

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday, March 12th, 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 Dimitri Kowbassa
Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

ABSENT WITH REGRET: Councillor Wendy K. Weller

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 welcomed everyone in attendance.

2. Additions/Deletions/Adoption of the Agenda:

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

57/19
Adoption of Agenda

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

Carried

10 k) Wishart Municipal Law Group Membership

3. Disclosure of Conflict of interest:

None

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

Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

58/19
Council Meeting

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

Carried

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

None

6. Delegations/Deputations:

Eric Neilson from the Ontario Clean Water Agency provided the Municipal Council and members of the public an overview of the McGarry Municipal Drinking Water Operation as well as the McGarry Municipal Wastewater Operation. He explained the services that OCWA provides to the Municipality as well as the staff and their expertise that is made available to the Township. Former Mayor Clermont Lapointe added that fees charged by OCWA were substantial and that the staff of the Public Works Department were now trained in the operation of the Water and Wastewater systems and he requested that the Municipal Council look into having the Public Works Staff complete more duties for the water and wastewater operations.

7. a) Submitted Question:

None

b) Audience Questions:

Mayor Matt Reimer advised the audience that during a recent training session a lawyer recommended that the practice of allowing the questions from the audience should be discontinued. Mayor Matt Reimer advised the audience that for the current meeting only questions regarding the items listed on the agenda would be accepted. Upon hearing the announcement, the audience expressed their concern regarding their accessibility to information and their belief that the Municipal Council would no longer be transparent. Former Mayor Clermont Lapointe reminded the council that the Procedural By-law would need to be amended before the Question Period were modified in any manner. Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft and Councillor Louanne Caza expressed a concern that they were unaware of the change in procedure for the evening. Mayor Matt Reimer advised the audience that their concerns were noted and that all concerns would be taken into consideration before any changes would be made.

8. Correspondence Information

a) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Louanne Caza

59/19
Centre de Santé

THAT the Municipal Council hereby accepts the request from the Centre de Santé du Témiskaming to use the Community Centre kitchen for the annual Community Walk to be held on May 9, 2019.

Carried

- b) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded Dimitri Kowbassa

60/19
Doug Metson

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves the appointment of Doug Metson as the Provincial Offences Act Advisory Committee Joint Representative, for the term 2019-2022 Term of Council.

Carried

- c) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

61/19
DTSSAB

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves the DTSSAB Report from Derek Mundle – Township Evanturel

Carried

- d) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

62/19
Gazoduq

THAT the Minutes of the Gazoduq Meeting held at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm on January 24th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

- e) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

63/19
Teeny Tine Summit

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves 2 Councillor(s) to attend the “Teeny Tiny Summit” in Matheson on April 8, 2019 from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Carried

- f) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Louanne Caza

64/19
Bursary

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

Carried

- g) Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Louanne Caza

65/19
Bingo ECJV

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

Carried

9. Council Reports:

Mayor Matt Reimer

Mayor Matt Reimer reported to the Municipal Council that he had received on behalf of the Township a plaque from Chantal SDL-Leduc. The plaque that was received from Ms. Leduc is in appreciation of the support she has received from the Township of McGarry and its residents during her career as a Women's Professional Armwrestler. Mayor Matt Reimer suggested that the plaque should be displayed in the McGarry Tourist Information Center.

Councillor Dimitri Kowbassa

Fire Department

I attended the fire hall for their monthly meeting

There were 11 fire related calls. At this meeting they voted in a new time member making their count 24 full time members and one probationer. This makes them short 3 members to fill their requirement.

They already had their poker run last month. It was a big turn out with about 186 sleds. Their 50/50 was about \$3,400.00 and the highest poker hand was 4 aces which brought the winner \$1,300.00.

And finally, just for your information: there is a gentlemen in the fire department who is trained in First Aid and D Fib as a trainer.

Library

I attended the library meeting in February

As we know March break is in full swing. During this week the library will be changing some hours so they will be open longer during the 11th and 13th for the kids.

The library is looking for people that want to sign up for a training course for Tablets and cell phones which will be held sometime in April or May. The date will be determined later.

The library is looking for 2 more members, flyers to be sent out.

Public Works

I attended the Timiskaming Health Units Strategic Planning focus group where there was a cross section of people from the area. We discussed how we would like to see some changes to the system.

I attended a training session in Timiskaming Shores which was on the new rules which came into force on March 1st, 2019.

