

TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2015

Present: Reeve Peter Hopkins and Councillors Bonnie Beier, Morley Haskim, Mike Kekkonen and Debbie Zulak

Staff: Clerk Administrator, Shawn Boggs

Moved by: Bonnie Beier

Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

15-118 That the Township of McKellar accept the minutes of the March 16, 2015 and March 27, 2015 Council meetings as circulated.

Carried

Councillor Zulak declared a pecuniary interest on the following deputation and vacated her chair.

VISITORS:

Mr. Gord Zulak was present to request that Council look into making the Council Chambers more accommodating for those with disabilities. Mr. Zulak suggested that better acoustics in the form of speakers and having the Council and visitors face the audience would help those with a hearing impairment. Reeve Hopkins thanked Mr. Zulak for attending and stated that Council would look into what could be done to accommodate those with a hearing impairment.

Councillor Zulak returned to her chair.

Moved by: Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Morley Haskim

15-119 That the Township of McKellar hereby go into Committee of the Whole at 6:43 p.m.

Carried

PUBLIC FORUM

The following members of the public addressed Council: Henry Beier, Gord Zulak and Ken Jackson.

REPORTS

Councillor Haskim gave a verbal Planning Board report stating that the 2015 budget levy has been set at \$7,000.00 and that Planning Board fees have been increased. Councillor Haskim also gave a verbal Recreation Committee report stating that the Children's Fish Derby was a success and that the Recreation Committee was looking into sponsoring a movie night in November as a new program. Councillor Zulak gave a verbal Historical Committee report stating that the Committee was supportive of any funding application by the Hurdville Community Club to improve the Hurdville Hall. Councillor Zulak also advised that the Committee has passed the 2015 budget and is continuing to digitize photos from the Parry Sound District Museum. Reeve Hopkins reported on the April 4, 2015 EDC meeting, the March 27, 2015 budget meeting and the Rogers Communications April 4, 2015 information session. Reeve Hopkins welcomed Chris Bordeleau to the Building Department as CBO Assistant until qualified to take over the CBO position and also Mackenzie Taylor as the new Committee Coordinator Intern. Reeve Hopkins also thanked the many volunteers who made the Children's Fish Derby possible. Reeve's report on file.

Moved by: Bonnie Beier

Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

15-120 That the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 7:39 p.m.

Carried

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Moved by: Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Morley Haskim

15-121 That the Township of McKellar accept the March 2, 6, 11, 18 and 26th, 2015 Accounts Payable reports and payroll run No. 687, 690, 692, 695, 697, 699 and 700 in the amount of \$501,566.39.

Carried

Moved by: Bonnie Beier
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

15-122 That the Township of McKellar establish a Public Works hiring committee consisting of Council and the Public Works Superintendent.

Carried

Moved by: Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Morley Haskim

15-123 That the Township of McKellar direct the Clerk to amend By-law No. 13-38, the Cemetery Committee By-law, to appoint the whole of Council as the Committee.

Carried

Reeve Hopkins removed himself from the Chair and Councillor Kekkonen assumed the Chair as Acting Reeve.

Moved by: Peter Hopkins
Seconded by: Morley Haskim

15-124 Whereas the resolution to reduce the number of council members on EDC from two to one has just been received prior to long weekend and the EDC has not had an opportunity to give input to the proposed change in their recommendation of two council members; and
Whereas there is a budget meeting this Fri to discuss ideas for cost cutting and income generating; and
Whereas council has not had the opportunity to discuss the impact of the motion on the balance of council remuneration and time commitments;
Be it resolved that the resolution to change EDC terms of reference be tabled to a future council meeting.

Defeated

YEA: Councillor Haskim, Reeve Hopkins
NAY: Councillors Beier, Kekkonen, Zulak

Moved by: Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Morley Haskim

15-125 That the Township of McKellar direct the Clerk to prepare an amendment to the EDC Terms of Reference to reduce the Council representation on the Committee to one member.

Carried

YEA: Councillors Beier, Haskim, Kekkonen, Zulak
NAY: Reeve Hopkins

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Moved by: Peter Hopkins
Seconded by: Morley Haskim

15-126 Whereas Council has just received the resolution before a holiday weekend to have McKellar withdraw from REDAC and the timing has allowed no time for public input; and
Whereas this resolution may have impacts on return on investments to the township but has not yet been discussed by the budget committee; and
Whereas removal from REDAC will negatively impact the balance of committee assignments, remuneration and time commitments among members of council;

Therefore, be it resolved that this resolution be tabled to the next meeting to allow time for public input and discussion at the budget meeting.

Defeated

YEA: Reeve Hopkins
NAY: Councillors Beier, Haskim, Kekkonen, Zulak

Moved by: Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Morley Haskim

15-127 That the Township of McKellar do hereby withdraw its membership in the Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee (REDAC). Resolution Nos. 14-50, 14-363 and 11-274 are hereby repealed. The Township will continue to support the Smart Community initiative as a non-member of REDAC.

Carried

YEA: Councillors Beier, Haskim, Kekkonen, Zulak
NAY: Reeve Hopkins

Reeve Hopkins returned to the Chair.

Moved by: Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Morley Haskim

15-128 That the Township of McKellar hereby rescind resolution No. 14-313 regarding the location of a cell tower on municipal property.

Carried

Moved by: Bonnie Beier
Seconded by: Morley Haskim

15-129 That the Township of McKellar endorse the Municipality of Magnetawan's resolution petitioning the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to "direct the local office of the MNR to enter into a long term agreement addressing the reinstatement of the valuable fish hatchery stocking program at Magnetawan."

Carried

Moved by: Bonnie Beier
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

15-130 That the Township of McKellar instruct the Public Works Superintendent to advertise for a temporary seasonal student labourer for the department.

Carried

PUBLIC NOTICE

Reeve Hopkins advised that there will be a budget meeting on April 10, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The following members of the public addressed Council: Gord Zulak, Ken Jackson and Henry Beier.

Moved by: Bonnie Beier

Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

15-131 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2015-17, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, First and Second reading.

Carried

Moved by: Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Morley Haskim

15-132 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2015-17, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, Third reading and Passed in Open Council this 7th day of April, 2015.

Carried

Moved by: Bonnie Beier

Seconded by: Morley Haskim

15-133 That the Township of McKellar adjourn to meet again on April 20, 2015 or at the call of the Reeve. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Carried

Reeve

Clerk