

TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2012

Present: Reeve Peter Hopkins and Councillors Tamara Black, Jim McColl, Jury Naklowych and Ted Stroud

Staff: Clerk Administrator, Shawn Boggs

Moved by: Jury Naklowych

Seconded by: Ted Stroud

12-84 That the Township of McKellar accept the minutes of the March 19, 2012 Council meeting and March 27, 2012 budget meeting as circulated.

Carried

Reeve Hopkins mentioned two recent articles published in the local newspaper acknowledging two local residents, Wave Weir and Ken Gray. Reeve Hopkins also recognized Sally Manning for winning four silver medals at the Canadian Master Nordic Championships in Golden, British Columbia. Reeve Hopkins also recognized the McKellar Walking Club members on successfully walking a distance of 3060 km. or a distance from St. John's, NFLD to Thunder Bay, Ontario. Reeve Hopkins brought up Committee appointments and suggested that a lay person with an agricultural background be appointed to the Veterinary Committee and also that he would be interested in being appointed to the Economic Development Committee to make Council representation on committees more equitable. Reeve Hopkins felt his current representation on REDAC would tie in with the Economic Development Committee.

Visitors: Mr. Henry Beier was present to advise Council that he would like to see ratepayers correspondence to Council read out loud at Council meetings and permit writers of the correspondence to leave copies at the meeting for the public. Mr Beier spoke to his March 14, 2012 correspondence to Council and stated that he did not agree with a proposal from staff that a fee be charged to cover the cost of staff time researching information requests. Mr. Beier questioned Council regarding the discussion regarding paving Burnett's Road. Councillor McColl responded to this by stating that Burnett's Road was not slated for paving and that the Township had been advised by the School Board of the possibility of a school bus traveling on Burnett's Road. If this is to be the case, the Public Works Superintendent had advised Council that some upgrading and changes to the maintenance schedule may have to take place to accommodate the school bus. Mr. Beier also stated his opinion that Council should keep the same Council schedule in the summer months. Mr. Beier left a copy of his deputation with the Clerk.

Moved by: T. Black

Seconded by: J. McColl

12-85 That the Township of McKellar approve Voucher #3 in the amount of \$465,451.40 as follows:

General Government	17,733.55
Fire Protection	3,335.85
Building Department	295.32
Protection of Persons and Property	11,935.00
Public Works	20,694.98
Street Lighting	259.97
Environmental Services	4,705.29
Health Services	19,502.83
Recreation and Culture	1,185.87
Community Centre	5,337.04
Planning and Development	1,204.58
Education	319,756.64
Payroll	59,504.48

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Moved by: Ted Stroud
Seconded by: Jury Naklowych

12- 86 That the Township of McKellar to tender for the following:

1. Supply and application of 170 tonnes of liquid calcium
2. Supply of 3200 tonnes of granite screenings
3. 6,500 tonnes granular 'M' supplied and applied

Carried

Moved by: T. Black
Seconded by: J. McColl

12-87 That the Township of McKellar authorize the Reeve and Clerk to execute the attached Licence Agreement with the Department of National Defense for use of the Public Works garage grounds on a temporary basis.

Carried

Moved by: T. Black
Seconded by: J. McColl

12-88 **WHEREAS** any readjustment of the boundaries of an electoral district must reflect the principle of fair representation, and the inhabitant of Northern Ontario are entitled to be governed by that principle; and
WHEREAS electoral boundaries commissions, in determining boundaries, do not only consider the average population per electoral district but also give weight to historical, geographic, linguistic and democratic factors and principles; and
WHEREAS it is important that the electoral districts in remote northern and rural regions, because of their low population density and extreme weather conditions, must have reasonable dimensions in order to ensure the fair representation of the inhabitants of those regions; and
WHEREAS the northern part of Ontario is greater in geographic size than every other province and territory except for Quebec and British Columbia;
NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Township of McKellar supports the Electoral Boundaries Readjustment Act introduced in the House of Commons by Nickel Belt MP Claude Gravelle that includes broad support across the north and across party lines and further that the Township of McKellar support the electoral districts in Northern Ontario being no less than 10 and that Northern Ontario means the geographic area comprising the following ten current electoral districts:

Algoma-Manitoulin-Kapuskasing; Kenora; Nickel Belt; Nipissing-Timiskaming; Parry Sound-Muskoka; Sault Ste. Marie; Sudbury; Thunder Bay- Rainy River; Thunder Bay-Superior North; and Timmins-James Bay.

Carried

Moved by: J. McColl
Seconded by: T. Black

12- 89 That the Township of McKellar endorse the Town of Halton Hills resolution requesting "the Province to exempt all Legion Halls in Ontario from Property Tax Rolls within the Province of Ontario and further that the Province contribute back to affected municipalities a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) for their Legion Halls that are eligible for a tax exemptions."

Carried

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Moved by: Jury Naklowych
Seconded by: Ted Stroud

12-90 That the Township of McKellar endorse the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen's resolution asking the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs "to reconsider the eligibility requirement that all applicants must have a valid Farm Business Registration Number, with the intent to enable financial assistance similar to the previous program to a wider array of livestock producers whose livestock have been injured or killed as a result of Wildlife."

Carried

Moved by: Jury Naklowych
Seconded by: Ted Stroud

12-91 That the Township of McKellar endorse the Municipality of Clarington's resolution requesting that "the Government of Ontario work with the horse racing industry to reinstate and improve the Slots at Racetracks Program with its revenue sharing agreement to sustain and grow the horse racing industry to the benefit of our communities."

Carried

Moved by: Ted Stroud
Seconded by: Jury Naklowych

12-92 That the Township of McKellar endorse the City of North Bay's resolution No. 2012-214 regarding the Provincial Governments recently announced plans to divest the assets of the Ontario Northland Transportation Commission and call upon the Premier to immediately suspend this action in order to permit affected stakeholders in the form of a community Task Force, time to devise a more thoughtful business case that will keep ONTC whole while respecting the stated goals of the Northern Growth Plan.

Carried

Moved by: T. Black
Seconded by: J. McColl

12-93 **WHEREAS** John Vanthof, M.P. P. Timiskaming-Cochrane, submitted a motion to the House that "a committee of the Legislative Assembly, with authority to meet at the call of the Chair, should be established as follows: That the membership of the committee be comprised of every member of the Legislative Assembly whose electoral district lies north of the French River; and That the committee be empowered to consider and report to the House, its observations, opinions and recommendations on all policies and legislation of the province that directly impact northern Ontario; and To which any bills whose principal focus and impact affect northern Ontario may be referred.";

AND WHEREAS the District of Parry Sound **is** in Northern Ontario and **is** part of the electoral district of Parry Sound Muskoka;

AND WHEREAS Parry Sound District municipalities and their residents share in the common socio-economic demographics and issues facing all the other northern electoral ridings including:

1. Lack of access to health care
2. Aging Population
3. Significant travel distances - large geographical area.

4. Limited industrial base

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5. On the Canadian Shield
6. Concern over levels of education
7. Parry Sound District has the LOWEST median household income of \$50,921. In comparison: Algoma (Manitoulin) \$58,843.; Atikokan \$66,434.; Kenora 59,493.; North Bay 59,900.; Sault Ste. Marie \$63,377.; Sudbury \$57,008.; Timmins \$69,800.; Timiskaming \$55,555.; Thunder Bay \$68,926. (2006 Statistics Canada)
8. Parry Sound District is part of the Northern Ontario for provincial funding programs and federal programs.
9. There are Five First Nations in the District of Parry Sound
10. There are numerous unorganized territories
11. Increased cost of living (i.e. higher electrical, heating and transportation costs)
12. Lack of growth, jobs and educational opportunities
13. Is a member of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities;

AND WHEREAS there are numerous references which recognize Parry Sound District as being in Northern Ontario including: media recognition of the Riding's place in the recent Provincial election results for the eleven ridings which make up "Northern Ontario Municipalities:" (CBC News October 6, 2011); and many provincially/federally funded reports refer to the Riding as being in Northern Ontario: 'Agricultural Economic Impact Study', 'Economic Cage Study', 'Ontario Environmental Farm Plan', 'Industry Canada's Exporting in Northern Ontario'; Bill 214 and the Representation Act of 2005 affirm the Riding as one of the eleven Northern Electoral Districts; Ontario Ministry of Finance in its application of the Northern Ontario Energy Credit Program; Northern Ontario Travel - Snowmobiling; Northern Ontario School of Medicine allocation of one of its 13 local NOSM Groups (LNGs); Health Travel grants; Vehicle Licensing; Northern Ontario Growth Plan; Northern Ontario Service Deliverers Association; Centre for Addiction and Mental Health; the North East LHIN; the Northern Ontario Waste Diversion Study April 2006, to list a few;

AND WHEREAS the municipalities in the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association support the principle of the Northern Ontario Committee and believe that there is strength in numbers. Therefore, Parry Sound Muskoka Riding should be included in the Committee to provide a strong, united northern voice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipalities in the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association strongly recommend that Mr. Vanthof amend the Private Members Bill to correct the boundary of Northern Ontario, and include Norm Miller, M.P.P. for the riding of Parry Sound Muskoka on the Committee;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to John Vanthof, M.P.P. Timiskaming-Cochrane with copies to: the Northern Ontario M.P.P.s: Sarah Campbell Kenora-Rainy River, Hon. Michael Gravelle Thunder Bay-Superior North, Bill Mauro Thunder Bay-Atikokan, Gilles Bisson Timmins-James Bay, Michael Mantha Algoma-Manitoulin, Hon Rick Bartolucci Sudbury & Minister of Northern Development, Mines and Forest, David Oraziotti Sault Ste. Marie, Victor Fedeli Nipissing, France Gelinis Nickel Belt and Norman Miller Parry Sound Muskoka;

AND FURTHER that copies to be sent to: The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, Andrea Horwath, Leader New Democratic Party of Ontario, Tim Hudak, Leader Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, Federal M.P.s: Honourable Tony Clement Parry Sound Muskoka, Jay Aspin Nipissing-Timiskaming, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).

Carried

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Moved by: J. McColl
Seconded by: T. Black

12-94 That the Township of McKellar authorize Reeve Hopkins to attend the Parry Sound District Municipal Association Spring meeting on April 27, 2012 in Pointe Au Baril. Costs to be paid.

Carried

Moved by: T. Black
Seconded by: J. McColl

12-95 That the Township of McKellar adjourn to meet again on April 16, 2012 or at the call of the Reeve. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Carried

Reeve

Clerk