

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, February 12th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Community Centre, Virginiatown, Ontario.

PRESENT:

MAYOR: Matt Reimer

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

ALSO PRESENT:

CLERK-TREASURER: Anne Kmyta

AUDIENCE: 7 Members of the Public

1. Call to Order

Mayor Matt Reimer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and made special mention that he noticed some new faces in the audience.

2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

26/19
Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 be adopted with addition.

Carried

8 k) Paul Kelly Temiskaming Health Unit Representative
10 c) i) New member

3. Disclosure of Conflict of interest:

- Mayor Matt Reimer declared a conflict regarding agenda item 10(d) because he is a member of the XYZ Club and for agenda item 10(n) because he is a member of the KDCDC Board.
- Councillor Dimitri Kowbassa declared a conflict regarding agenda item 10(d) because he is a member of the XYZ Club.

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

Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa **27/19**
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft **Council Meeting**

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, January 8th, 2018 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller **28/19**
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa **Special Meeting**

THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on Monday, January 14th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None

6. Delegations/Deputations:

None

7. a) Submitted Question:

None

b) Audience Questions:

None

8. Correspondence Information

a) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft **29/19**
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller **Friends of the Legion**

THAT, the Municipal Council hereby approves the donation to the Friends of the Legion Branch 293 in the amount of \$100.00.

Carried

Councillor Louanne Caza made a request that Carole Godmaire be given a master key to replace the numerous keys that she presently uses in order to access the various areas that she utilizes in the gym while hosting the exercise classes. All of council agreed that it was a reasonable request however they requested that Carole provide a list to the municipal office of the areas that she presently uses so that the staff are aware of who accesses what areas and when.

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

30/19
Arena Master Key

THAT, the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to give Carole Godmaire a master key in order to access the areas that she uses.

Carried

b) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

31/19
Centre de Santé

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves the use of the Community Center free of charge for weekly exercise sessions to be held each Monday and Wednesday hosted by the Centre de Santé Communautaire du Témiskaming. Permission will cover the period February, 2019 to October 31st, 2022, with modification as they become necessary.

Carried

c) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

32/19
Girl Guides

THAT the Municipal Council hereby directs the Clerk-Treasurer to arrange a date for the McGarry Girl Guides to meet with the Municipal Council.

Carried

d) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

33/19
Girl Guides

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves the use of the kitchen and the gymnasium in the Community Center free of charge by the McGarry Girl Guides in order for them to expand their activities. Permission will cover the period February, 2019 to October, 31st, 2022, with modifications as they become necessary.

Carried

e) Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft thanks Ms. Davidson-Koomans for her letter and stated that the McGarry Library Board was giving the matter serious consideration.

- f) Mayor Matt Reimer advised the audience that the matter would be discussed during the closed session of the meeting.
- g) The Clerk-Treasurer explained that the application that was submitted to the Ontario Trillium Foundation was denied. The Clerk-Treasurer explained that if the application was successful the roof of the Tourist Center would have been replaced.
- h) The Clerk-Treasurer reported that the Municipality was successful in their application to receive funding to be used towards the Annual Canada Day Celebration and that the Municipality would receive \$2,160.00.
- i) The Clerk-Treasurer gave a brief explanation regarding the history of the Temiskaming Foundation and reported that the Foundation would be a possible source of funding for the Annual Christmas Food Baskets.
- j) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

34/19

Knights of Columbus

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves the use of the kitchen free of charge by the Knights of Columbus to prepare the annual Poker Run Breakfast to be held on Saturday, February 16th, 2019.

Carried

9. Council Reports:

Councillor Dimitri Kowbassa

- I attended ROMA in Toronto and received a ton of info.
- I attended the grand opening of a new office, northern training division located at Northern College for a ribbon cutting.
- I also attended TMA meeting where they passed a 2 plus 1 motion, they also talked about Integrity Commissioner and conflict of interest and a few more items.
- Public Works Department worked on finding a failure in the water line on Hummel Street and that it was necessary to bring in Pedersen's rock breaker because the ground conditions did not allow for our machines to be used.
- Some sad news which the Mayor may be speaking on. It looks like our Tandem truck has few out lived its life. It is going to require quite expensive work to get it up and running and so between this truck and the towns grader which both are about 20 years old may need to be traded in for newer equipment.
- Finally, the Township is doing their best to remove this snow and, no there is no end in sight.

