

Minutes of a **Regular Council Meeting** held on Tuesday December 10, 2019 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  
Councillor Bonita Culhane

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**DEPUTY CLERK:** Karine Pelletier

**AUDIENCE:** 14 Members of the Public

1. **Presentation by Paul Nadeau – Solaire McGarry Solar**  
Cancelled
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 Bonita Culhane

**267/2019**  
**Agenda Adoption**

THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

4. **Disclosure of Conflict of Interest / Déclaration de conflit d'intérêt**

Councillor Wendy K. Weller declared a conflict of interest on item 11(i)

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

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**268/2019**  
**Council Meeting**

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**269/2019**  
**Special Meeting**

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**270/2019**  
**Special Meeting**

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday, November 25, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**271/2019**  
**Special Meeting**

THAT the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

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

None

**7. Deputation / Délégations**

None

**8. Submitted Questions / Questions soumises**

a)

b) Audience Question

- A resident asked if the grader would be traded in or sold for surplus. / Councillor Bonita Culhane answered that no decision has been made as of yet.
- A resident inquired as to the sand and sand box for the Legion. / Councillor Bonita Culhane responded that it was to the Legion to provide a sand box and the Township would provide the sand.

**9. Correspondence, Information / Correspondance, Information**

None

**10. Council Reports / Rapports du conseil**

**Councillor Wendy K. Weller**

Property Standards

Property Standards meets the third Tuesday of the month at 7pm here in the meeting room. We are looking for 2 new members to join our committee. Please fill out the committee form at the municipal office. At our January council meeting we will be looking at a new amended property standards by-law and schedule. To date we have received one snow related complaint and it is being resolved.

Strategic Planning

There was no meeting in November due to weather. The project being worked on is a continuation to the waterfront project from 3 years ago. Strategic is looking for 1 more member to fill its committee.

## **Councillor Louanne Caza**

### Recreation

- We had the children's Christmas party last Sunday. 39 kids – ages 0-10 years old. Fun was had by all. Thank you to Santa and all the volunteers for making the day very special for our little residents.
- Craft night is over for the year. The start for the New Year will be posted.
- No activity calendar for the month of December in with the water bills as December is a full month of activities.
- Tomorrow night we will be decorating for the Township Christmas party. Starting at 6:30pm.
- I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. Please don't drink and drive.

## **Councillor Annie Toupin-Keft**

### Library

We still have no board but we are moving forward. Once again the library was busy for November and a lot of activities for December. Please check out the calendar for events. Please note the library will close from December 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 6, 2020. Sorry for the inconvenience.

### Fire-Police

The police committee had a successful meeting on November 14, 2019. The info session was on how to keep your home safe. We are having another info session on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7pm in the meeting room. The topic is snowmobile safety and telephone scams.

### Tourist

The tourist committee would like to thank those who helped organize and those who participated as without you our events wouldn't be successful.

The lighting of the tree on November 30 brought together a lot of people to remember those who's wings took them to heaven. Angels are still available at \$1.00 each until December 31, 2019.

The Craft & Bake sale brought in some good traffic along with our Quarter Auction. We estimate that we had over 100 people visit.

The Tourist Centre closed for the winter and meetings will be in the meeting room at the Community Centre every first Wednesday of the month. Our next meeting is January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020.

## **Councillor Bonita Culhane**

### Fire

- Attended the McGarry Volunteer Fire Department meeting on November 23, 2019. Fire practice is held morning and evening – 2x a month – training is ongoing. Reporting is given in great detail. Applications available for able bodied volunteers to apply to join this team. Recognition pins were awarded to the fire people for their years of service – from 5 years up to 35 years of dedicated service. Thank you for our protection when required. Meetings are held on the last Sunday of each month and are not open to the public. Hope the fire men and women get to enjoy a happy & healthy quiet holiday season.

Public Works

- Snow removal is well underway – snow crews are doing the best service with the equipment available.
- Grader ordered – has left Edmonton and is on its way to Timmins – soon to be in service.
- No decision as to sander – up and running.
- Garbage truck still out of commission. Garbage pick-up with loader & truck will take place until decision is made to (a) have motor replaced or (b) replace truck. Proposal being discussed.
- Garbage pick-up – every second week for winter months – October to April and Weekly May to September.
- Lights on sidewalk and side of complex were to fixed today – But emergency arise for electrician, will be repaired as soon as possible.

**Mayor Matt Reimer**

-Attended various meetings

**11. New Business:**

Moved by Wendy K. Weller  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**272/2019**  
**Property Standards**

THAT the Minutes of the Property Standards meeting held on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**273/2019**  
**Recreation**

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation meeting held on Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**274/2019**  
**Tourist**

THAT the Minutes of the Tourist Committee meeting held on Wednesday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**275/2019**  
**Strategic Planning**

THAT the Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**276/2019**  
**Community Policing**

THAT the Minutes of the Community Policing Committee meeting held on Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 be adopted.

Carried

Moved by Louanne Caza  
Seconded by Annie Toupin-Keft

**277/2019**  
**Community Policing**

THAT Council accepts the recommendation of the Community Policing Committee that Merdy Armstrong sit as member on the committee.

Carried

Moved by Wendy K. Weller  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**278/2019**  
**Library**

THAT Council accepts the request from the Public Library and the CSCT of Virginiatown for the use of the gym and kitchen every PD day for the remainder of 2019 year and for the year 2020. Hours are from 11:00am to 3:00pm.

January 24, 2020  
January 31, 2020

April 20, 2020  
April 27, 2020

June 5, 2020

Carried

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

**279/2019**  
**Garbage**

THAT Council agrees to change the garbage collection schedule for the winter months to bi-weekly starting in January 2020 until April 2020. Collection will start January 9, 2020. The collection will follow the same schedule as recycling.

Carried

Councillor Wendy K. Weller left the room.

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**280/2019**  
**Christmas Baskets**

THAT Council accepts the request from the volunteer of the Christmas Basket and agrees to donate \$500.00, payable to Wendy K. Weller/Ivan Pike.

Carried

Councillor Wendy K. Weller entered the room

**12. Passing of Accounts:**

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

**281/19**  
**Passing of Accounts**

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

<u>November</u>	
Payroll	\$27,328.62
General	\$73,837.93

Carried

**13. Passing of By-Laws:**

None

**14. Closed Meeting:**

None

**15. Confirmation By-Law / Confirmation des règlements municipaux**

Moved by Bonita Culhane  
Seconded by Louanne Caza

**282/2019**  
**Confirmation**

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be considered read three times and passed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2019 and numbered By-Law 2019-41.

Carried

**16. Adjournment:**

Moved by Annie Toupin-Keft  
Seconded by Bonita Culhane

**283/2019**  
**Adjournment**

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Carried

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**MAYOR**

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**DEPUTY CLERK**