

TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2016

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: Debbie Zulak

16-95 That the Township of McKellar accept the minutes of the March 7, 2016 and March 16, 2016 Council meetings as circulated.

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-96 That the Township of McKellar hereby go into Committee of the Whole at 6:32 p.m.

Carried

REPORTS

Councillor Beier gave a verbal report on the Chamber of Commerce and noted that the Chamber's office will be moving on April 30, 2016 to 21 William Street in Parry Sound and the President's Gala is on April 23, 2016. Councillor Haskim noted that the Kid's Fishing and Fun Day event on March 19, 2016 had to be cancelled due to the weather. Reeve's Hopkins thanked the Recreation and Historical Committees for their successful March break events and reported on the March 16, 2016 budget meeting.

Committee recommended that motions be drafted to support the Municipality of Bluewater, the Municipality of Magnetawan and the Health Unit resolutions. A motion was to be drafted to nominate Councillor Kekkonen to represent Area 3 on the District of Parry of Sound Social Services Administration Board.

Moved by: Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Bonnie Beier

16-97 That the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 6:50 p.m.

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-98 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2016-11, being a by-law to set tax ratios for 2016, First and Second reading.

Carried

Moved by: Bonnie Beier

Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

16-99 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2016-11, being a by-law to set tax ratios for 2016, Third reading and Passed in Open Council this 21st day of March, 2016.

Carried

Moved by: Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Bonnie Beier

16-100 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2016-12, being a by-law to specify the 2016 claw back percentages, the capping threshold parameters and the minimum tax level for new to class/new construction, First and Second reading.

Carried

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Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-101 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2016-12, being a by-law to specify the 2016 claw back percentages, the capping threshold parameters and the minimum tax level for new to class/new construction, Third reading and Passed in Open Council this 21st day of March, 2016.

Carried

Moved by: Bonnie Beier
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

16-102 That the Township of McKellar nominate Councillor Mike Kekkonen to the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board and request support from Area 3 municipalities.

Carried

Reeve Hopkins vacated the Chair on the following motion and Acting Reeve Kekkonen took the Chair.

Moved by: Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Bonnie Beier

16-103 **WHEREAS** the Head of Council for the Township of McKellar reported to Council at a public Council meeting on April 20, 2015, that all Heads of Council meetings are closed and confidential;

AND WHEREAS Council is of the opinion that all meetings attended by representatives of Council should be open to the public and transparent;

AND WHEREAS an investigative report undertaken by the Ontario Ombudsman and made public in November, 2015, stated that 'the heads of council are encouraged...to consider opening their gatherings to the public' so as to 'increase transparency and strengthen public confidence in local governments';

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of McKellar, for transparency and accountability purposes primarily, reconsider its participation in the Heads of Council meetings;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that Resolution No. 14-364, authorizing the Reeve to attend the West Parry Sound Area Heads of Council meetings, be hereby rescinded to be reviewed at such time as attendance at all meetings of the Heads of Council is open to all Councillors and to the public at large and is advertised as such.

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

Carried

Reeve Hopkins returned to the Chair.

Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-104 That the Township of McKellar direct the CBO to put out an RFP for the replacement/installation of footings/foundation under the St. Stephen's church building.

Carried

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Moved by: Bonnie Beier
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

16-105 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2016-13, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, First and Second reading.

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-106 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2016-13, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, Third reading and Passed in Open Council this 21st day of March, 2016.

Carried

Moved by: Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Bonnie Beier

16-107 That the Township of McKellar adjourn to meet again on April 4, 2016 or at the call of the Reeve. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Carried

Reeve

Clerk