

## TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2015

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

Staff: Clerk Administrator, Shawn Boggs

Moved by: Bonnie Beier

Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

15-337 That the Township of McKellar accept the minutes of the September 21, 2015 Council meeting as circulated.

Carried

### VISITORS

Mr. Henry Beier was present to provide Council with his comments on the Economic Development Committee's draft Strategic Plan and the Committee's comment template. Mr. Beier stated that he would like to see the EDC working towards achievable goals and projects. Reeve Hopkins thanked Mr. Beier for his comments. A copy of Mr. Beier's deputation on file.

Moved by: Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

15-338 That the Township of McKellar hereby go into Committee of the Whole at 6:51 p.m.

Carried

### REPORTS

Councillor Haskim gave a verbal Planning Board meeting report. Councillor Beier gave a verbal update of happenings at the Chamber of Commerce and a verbal report on the Parry Sound District Municipal Association meeting held on October 2, 2015. Councillor Beier also expanded on her reasoning for denying John Cole, EDC Chair, to speak at the September 16, 2015 Council meeting. Councillor Zulak gave a verbal Belvedere Heights report. Reeve Hopkins advised Council of the various events taking place in the Township over the Thanksgiving weekend and also the numerous recreational opportunities available. Reeve Hopkins thanked Steve Munro of Westwind Forest Stewardship for a very informative nature walk on the Balsam Trail on October 3, 2015. Reeve Hopkins reported on the October 2, 2015 District of Parry Sound Municipal Association meeting and also informed Council that there has been no word from the Ombudsman's office regarding the current investigations. Reeve's report on file.

Moved by: Bonnie Beier

Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

15-339 That the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 7:58 p.m.

Carried

Moved by: Bonnie Beier

Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

15-340 That the Township of McKellar accept the September 1, 9, 22, 24 and 29, 2015 accounts payable reports and payroll run No. 748, 750, 753 and 754 in the amount of \$623,331.86.

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim  
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

15-341 WHEREAS the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) announced in May that it is ending the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit (OSEB) program;  
AND WHEREAS the OSEB program was designed to provide unemployed individuals who are or recently have been eligible for Employment Insurance with income and entrepreneurial support while learning to operate a small business;  
AND WHEREAS the program has a 94% completion rate in Muskoka over the past 5 years and 76% of businesses launched five years ago remain open, well above Industry Canada's reported 5 year survival rate for small business;  
AND WHEREAS the 110 new businesses launched by OSEB graduates in Muskoka in the past 5 years sustain 142 jobs, demonstrating it is successful in giving participants a pathway to self-employment and is also an important rural economic development tool;  
AND WHEREAS OSEB programs from rural regions across Ontario have reported similar statistics;  
AND WHEREAS MTCU's position that entrepreneurial support is available from other service providers overlooks the fact it has not replaced the essential income support component;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of McKellar recognizes the value of the Ontario Self-Employment Benefit program to rural communities and request that the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities immediately reinstate the program until a formal evaluation - which must include input from delivery agencies and participants - is completed; and further that the Ministry ensure any changes to the OSEB program retain both the entrepreneurial and income-support components that have made it successful.

Carried

Moved by: Debbie Zulak  
Seconded by: Bonnie Beier

15-342 That the Township of McKellar request Councillor Haskim and Road Superintendent, Greg Gostick to proceed with a landscaping plan for Minerva Park.

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim  
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

15-343 That the Township of McKellar affirm resolution No. 2009-277 as amended by resolution No. 2014-409 establishing and approving the Terms of Reference for the Economic Development Committee.

Carried

QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The following members of the public addressed Council: Gord Zulak, Joyce Hopkins, Bill Hoddy and Wave Weir.

Moved by: Bonnie Beier  
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

15-344 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2015-36, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, First and Second reading.

Carried

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Moved by: Morley Haskim  
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

15-345 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2015-36, being a by-law to confirm the proceeding of Council, Third reading and Passed in Open Council this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015.

Carried

Moved by: Debbie Zulak  
Seconded by: Bonnie Beier

15-346 That the Township of McKellar adjourn to meet again on October 19, 2015 or at the call of the Reeve. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Carried

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Reeve

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Clerk Administrator