

TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

September 6, 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

16-272 That the Township of McKellar accept the minutes of the August 15, 2016 Council meeting as circulated.

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-273 That the Township of McKellar hereby go into Committee of the Whole at 6:32 p.m.

Carried

PUBLIC FORUM

The following members of the public addressed Council: Phil Boyd and David Moore.

REPORTS

Councillor Beier gave a verbal on the August 26, 2016 Library Board meeting and a verbal Chamber of Commerce report. Council Zulak gave a verbal report on the August 24, 2016 Belvedere Heights meeting and the August 31, 2016 Historical Committee meeting. Councillor Haskim gave notice of upcoming fall Recreation Committee activities. Reeve Hopkins reported on the Plaque dedication in honour of Doug Weber on September 3, 2016 at Minerva Park and advised that the 141st McKellar Fall Fair is taking place on September 10, 2016. Reeve's report on file.

Committee recommended that a motion be put on the agenda for the September 19, 2016 meeting to consider the plowing of unassumed public roads as in past years.

Moved by: Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-274 That the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 7:18 p.m.

Carried

Moved by: Bonnie Beier

Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

16-275 That the Township of McKellar accept the August 4, 15, 18, 22 and 31st, 2016 Accounts Payable reports and payroll run No. 835, 836, 837, 839, 840 and 841 in the amount of \$409,829.54.

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-276 That the Township of McKellar accept the tender bid of Fowler Construction in the amount of \$42,807.27 for the supply and installation of HL4 asphalt at the Community Centre as per tender.

Carried

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Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-277 That the Township appoint Krista LeBlanc to the Recreation Committee for the present term of Council.

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

16-278 That the Township of McKellar authorize the Reeve to attend the H.O.M.E. meeting on October 12, 2016 in Sundridge at no cost to the Township.

Carried

Reeve Hopkins removed himself from the Chair for the following motion and Councillor Kekkonen assumed the Chair.

Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Peter Hopkins

16-279 That the Township of McKellar establish a Trails Master Planning Committee and instruct the Clerk to draft Terms of Reference for the said Committee for Council approval.

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

Defeated

Reeve Hopkins returned to the Chair.

Moved by: Bonnie Beier
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

16-280 That the Township of McKellar approve application for consent, file No. B20/2016 (Chandrasekara) subject to the various commenting agency approvals, that each of the lots be accessed off of Blackwater Road and confirmation from the Public Works Superintendent that entrance permits would be available off of Blackwater Road, payment of the applicable parkland fees, payment of any applicable planning fees and the applicant deeding to the municipality that portion of land 10 metres from the centre line of the travelled road as it abuts the proposed retained and severed parcel should a survey reveal an encroachment.

Carried

Moved by: Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Bonnie Beier

16-281 WHEREAS health care continues to be a concern in all sectors. Future regulations for Long Term Care Homes regarding accommodations, nursing, safety, inspections, and reporting are increasing. Homes for the Aged will have to deal with many of these issues as well as decreased physician coverage, without increased funding;

AND WHEREAS Nurse Practitioners are needed to fill the gap left by decreased physician coverage;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of McKellar petition the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to provide equitable funding to Long Term Care Homes to recruit and retain Nurse Practitioners. Current funding is not competitive with the rates offered by hospitals and other health care providers for similar services. Valuable resources are used to recruit and train new staff only to see successful candidates move on to agencies who offer more attractive rates of compensation for the services provided. This disparity in service rates contribute to the inability of the Long Term Care Homes to recruit and retain qualified staff. Homes in the north are at a further disadvantage due to the small number of qualified Nurse Practitioners available to fill these much needed positions.

Carried

QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD

The following members of the public addressed Council: Phil Jefkins and Carol Ann Miller.

Moved by: Bonnie Beier
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

16-282 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2016-27, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, First and Second reading.

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-283 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2016-27, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, Third reading and Passed in Open Council this 6th day of September, 2016.

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-284 That the Township of McKellar adjourn to meet again on September 19, 2016 or at the call of the Reeve. Meeting adjourned at 8:49.

Carried

Reeve

Clerk