

TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

October 1, 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

12-253 That the Township of McKellar accept the minutes of the September 17, 2012 Council meeting and September 25, 2012 special Council meeting as circulated.

Carried

Reeve Hopkins made the following statement: "I made a declaration of pecuniary interest in the closed meeting of September 25, 2012 but after investigation and advisement, it was not necessary to make a declaration of pecuniary interest." The Clerk was requested to amend the minutes of the closed session accordingly.

Reeve's report appended to the minutes.

Prior to hearing Mr. Godbeer's deputation, Council discussed whether proper procedure had been followed regarding the filing of the required detailed written submission and considered the following motion.

Moved by: T. Black

Seconded by: J. McColl

12-254 That the Township of McKellar deny the deputation from Mr. G. Godbeer.

YEA: Councillors Naklowych, Stroud

NAY: Councillors Black, McColl and Reeve Hopkins Defeated

The Clerk was directed to revise the Request for Deputation Form to ensure that it is clear that a written submission is to be submitted with the form.

Visitors: Mr. Greg Godbeer reminded Council that at his last deputation before Council on September 17, 2012, certain members of Council were in contravention of By-law No. 09-24 Section H(h) in that "members of Council shall not enter into debate with the deputant respecting their comments." Mr. Godbeer asserted that since 1972, the Township has had a thirty year history of unauthorized and illegal open air burning of waste at the landfill site. Mr. Godbeer cited a 2002 Ministry of the Environment inspection report and stated that the burning of the landfill site has come at a huge cost to the environment, resident's and staff's health. Mr. Godbeer stated he felt there remains substantial potential future legal, moral and ethical responsibilities on the Township and that "it is up to this present Council to see that it does right." Mr. Godbeer left a copy of his deputation with the Clerk.

Moved by: T. Black

Seconded by: J. McColl

12-255 That the Township of McKellar adopt the attached Volunteer Fire Department roster and appoint those listed to the Township of McKellar Volunteer Fire Department.

Carried

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Moved by: Ted Stroud
Seconded by: Jury Naklowych

12-256 That the Council of the Township of McKellar accept Kelsey Ward as a member of the McKellar Historical Committee, pending a clear criminal record check.

Carried

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

12-257 That the Township of McKellar hold a Remembrance Day Service on Sunday November 4, 2012 at the Minerva Park Cenotaph.

Carried

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

12-258 That the Township of McKellar believes that arbitrators, when undertaking a decision, should be required to take into account the following criteria as outlined in Bill 121, the *Ability to Pay Act, 2012*, in addition to any other criteria provided by law:

1. National, provincial and local unemployment rates, economic growth rates and personal income levels.
2. A comparison, as between the employees and other comparable employees in the public and private sectors, of the terms and conditions of employment, including remuneration and benefits, and the nature of the work performed.
3. Inherent advantages in bargaining enjoyed by the employees because there is a monopoly on services, because the activities are not carried on for profit, or both reasons.
4. If applicable, the mandate of elected officials.
5. The fiscal situation of the Province (or, if the employer is a municipality or local board of a municipality, the municipality's fiscal situation).

In applying the criteria, arbitrators shall assume that no tax rate will be increased to pay the costs of the decision or award. Arbitration cases within the entire broader public sector shall be settled within a tight timeline of 3 months.

Whereas Bill 121, the *Ability to Pay Act, 2012*, will legislate these criteria and bring government employee wages back in line with what municipalities and taxpayers can afford to pay;

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of McKellar calls on the Legislature of Ontario to pass the *Ability to Pay Act, 2012*.

Carried

Moved by: Ted Stroud
Seconded by: Jury Naklowych

12-259 WHEREAS the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association intends to make a submission to the Federal Electoral Boundary Commission at its upcoming Public Hearings on behalf of the member Municipalities affected by the proposed electoral boundary changes for the ridings of Nipissing and Parry Sound-Muskoka;

AND WHEREAS the following Municipalities wish to remain in the Parry Sound-Muskoka riding and not be integrated into the riding of Nipissing as proposed by the Commission:

Township of Machar, Township of Strong, Township of Joly, Village of Sundridge and the Village of South River;

AND WHEREAS ALL THE NEIGHBOURING MUNICIPALITIES IN THE DISTRICT OF PARRY SOUND ALSO WISH TO PRESERVE THE PARRY SOUND - MUSKOKA RIDING IN IT'S CURRENT FORM;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that Council of the Township of McKellar support the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association's brief to the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission for Ontario for the presentation to be made at the public hearing to be held in North Bay on Tuesday October 16, 2012.

