

**TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR**

Special Council Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2016

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

Staff: Clerk Administrator, Shawn Boggs, Fire Chief Ed Bier, Public Work Superintendent Greg Gostick

Reeve Hopkins called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Moved by: Bonnie Beier  
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

16-19 That the Township of McKellar hereby go into Committee of the Whole at 9:00 a.m.

Carried

Committee of the Whole was called to review and discuss the initial 2016 budget. Fire Chief Ed Bier reviewed with Council the draft Fire Department budget and capital requirements. Chief Bier indicated that the budget includes a transfer to reserve for the future replacement of Fire Hall #1 and also the future replacement of Pumper #1. Council discussed the replacement of Fire Hall #1 and various funding options. Council discussed beginning construction of Fire Hall #1 in the fall of 2016 and completing the project in 2017. A discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of tendering for the building versus a design build model took place. The Fire Chief was directed to contact an engineer to get an estimate of putting out proposals for a design build building and a time line.

The Public Works Superintendent, Greg Gostick reviewed with Council the draft Public Works budget. Mr. Gostick indicated that the major construction projects budgeted were the sealing of Centre Road, the reconstruction and resurfacing of Hurdville Road, culvert replacement on Blackwater Road, rehabilitation of part of Burnett's Road, the repair of guardrails on Grey Owl Bridge and the replacement of the Case Grader. Other projects to be considered by Council included the resurfacing of Wendy's Lane, replacement of Blackwater Bridge and paving the hill on Tait's Island Road.

Discussion ensued regarding improvements to Minerva Park and it was agreed that an overall plan for the park should be drafted. The Recreation Committee was directed to review signage on the Balsam Trail and allocate monies for this project in their budget. There was also discussion regarding improvements to the St. Stephen's and Hemlock churches. A list of possible future projects was reviewed and also the possibility of grant funding.

The Treasurer was directed to revise the draft budget to include the above projects estimates as discussed. A budget meeting is to be called in late February or March once the Township auditors have completed their 2015 audit and other requisitioning bodies have submitted their 2016 estimates.

Moved by: Morley Haskim  
Seconded by: Bonnie Beier

16-20 That the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 1:13 p.m.

Carried

Moved by: Mike Kekkonen  
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

16-21 That the Township of McKellar adjourn to meet again on January 25, 2016 or at the call of the Reeve. Meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Carried

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Reeve

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Clerk