees to extend the curfew until 10:00pm.

Carried

Confirmation of By-Law:

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

113/19
By-Law Confirmation

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be considered read three times and passed this 9th day of April, 2019 and numbered By-Law 2019-12.

Carried

Adjournment:

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

114/19
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Carried

Signatures on file

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER