

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, February 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:** 7 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 Elaine Fic

**012/18**  
**Adoption of Agenda**

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

Carried

10. j)MIS Insurance

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

None

**4. Adoption of Minutes:**

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**013/18**  
**Regular Council Meeting**

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adopted.

Carried

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

None

**6. Delegations/Deputations:**

None

**7. a) Submitted Question:**

None

**b) Audience Questions:**

Mr. Bill Culhane: Solar Project, as per the audit on our website, it indicates that there is money due to Kapuskasing. / Mayor replied that he will be reporting in Councillor's report.

Mr. Culhane: When will it be completed? / Mayor replied he will be reporting in Councillor's report.

Mr. Culhane, inquired if the municipality will try to get Natural Gas delivered to our municipality. / Mayor replied that they will not bring the lines for residential in a small community. Please request to local MPP office.

Mr. Merdy Armstrong: Inquired if an application would be sent through Canada 150 in conjunction with Fednor. / Mayor replied that two applications were sent out to Canada 150 and they were turned down.

Mrs. Colette Tardif: How many years left on the miscellaneous charge on utility billing? / Mayor replied that we should be at least half way.

Mrs. Collette Tardif: Asked the Clerk Treasurer if a letter was sent to MTO regarding a flashing light at the intersection of HWY 66 and 27<sup>th</sup> Street. / Clerk-Treasurer replied that a letter has been sent and the answer will be read in the Correspondence section of the agenda.

**8. Correspondence Information**

Letter from the Ministry of Transportation declining the installation of a flashing beacon at the intersection of HWY 66 and 27<sup>th</sup> Street. A Stop Ahead sign with a New Starburst sign above it has been installed at the intersection.

## 9. Council Reports:

### Mayor Clermont Lapointe

- The Solar Project at the lagoon will be completed for the end of February. Hydro One will do the final connection to the grid this Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. By that time, all 3 projects will be producing.
- On January 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, I attended a AMO/AFMO meeting in Toronto with the Minister of Labour and Minister of Municipal Affairs regarding Bill 148. Still many changes to come in 2018 about labour laws such as Holidays and sick leaves. One of the main issue was Accessibility Act that will affect every municipality, Municipal Buildings will have to conform to the act. At this time there is no funding available to municipalities to make necessary changes to conform with the Act. Another discussion was about Hydro cost in Ontario.
- Council met with consultants regarding finalizing the new Strategic Plan for the next five years.
- I will be attending a D.S.S.A.B. meeting in Englehart next Wednesday to finalize the Budget.

### Councillor Elaine Fic

#### Public Works

- Public Works department have been busy with snow removal, and maintaining the roadways. They have been cutting back the snowbanks.

#### Finance

- I will be meeting with the committees to work on the budgets for each committee. Once committee's budgets are complete we will work on finalizing the municipal budget for 2018.

### Councillor Bonita Culhane

#### Tourist Committee

- The next meeting is on Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Community Centre. Agenda Topic to be discussed will include the draft proposal for 2018 Country Jamboree including the allotted budget, selected line up of entertainers, contract for Taw Connors, and the list for requests of donations.
- Preparations for upcoming season will include merchandising of artifacts and consignment sales.
- Restoration for base of coin and light standards will be included in budget discussion. The meeting will take place in the near future.
- Please note that the monthly meetings are open to the public.

#### Strategic Planning

- The monthly meeting is on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the Community Centre. Rose-Lyne D'Aoust-Messier will be present. She is the new representative for K.D.C.D.C.
- Recommendations to be included in our revised Strategic Plan are being forwarded to Council for acceptance and approval. Plans for the future and ideas from the public are appreciated.

## **Councillor Wendy K. Weller**

### **Recreation**

- In the month of January and February the committee is running small events on Saturday mornings and afternoons.
- We have open activities from approximately one hour of outside activities; half hour for snacks; and one hour of arts & crafts.
- On February 24<sup>th</sup>, we will have “Big Ball Soccer” and “Art & Crafts”
- Please keep an eye out for March activities, especially during March break.
- The recreation committee would like to thank the volunteers who have come out and helped with all the events in the past two months.
- Next recreation meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room. The meetings are open to the public, we would love to hear your ideas.

## **Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft**

### **Fire/Police**

- The McGarry Volunteer Fire Department had their first meeting of the year January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. They have 18 full time firefighters and 4 probationary firefighters. They have practice every Monday, if interested in volunteering, pick up an application at the Township Office.
- January 1, 2018; first house fire of the year, on 24<sup>th</sup> Street, thank you to those that provided hot beverages and food during the cold night.
- February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018; second house fire on 24<sup>th</sup> Street.
- A few chimney fires were attended during the month of January.
- The McGarry Volunteer Fire Department are hosting their 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Poker Run on Saturday February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- The next McGarry Volunteer Fire Department meeting will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. The meetings are not open to the public.
- The Police Committee meeting is to be announced at a later date.