We are still working on somehow replacing or fixing our run down equipment. Finally the Township is doing their best to remove this snow and now there is no end in sight. So please be extra patient with the work being done.

Councillor Louanne Caza

Property Standards

We had our Property Standards meeting on February 19, 2019. We had a very good public turnout. We discussed public concerns and we are presently working on two old by-laws. Our meetings are open to the public and are on the third Tuesday of the month in the meeting room at 7:00 pm.

Recreation

The walking and exercise program is doing well. Everyone is welcome to join on Monday's from 1:00 pm until 2:00 pm.

On March 14th this Thursday we are having a kid's fun day. There will be games, crafts, and snacks. Everyone is welcome. Come have some fun!

On Saturday March 23rd, 2019 we will be having a Winter Festival. There will be games for all ages, craft tables, music, and snacks. Everyone please come and help chase winter away.

March 29th, 2019 will be our next movie night. The movie has not been picked yet but we will let you know as soon as we can. There will be juice and popcorn. Everyone is welcome. It is from 6:30 pm until 8:30 pm. Our next meeting is April 2, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Meeting room.

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft

Tourist

Due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting of March 6, 2019 had to be rescheduled to March 13th, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room. No new update to report.

10. New Business:

- a) Moved by Louanne Caza
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

66/19
Property Standards

THAT the Minutes of the Property Standards Committee meeting held in Monday, January 28th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

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

67/19
Strategic Planning

THAT the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday, January 29th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

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

68/19
Recreation

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, January 15th, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

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

69/19
Report Water Drinking

THAT Council accepts the 2018 Annual/Summary Report for the Virginiatown-Kearns Drinking Water System from the Ontario Clean Water Agency.

Carried

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

70/19
Operational Plan

THAT Council accepts the 2018 Operational Plan for the Virginiatown-Kearns Water System from the Ontario Clean Water Agency.

Carried

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

71/19
PINCHIN

THAT Council has received and approve the 2018 McGarry Township Waste Disposal Site Report from PINCHIN, dated February 14, 2019.

Carried

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

72/19
Inspection Report

THAT Council accepts the 2018 Inspection Report from the Ministry of Environment dated January 10, 2019.

Carried

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

73/19
Clerk's Forum

THAT the Municipal Council hereby approves the Clerk-Treasurer to attend the Northeastern Ontario CAO-Clerk's Forum on Tuesday, March 26th, 2019 in Sudbury, Ontario.

Carried

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

74/19
Oil

THAT the Municipal Council hereby directs the Clerk-Treasurer to enter into an agreement with _____ for the supply of furnace and oil and colored fuel.

Deferred

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

75/19
Library Casual

THAT Council approves the Job description for the position of casual librarian as provided by the CEO/Chief Librarian.

Carried

Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

76/19
Posting Library

THAT Council hereby authorizes the Clerk-Treasurer to post the Job Opportunity for the Casual Position at the McGarry Public Library.

Carried

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

77/19
Wishart Law Group

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

Deferred

Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft requested that the matter be deferred to a future meeting in order for her to review the information provided by the Clerk-Treasurer.

11. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

78/19
Passing of Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

Payroll:	\$27,328.49
General:	\$956,628.63

Carried

12. Passing of By-Law:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

79/19
By-Law # 2019-07

THAT a By-Law to appoint a Clerk-Treasurer for the Township of McGarry be considered read three times and passed this 12th day of March, 2019 and numbered By-Law No. 2019-07.

Carried

Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

80/19
By-Law # 2019-08

THAT a By-Law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the Township of McGarry be considered read three times and passed this 12th day of March, 2019 and numbered By-Law No. 2019-08.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

81/19
By-Law # 2019-09

THAT A By-Law to Adopt the Tree Canopy and Natural Vegetation Policy for the Township of McGarry be considered read three times and passed this 12th day of March, 2019 and numbered By-Law No. 2019-09.

Carried

Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

82/19
By-Law # 2019-10

THAT a By-Law to Adopt the Pregnancy and Parental Leave of Members for Members of Council Policy for the Township of McGarry be considered read three times and passed this 12th day of March, 2019 and numbered By-Law No. 2019-10.

Carried

13. Closed Meeting:

None

14. Confirmation of By-Law:

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft
Seconded by Dimitri Kowbassa

83/19
By-Law Confirmation

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

Carried

15. Adjournment:

Moved by Dimitri Kowbassa
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

84/19
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Carried

MAYOR

CLERK-TREASURER