Councillor Louanne Caza

- Welcome everyone
- Our last Recreation meeting was held on February 5th, 2019. Christina has come up with some fun activities for our children's day camp that is held every second Saturday morning from 10:00 am until noon. We encourage the kids to come out and have some fun. We held our first movie night Friday February 8, 2019. We had 4 children and 7 adults. Fun was had by all. We will get posters out as soon as we have a date for the next one.
- Walking program is off to a slow start but I am sure it will pick up. It is Mondays at 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm.
- Winter Fun Day – Letters are being sent out to local groups to see if they would like to participate.
- Knitting group is doing very well. The times are Monday's 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Tuesday's 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Everyone Welcome
- Our next meeting will be on Tuesday March 5th, 2019. The meetings are open to the public and everyone is welcome.

Councillor Wendy K. Weller

Strategic Planning

We held our first meeting and had a very interesting talk between members of the committee. We discussed old business from the past Strategic Committee, signage, dome building.

Recommendations were sent to the town clerk for information from MTO for moving the Country Jamboree sign to near the intersection of hwy 66 and 27th street.

Members also discussed the new strategic plan. Members have been asked to read and highlight areas of the new plan to move forward.

Our meetings are open to the public and are on the 4th Tuesday at 7:00 pm in the meeting room.

We are still looking for 2 more committee members.

Thank you

Property Standards

Good evening

Property Standards had their first meeting. We discussed topics concerning old business from the previous Property Standards Committee that have been handed into the municipal office were discussed and we sent recommendations to the town clerk to send out letters that have been delivered.

The committee is presently looking at the Property Standards By-Law to either leave the by-law as it stands or update these by-laws.

Our meetings are open to the public and are held on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the meeting room.

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

Tourist Committee

The Tourist committee had their first meeting February 6, 2019. The committee is moving forward with the 10th anniversary of the Country Jamboree, Mr. Dennis Whitty is putting a great lineup together for us and the committee is putting together great ideas for a great event.

There was also talk of using the Tourist Centre all year round. It is a nice building and it should be used.

This was only our first meeting; stay tuned for more to come.

The next Tourist Committee meeting is March 6th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room. Meetings are open to the public ideas are always welcomed.

Library

The library board had a meeting January 28, 2019. The board had their election where Monique Lafond is chair and Doris Daigle is co-chair. Congratulations to them

The library is considering being open on Saturday to accommodate our patrons.

The girl guides are presently meeting in the library on Tuesday from 6 to 7:30 pm, they are enjoying everything the library has to offer.

The library had Valentine's Day activities which due to unforeseen circumstances need to be cancelled

The next Library meeting is February 25, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Library meetings are open to the public.

Fire-Police

The fire department had a meeting on Sunday January 27th, 2019 at this time they have 22 full time, 1 probation. They are still a few members down if you know anyone who wants to join the Fire Department; applications are available at the Township Office.

The Fire Department has been really busy at getting the trails ready and organizing the 28th annual snowmobile poker run to be held on February 16, 2019. The first run starts at 11:00 am at the Community Centre. The last ride is at 3pm. Poker hands are \$5 each. Must be 18 to buy a hand. All poker hands must be hand in by 5pm. Prizes start at 5pm. They are also drawing off the 50/50 at 6:00 pm.

We hope to see everyone out.

The next fire department meeting is February 24th, 2019 at 7pm in the Fire Hall. Meetings are not open to the public.

Thank you

10. New Business:

- a) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Louanne Caza

35/19
Treasurer's Report

THAT the Municipal Council hereby adopts the Statement of the Treasurer dated December 31, 2018 as required under Section 284 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001.

Carried

The Clerk-Treasurer give a brief explanation of the financial information that was contained in the Statement of the Treasurer that is required under Section 284 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001.

- b) Moved by Louanne Caza **36/19**
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft **Property Standards**

THAT the Minutes of the Property Standards Committee meeting held on Tuesday, September 18th, 2018; on Tuesday, October 16th, 2018 be adopted.

Carried

- c) Moved by Louanne Caza **37/19**
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa **Recreation**

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, October 2nd, 2018 be adopted.

Carried

- d) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa **38/19**
Seconded by Louanne Caza **Recreation**

THAT Council accepts the recommendation of the Recreation Committee that Colette Tardif sit as members on the Committee.