Carried

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

12- 260 That the Township of McKellar authorize Reeve Hopkins to attend the municipal meeting with the West Parry Sound Health Centre Board on October 29, 2012. Costs to be paid.

Carried

Moved by: Ted Stroud
Seconded by: Jury Naklowych

12-261 That the Township of McKellar declare November 14, 2012 as Diabetes Day in the Township of McKellar and encourage people to attend the diabetes information event at the Bobby Orr Community Centre on November 14, 2012.

Carried

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

12-262 Whereas the Township has authorized the execution of a Unopened Road Allowance Improvement Agreement with Ronald Downey for the concession allowance between Lots 25 and 26 in Concessions 1 and 2:

And Whereas Mr. Downey has requested changes to the said agreement in a letter dated September 12, 2012;

And Whereas Mr. Downey has constructed the road without Council approval or entering into the said Agreement;

Now therefore be it resolved that Mr. Downey provide the municipality with a deposit in the amount of \$2,000 to be used for legal expenses to review the requested changes to the said Agreement;

And further be it resolved that should a deposit for legal expenses not be forthcoming by October 15, 2012, or the agreement executed by the parties by that date, the Township is hereby authorized to commence legal proceedings to have the road allowance returned to its original condition at the expense of Mr. Downey.

Carried

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

12-263 That the Township of McKellar amend the September 17, 2012 agenda as follows:
"Visitors: Mr. Greg Godbeer, Re: reorganization of McKellar's (Waste) Transfer
Station"

Defeated

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

12-264 That the Township of McKellar donate the Parry Sound Singers December 8, 2012
Christmas Concert rental fee.

Carried

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

12- 265 That the Township of McKellar adjourn to meet again on October 15, 2012 or at the
call of the Reeve. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Carried

Reeve

Clerk

REEVE'S REMARKS – MONDAY OCTOBER 1, 2012

1. Special thanks to all the volunteers from the MCA for their successful Big Fish Classic. Over 115 people fished on Lake Manitouwabing. A pike over 19 lbs., a bass and pickerel over 5 lbs. were the big winners. Excellent dinner, lots of door prizes and draws.
2. The Agricultural Society held their Awards Dinner on September 30, 2012 and it was another excellent meal and evening. Mr. John Moffat was re-presented the Ontario Seniors Award for his volunteer contributions to the Township of McKellar. It was present to him from of all his peers and was well received and well deserved.
3. David Bywater, a Biologist with the Georgian Bay Biosphere Reserve (GBBR) gave an excellent and informative, "Species at Risk in McKellar" presentation on September 24th. Hand outs were available as well as GBBR memberships and materials at cost. The presentation was attended by 14 individuals who gathered considerable information and insight about types, habitats, recognition and assistance to species at risk.
4. Congratulations to Betty Brandt who was a member of the winning team in the Breast Cancer Golf Tournament held last Saturday at the Parry Sound Gold and Country Club.
5. Upcoming events:
 - a) The EDC is holding an open forum Wednesday Oct 3 at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers regarding grants for Small Businesses from FEDNOR and farm and agricultural grants from MAFRA. Speakers will outline what is available and how to apply. EDC is still looking for 3-4 members from the community to join the committee.
 - b) Helping the Food Banks- Just a friendly reminder that up to the end of Thanksgiving, donations can be made to the two Food Banks who are in dire need. Bins are available at the Township Office and at the Waste Transfer site or can be delivered directly to their offices in Parry Sound.
 - c) The Historical Committee will have a display about the Evelyn Watkins Moore Heritage Room at the Barb Kerr Retirement Festival in the Stockey Centre, Wednesday Oct 3, from 10 am – 2pm. Thanks to the Committee for taking the initiative.
 - d) The Walking Program starts at 10am on Monday Oct 15th as they continue their leisurely walk west across Canada beginning in Winnipeg. All are welcome.