### **Property Standards:**

- The Property Standards Committee meeting of January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 was cancelled. The next meeting is February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room. The meetings are opened to the public.

### **Library:**

- The McGarry Public Library Board had a meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018
- The library received a grant and the board is presently looking at purchasing new electronics and equipment.
- They are hosting family night in the gymnasium at the Community Centre from 6: 00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday night. Children under the age of 8 years old need to be accompanied by an adult.
- They are also hosting a playgroup every Wednesday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the little ones not in school yet.

- The next McGarry Public Library Board meeting is on February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

**10. New Business:**

- a) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**014/18**  
**Treasurer Report**

THAT the report of the Treasurer prepared under Section 284 of the Municipal Act, be accepted.

Carried

- b) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**015/18**  
**Request from Legion**

THAT Council approves of a grant in the amount of \$100.00 to the Friends of the Legion Branch 293 for their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Larder Lake Winter Fish derby on Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Carried

- c) Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**016/18**  
**Resignation**

THAT Council accepts with regrets, the resignation of Madelaine Lafrenière from the McGarry Public Library.

Carried

- d) Moved by Wendy K. Weller  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**017/18**  
**Use of Gymnasium**

THAT Council accepts the request from the McGarry Public Library, in partnership with CSCT of Virginiatown, to use the gymnasium at the Community Centre every Tuesday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a playgroup.

Carried

- e) Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**018/18**  
**Election Training**

THAT Clerk-Treasurer attend a new clerk election training from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in Sudbury, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

Carried

- f) Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**019/18**  
**Clerks Forum**

THAT Clerk Treasurer attend a Clerks Forum offered by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs in Sudbury, March 22, 2018.

Carried

- g) Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**020/18**  
**Winter Day Camp**

THAT Council accepts the recommendation from the Recreation Committee that a Winter Day Camp be held from March 12 to March 16, 2018 at the Virginiatown Community Centre.

Carried

- h) Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**021/18**  
**Sadie Hawkins Dance**

THAT Council accepts the recommendation from the Recreation Committee that a Sadie Hawkins Dance be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018.

Carried

- i) Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**022/18**  
**Breakfast Poker Run**

THAT Council accepts the request from the Knights of Columbus Council 6864 to use the kitchen and canteen to prepare the breakfast for the Poker Run on February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Carried

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

**023/18**  
**MIS Insurance**

THAT Council accepts the Insurance Proposal from MIS Municipal Insurance for coverage from February, 2018 to February, 2019, in the total amount of \$35,753.00 plus applicable provincial sales tax.

Carried

**11. Passing of Accounts:**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Bonita Elaine Fic

**024/18**  
**Passing of Accounts**

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

Payroll:       \$18,796.38  
General:       \$128,286.28

Carried

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

Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**025/18**  
**By-Law # 2018-02**

THAT a By-Law for an Interim Tax Levy for the year 2018 be considered read three times and passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018 and numbered By-Law 2018-02.

Carried

Moved by Elaine Fic  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**026/18**  
**By-Law # 2018-03**

THAT a By-Law to establish a yearly water and sewer user fee be considered read three times and passed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018 and numbered By-Law 2018-03.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**027/18**  
**By-Law # 2018-04**

THAT A By-Law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 be considered read three times and passed the 13<sup>th</sup> day of February 2018 and numbered By-Law 2018-04.

Carried

**13. Closed Meeting:**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Elaine Fic

**028/18**  
**Closed Meeting**

THAT Council go into closed meeting at 7:45 p.m. for the purpose of financial matters.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**029/18**  
**Out of Closed Meeting**

THAT Council come out of closed meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Carried

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

**030/18**  
**Code of Conduct**

THAT Council approves that the Clerk of the Township of McGarry is hereby authorized to make minor modification to By-Law 2017-07, Being a By-Law to adopt a Code of Conduct for Members of Council, Committee Members and local boards and to By-Law 2017-08, Being a By-Law to adopt a Code of Conduct for employees.

Carried

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

**031/18**  
**Security System**

THAT Council approves a quote for \$4,823.00 for installation of a Security System from Kohut Electric Limited.

Carried

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

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Wendy K. Weller

**032/18**  
**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 February 2018 and numbered By-Law 2018-05.

Carried

**15. Adjournment:**

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**033/18**  
**Adjournment**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Carried

Next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

**SIGNATURES ON FILE**

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**CLERK-TREASURER**