Tabled

Discussion took place regarding the recommendation put forward by the Recreation Committee for an additional committee member be added to a committee that had presently had 5 committee members. Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft reported that addition of a 6th member would be contrary to the current By-law and complications may arise when trying to establish a quorum. Past Councillor Elaine Fic stated from the audience that there have been difficulty in the past establishing a quorum. Councillor Toupin-Keft indicated that prior to the appointment of additional members the By-law would need to be amended. Councillor Wendy Weller reported that she felt it was important to encourage people to become involved with the committees. The Municipal Council decided to table the current resolution until such time that the Clerk-Treasurer had an opportunity to develop ``Terms of Reference`` and for the Municipal Council to consider whether there was a need to amend the existing By-law concerning the appointment of committee members.

- e) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft **39/19**
Seconded by Louanne Caza **XYZ Club**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves the use of the skate sharpening room by the XYZ club as recommended by the McGarry Recreation Committee.

Carried

- Moved by Louanne Caza **40/19**
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft **Walking Club**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby waives the fee for the use of the gym by the walking club one day a week for one hour.

Carried

- f) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa **41/19**
Seconded by Louanne Caza **Recycling**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves the lump sum payment in the amount of \$31,779.80 plus HST to Eco-Logix for 12 months of recycling service in order to achieve a cost saving equal \$3,177.98 plus HST.

Carried

- g) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft **42/19**
Seconded by Louanne Caza **Painting**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to proceed with the painting of the municipal administration office.

Carried

- h) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa **43/19**
Seconded by Louanne Caza **Emergency**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves the appointment of Anne Kmyta as the Certified Emergency Management Co-ordinator and Neil Albright as the Alternate Certified Emergency Management Co-ordinator for the Township of McGarry.

Carried

- i) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa **44/19**
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft **Resignation**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby with regrets the resignation of Councillor Wendy K. Weller as Co-Chair for the Fire-Police Committee.

Carried

- j) Moved by Wendy K. Weller **45/19**
Seconded by Louanne Caza **Fire-Police**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves appointment of Councillor Dimitri Kowbassa to the position of Co-Chair for the Fire-Police Committee and amends Schedule A of By-Law #2019-01 to reflect the necessary changes.

Carried

- k) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa **46/19**
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft **Integrity**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves the appointment of the firm Expertise for Municipalities (E⁴M) to act as the Integrity Commissioner for the Township of McGarry, with the service provided on an “as needed basis”.

Carried

The Clerk-Treasurer explained that effective March 1st, 2019 all municipalities must have in place an Integrity Commissioner in place to investigate any serious complaints that are raised.

- l) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa **47/19**
Seconded by Louanne Caza **Insurance**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves the renewal of insurance for the 12 month period February 1st, 2019 to February 1, 2020 at a cost of \$45,032.00 plus 8% PST.

Carried

- m) Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft **48/19**
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa **AMCTO**

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves the Clerk-Treasurer to attend the AMCTO 2019 Annual General Meeting to be held June 9th to June 12th. 2019.

Carried

n) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Louanne Caza

49/19
KDCDC

THAT the Municipal Council hereby directs the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare a letter of support of the application to be submitted to the Northern Communities Investment Readiness Initiative by the Kirkland and District Community Development Corporation in order to promote economic activity in the community.

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves the monetary contribution towards the Northern Communities Investment Readiness Initiative in the amount of \$500.00 payable to the Kirkland and District Community Development Corporation.

Carried

Councillor Wendy Weller reported that the previous council had voted the matter down because they did not see a significant benefit for the Township. Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft stated that the inventory of municipal assets would be beneficial when trying to attract new business and investment in the community.

11. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

50/19
Passing of Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

Payroll:	\$25,527.53
General:	\$135,890.60

Carried

12. Passing of By-Law:

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

51/19
By-Law # 2019-04

THAT a By-Law to Provide for An Interim Tax Levy and Payment of Interim Taxes for the year 2019 be considered read three times and passed this 12th day of February, 2019 and numbered By-Law #2019-04.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin- Keft
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

52/19
By-Law # 2019-05

THAT a By-Law to Authorize Temporary Borrowing from Time to Time be considered read three times and passed this 12th day of February, 2019 and numbered By-Law No. 2019-05.

Carried

13. Closed Meeting:

Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

53/19
Closed

THAT Council go into a closed meeting at 8:35 p.m. for matters concerning acquisition as well as employment.

Carried

Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Louanne Caza

54/19
Out of Closed

THAT Council come out of closed meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Carried

14. Confirmation of By-Law:

Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

55/19
By-Law Confirmation

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be considered read three times and passed this 12th day of February, 2019 and numbered By-Law 2019-06.

Carried

15. Adjournment:

Moved by Wendy K. Weller
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

56/19
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER