

TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR 2012 - 2014 PROPOSED INITIATIVES

This *2012 - 2014 Proposed Initiatives* document has been prepared in order to advise the public of the highlights of some of the intended actions of the current Council.

The document does not endeavour to focus on those action items which are ongoing or underway, nor those regular actions that occur in the daily management of the Municipality, but instead attempts to provide a concise representation of the methods by which the current Council intends to continue to move our community forward, and to realize the Vision of our community as identified through our Guiding Principles.

This document is intended to offer the ratepayers transparency, accountability, and the ability to be a part of the process in determining the actions of Council. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list, as it would simply not be possible to detail every action that may occur over the next two years.

The details of the document have been developed through the feedback that this Council has received from ratepayers, committees, and staff.

TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR COUNCIL

1. GUIDING PRINCIPLE - AGRICULTURE

To recognize the significance of our farming base and the need to monitor encroachments into agricultural areas while respecting the needs of our Village, Hamlets and shoreline areas.

ACTION - To invite local farmers to an open forum to determine if there are ways the municipality can work with farmers to meet their current and future needs.

IMPLEMENTATION - Economic Development Committee

TIME LINE - Winter 2012-2013

2. GUIDING PRINCIPLE - COMMUNITY HARMONY

To recognize the diversity of communities adjacent to the Township of McKellar and to encourage joint participation among our citizens, community groups, ratepayers, government bodies and businesses.

a.) ACTION - Evaluate benefits of municipal membership in municipal organizations (ie. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Parry Sound District Municipal Association, Northeastern Ontario Recreation Association (NeORA), etc.)

IMPLEMENTATION - Council, Clerk's Department

TIME LINE - Fall, 2012

- b.) ACTION - Participate in jointly hosting FONOM annual conference
IMPLEMENTATION - Council, Clerk's Department
TIME LINE - Fall 2012 - Spring 2013
- c.) ACTION - Investigate, initially through Heads of Council discussions, the opportunity for rotational representation on all joint municipal Boards and Committees.
IMPLEMENTATION - Reeve and Council
TIME LINE - Fall 2012

3. GUIDING PRINCIPLE - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

To encourage a diversified economy that includes agriculture, tourism, construction and home based businesses and provides opportunities for new ventures.

- a.) ACTION - Update Township of McKellar Business Directory
IMPLEMENTATION - Council, Clerk's Department
TIME LINE - Winter 2012/13
- b.) ACTION - Re-evaluate the feasibility and costing of constructing a pedestrian bridge from Minerva Park to Catherine Street.
IMPLEMENTATION - Public Works Department
TIME LINE - Fall 2012
- c.) ACTION - Investigate the feasibility of constructing a beach and boat ramp at Minerva Park.
IMPLEMENTATION - Public Works Department
TIME LINE - Winter 2012/13
- d.) ACTION - Evaluate and review the status of the 2004 Economic Development Strategic Plan prepared by Malone Given Parson Ltd.
IMPLEMENTATION - Township of McKellar Economic Development Committee
TIME LINE - Fall 2012, Winter 2012/13

4. GUIDING PRINCIPLE - MUNICIPAL SERVICES

To provide our stakeholders with cost effective and efficient services and programs consistent with the community's financial resources, priorities and best interests.

- a.) ACTION - Investigate and prioritize Solar Street Lighting at public mail box locations, boat ramps and intersections.

IMPLEMENTATION - Council, Public Works Department

TIME LINE - Spring 2013

- b.) ACTION - Complete construction of Balsam Wilderness Trail, including parking area at Highway #124 entrance.

IMPLEMENTATION - Public Works Department

TIME LINE - 2013

- c.) ACTION - Implement Public Works Reorganization

IMPLEMENTATION - Council, Public Works Department

TIME LINE - Spring 2013

- d.) ACTION - Explore Federal, Provincial and related Agency grant opportunities

IMPLEMENTATION - Council, All Departments

TIME LINE - continuous

- e.) ACTION - Complete Road Study

IMPLEMENTATION - Road Advisory Committee

TIME LINE - Summer 2012

- f.) ACTION - Complete and launch new Township web site

IMPLEMENTATION - Clerk's, Treasury Departments

TIME LINE - Fall 2012

- g.) ACTION - operationalize the new Recreation committee

IMPLEMENTATION - Recreation Committee

TIME LINE - Fall 2012 – Dec 2013

- h.) ACTION - develop a long range plan for the capital replacement of fire equipment.

IMPLEMENTATION - Fire Chief and Fire Department and Council

TIME LINE - Fall 2012 – Winter 2013

- i.) ACTION - to investigate an annual review process for senior staff and review the Townships FTE of permanent staff with similar sized communities.

IMPLEMENTATION - Council and staff

TIME LINE - Fall 2012 – December 2013

5. GUIDING PRINCIPLE - PROTECT OUR QUALITY OF LIFE

To plan and promote programs that harmonize with existing communities and deters impacts on our rural setting.

- a.) ACTION - Undertake a review of the Township's Official Plan

IMPLEMENTATION - Council, Staff, Consultant

TIME LINE - 2013

6. GUIDING PRINCIPLE - ENSURE OUR SAFETY AND SECURITY

Protect the well-being and property of our citizens by supporting a comprehensive and protective, emergency and health related service for the betterment of the community.

- a.) ACTION - Review and update By-Laws as required.

IMPLEMENTATION - Council, Clerk's Department

TIME LINE - Ongoing

- b.) ACTION - Evaluate the feasibility of acquiring video surveillance equipment to be installed at Township facilities.

IMPLEMENTATION - Clerk's Department, Public Works Department

TIME LINE - 2013

- c.) ACTION - Continue to pursue the designation by the Provincial Government of part of Highway #124 in the Village of McKellar as a Community Safety Zone.

IMPLEMENTATION - Clerk's Department

TIME LINE - Ongoing

7. GUIDING PRINCIPLE - SUPPORT ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES THAT SAFEGUARD WATER QUALITY IN OUR LAKES AND RIVERS

Ensure the continued protection of the quality of our ground and surface water by promoting best environmental practices which recognize the importance of this resource for existing and future generations.

- a.) ACTION - Initiate a Safe Septic education program

IMPLEMENTATION - Council, Clerk's Department

TIME LINE - 2013

- b.) ACTION - Evaluate new lake water testing equipment

IMPLEMENTATION - Council, Clerk's Department, Manitouwabing Lake Community Association

TIME LINE - Fall 2012, Winter 2012/13