

TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2013

Present: Reeve Peter Hopkins and Councillors Tamara Black, Jim McColl, Jury Naklowych and Ted Stroud
Staff: Clerk Administrator, Shawn Boggs

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

13-280 That the Township of McKellar accept the minutes of the September 3, 2013 Council meeting as circulated.

Carried

Moved by: Jury Naklowych
Seconded by: Ted Stroud

13-281 That the Township of McKellar hereby go into Committee of the Whole at 6:31 p.m.

Carried

REPORTS: Councillor McColl gave a verbal Public Works Department update. Councillor Stroud gave a verbal report on the Historical Committee meeting and Belvedere Heights. Reeve's Report on file.

Committee recommended that resolutions be considered to support the Near North District School Board Accommodation Review Committee's recommendations and also to support the Southwestern Chapter of the Ontario Building Officials Association's letter regarding the proposed re-qualification of Building Officials.

Moved by: Ted Stroud
Seconded by: Jury Naklowych

13-282 That the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 7:06 p.m.

Carried

VISITORS: Mr. Jim Demetriou was present to request that Council grant him permission to open up and use the unopened road allowance between Concession 2 and 3 in Lots 16, 17 and 18 to gain access to his severed lots under file No. B17/2013. Council was not in agreement to opening up the road allowance and was agreeable to a blanket easement over the property being deeded to the retained parcels for access.

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

13-283 That the Township of McKellar accept the quote of GCR Canada for the supply and installation of 8 recapped tires in the amount of \$1,808.00 plus tax and the quote in the amount of \$1,500.00 plus tax to stud 6 radial grader tires.

Carried

Moved by: Ted Stroud
Seconded by: Jury Naklowych

13-284 That the Township of McKellar authorize the Clerk Administrator to attend the AMCTO Zone 7 fall workshop in Killarney on October 2, 2013. Costs to be paid.

Carried

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Moved by: Jury Naklowych
Seconded by: Ted Stroud

13-285 That the Township of McKellar apply for a youth intern under the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation internship program.
Carried

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

13-286 That the Township of McKellar confirm with the Parry Sound Area Planning Board that a blanket easement for access would be acceptable for application for consent, file No. B17/2013 (Demetriou).
Carried

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

13-287 That the Council of the Township of McKellar do hereby support the "Report for ARC Committee Parry Sound Family of Schools June 25, 2013" (Copy attached as Schedule 'A' to this resolution) and The Parry Sound ARC Recommendations and Considerations outlined in the Report.
Carried

Moved by: Ted Stroud
Seconded by: Jury Naklowych

13-288 Whereas, municipal building officials are the main practitioners of the Ontario Building Code (OBC) and use the OBC on a daily basis in the carrying out of their duties;

And whereas Bill 124 passed in 2005 required all municipal building officials to undertake a series of qualification exams;

And whereas a subsequent regulation 332/12 (knowledge and maintenance examinations) requires our already qualified officials to re-qualify by taking a similar series of qualification exams again;

And whereas this requalification process will provide municipalities with financial hardships in terms of registrations costs, mileage costs, days away from the office to undertake their regular duties in performing timely inspections that is expected by the building industry;

And whereas, municipal building officials acknowledge the need to stay current with legislation and to undergo necessary training to do so;

And whereas, the builders and home owners will suffer slower response time for building permits and inspections until all of the building officials are qualified;

And whereas, there may be an increase to permit fees to absorb the additional costs due to training/courses, examinations, travel, accommodations, additional staffing.;

Now, therefore, The Township of McKellar, in support of the Southwestern Chapter of the Ontario Building Officials Association resolves that:

Any amendments to the OBC include provisions for training opportunities rather than requalification examinations as the means by which building officials remain current of changes to the OBC.

That municipal building officials, as the primary practitioners of the OBC, receive the same treatment as plumbers, electricians, professional engineers and architects with regards to exemption from requalification.

That the negative impact and delays that Ontario regulation 332/12 will have on the issuance of permits, inspections and response times to inquiries by municipal building officials should be taken in to consideration.

That municipalities and taxpayers be spared the cost of 'knowledge and maintenance examinations' under the proposed amendment to the OBC which will provide undue hardship to municipalities through lost productivity, early retirement and costs associated with the 13 categories of examinations required by fully qualified inspectors.

Carried

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

13-289 That the Township of McKellar cover mileage expenses for the Reeve to attend the ARC meeting on September 25, 2013.

Carried

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

13-290 That the Township of McKellar amend Resolution No. 2011-191 as amended by adding "Susan Ave" to Schedule 'A'. Resolution No. 2010-119 is hereby rescinded.

Yea: Reeve Hopkins, Councillors Black, McColl, Naklowych
Nay: Councillor Stroud

Carried

Moved by: Ted Stroud
Seconded by: Jury Naklowych

13-291 **WHEREAS** we often speak of the importance of our roads and that they are our largest and most important asset; and

WHEREAS another asset, whose value may well be greater, is that of our lakes and waterways and whereas without this collective asset, the quality of our network of roads would be much less critical for obvious reasons; and

WHEREAS we all agree that the water quality of our lakes and streams is very important to the well-being of our collective municipalities and whereas we must all expend efforts in the direction of protecting this asset; and

WHEREAS there are citizens groups which give freely of their time to regularly conduct water quality tests and which publish the results along with their recommendations, and they receive financial support from their municipalities with said support going towards their expenses, for which we sincerely thank them for these dedicated efforts; and

WHEREAS one source of significant pollution is that which can be attributed to the goose population; and

WHEREAS this pollution is exacerbated by certain activities on the lakes; some of the watercraft activity stirs the waters of the lakes, mixing sediment, including goose droppings, into the water which then increases pollution, and this result is evident to those who draw their water from the lakes in the vicinity of the excessive activity; and

WHEREAS filters that need replacing every two or three months from September to May, require replacement every week or two during June, July and August; and

WHEREAS it has been suggested on more than one occasion that the problem of the enormous goose population should be addressed through a major cull, and this cull would need to be province wide to be effective; and

WHEREAS goose faeces polluting our rivers and lakes is a major health concern and one which deserves and requires a province wide discussion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McKellar petition the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario through Environment Canada and the Ministry of Natural Resources Ontario to recognize the dramatic increase in the numbers of Canada Geese and call upon these provincial and federal agencies to begin a discussion on ways to reduce the population of Canada Geese, thereby preserving the health of our lakes and rivers; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Federal Minister of the Environment, the Provincial Minister of Natural Resources, the Honourable Tony Clement, M.P., Parry Sound-Muskoka, Norm Miller, M.P.P., Parry Sound - Muskoka, and the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association for endorsement.

Carried

Moved by: Jury Naklowych
Seconded by: Ted Stroud

13-292 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2013-31, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, First and Second reading.

Carried

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

13-293 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2013-31, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, Third reading and Passed in Open Council this 16th day of September, 2013.

Carried

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

13-294 That the Township of McKellar adjourn to meet again on October 7, 2013 or at the call of the Reeve. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Carried

Reeve

Clerk