

TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

November 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

16-379 That the Township of McKellar accept the minutes of the November 7, 2016 Council meeting as circulated.

Carried

VISITORS: Mr. Scott Buckingham and Mr. John Cole representing the Manitowabing Lake Community Association (MLCA) were present to discuss with Council the passage of resolutions 16-367 and 16-372 and the solar exemption process. Mr. Buckingham stated that while the MLCA is not opposed to ground mounted solar, the Association would like Council to control what is in its powers to control regarding these solar installations. Reeve Hopkins thanked the gentlemen for bringing the Associations concerns to Council's attention.

Mr. Scott McLorie and Mr. Andrew Knop of Moose Power were in attendance to request Council's support for four solar projects on two separate parcels of land. The gentlemen answered Council's questions regarding the projects and Council opened the floor up to questions from the audience. Reeve Hopkins thanked the gentlemen for attending.

Moved by: Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-380 That the Township of McKellar go into Committee of the Whole at 8:07 p.m.

Carried

REPORTS

Councillor Haskim reported that the Recreation Committee would be making a recommendation to Council of a date for the Canada 150 celebration. Reeve Hopkins reported on the Fire Hall No. 1 ground breaking ceremony on November 13, 2016, and the National Housing Day workshop on November 14, 2016. Reeve's report on file.

Moved by: Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Bonnie Beier

16-381 That the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 9:12 p.m.

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-382 That the Township of McKellar adopt the following Council meeting schedule for 2017:

January 9, 23 – February 6, 21 (Tues) – March 6, 20 – April 3, 18 (Tues) – May 1, 15 – June 5, 19 – July 17 – August 14 – September 5 (Tues), 18 – October 2, 16 – November 6, 20 – December 4, 18

Carried

Moved by: Bonnie Beier

Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

16-383 That the Township of McKellar advertise the following Christmas hours:

Municipal Office: Closed December 26, 2016 to December 30, 2016 inclusive
Waste Transfer Station: Closed December 25 and 26, 2016 and January 1, 2017
Public Works: Closed December 26, 2016 to December 30, 2016 inclusive (weather permitting)

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-384 **WHEREAS** the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997*, legislates that fire prevention, public education and fire protection services are a mandatory municipal responsibility; **AND WHEREAS** there are a total of 449 Fire Departments operating in the province comprised of 32 Full-Time Departments, 191 Composite Departments and 226 Volunteer Departments with 11,376 Full-Time Firefighters, 19,347 Volunteer Firefighters and 343 Part-Time Firefighters staffing these departments; **AND WHEREAS** the fire service represents a significant percentage of small, rural and northern municipalities’ managed capital assets; **AND WHEREAS** the Municipal Fire Department and associated assets represent critical municipal infrastructure; **AND WHEREAS** there are currently no funding opportunities available from the Provincial or the Federal Government for the equipment, training, maintenance, operating or capital requirements of local fire departments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of McKellar hereby petition the Provincial Government to recognize the municipal fire service as critical infrastructure by including funding for Fire Department infrastructure as part of the Provincial Governments Infrastructure Strategy to Move Ontario Forward;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Ontario municipalities.

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-385 That the Township of McKellar support Bill 9 which states that all stroke victims receive care regardless of their age.

Carried

Moved by: Bonnie Beier
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

16-386 That the Township of McKellar endorse the Township of Georgian Bay’s resolution requesting the Province to “re-evaluate the structure of hydro in terms of access and delivery and implement structural changes to address the unfair practice of charging more for delivery for rural residents.”

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Bonnie Beier

16-387 That the Township of McKellar endorse the Township of South Stormont’s resolution demanding that “the PAR being undertaken by the UCDSB be immediately suspended for a period of 1 year, to allow adequate time to complete the work necessary to chart the course ahead that is in the best interests of all UCDSB students”, all as per the attached copy of resolution No. 335/2016 of the Township of Stormont.

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-388 That the Township of McKellar authorize the Reeve to attend the Near North District School Board Community Planning meeting on November 23, 2016. Costs to be paid.

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

Defeated

Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-389 That the Township of McKellar grant permission to Jeff Steger to locate a portion of the trail where the trail crosses private property in Lot 24 Concession 4 back onto the unopened road allowance between Concessions 4 and 5 in Lot 24 as per the attached sketch. Mr. Steger is responsible for ensuring that the trail is located on the road allowance.

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

16-390 That the Township of McKellar grant approval to Westwind Forestry to cross Township unopened road allowances in the locations as per the attached in order to undertake winter crown logging operations. Westwind is further authorized to log approximately 16 hectares of unopened road allowance as per the attached. In exchange, Westwind will donate \$3,000 to the Township for recreation programming, donate wood materials for the construction of a pre-engineered pavilion at Minerva Park, make a \$3,000 road damage deposit and ensure that the Township is named insured on the logging contractors liability insurance policy.

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-391 **WHEREAS** capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT Rules, Version 5.0
AND WHEREAS Moose Power Inc. (the “Applicant”) proposes to construct and operate a Non-Rooftop Solar (the “Project”) on PIN 52127-0215, Part Lots 22 and 23, Concession 11, 154 Centre Road, (the “Lands”) in McKellar under the province’s FIT program;
AND WHEREAS the Applicant has requested the Council of the Township of McKellar indicate by resolution Council’s support for the construction and operation of the Project on the Property;
AND WHEREAS pursuant to FIT Rules, Version 5.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in the Applicant being offered a FIT Contract prior to other Persons applying for FIT Contracts;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McKellar supports the construction and operation of the Project on the Lands.

This resolution’s sole purpose is to enable the Applicant to receive Priority Points under the FIT Program and may not be used for the purpose of any other form of municipal approval in relation to the Application or Project, or for any other purpose.

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

Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

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AND WHEREAS pursuant to FIT Rules, Version 5.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in the Applicant being offered a FIT Contract prior to other Persons applying for FIT Contracts;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McKellar supports the construction and operation of the Project on the Lands.

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

Carried

Moved by: Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Morley Haskim

16-393 **WHEREAS** capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the FIT Rules, Version 5.0
AND WHEREAS Moose Power (the "Applicant") proposes to construct and operate a Non-Rooftop Solar (the "Project") on PIN 52128-0950, Part Lots 21 and 22, Concession 10, (the "Lands") in McKellar under the province's FIT program;
AND WHEREAS the Applicant has requested the Council of the Township of McKellar indicate by Council's support for the construction and operation of the Project on the Property.
AND WHEREAS pursuant to FIT Rules, Version 5.0, Applications whose Projects receive the formal support of Local Municipalities will be awarded Priority Points, which may result in the Applicant being offered a FIT Contract prior to other Persons applying for FIT Contracts;

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

Carried

Moved by: Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Morley Haskim

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

Carried

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Moved by: Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

16-395 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2016-36, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, First and Second reading.

Carried

Moved by: Bonnie Beier
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

16-396 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2016-36, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, Third reading and passed in Open Council this 21st day of November, 2016.

Carried

Moved by: Bonnie Beier
Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

16-397 That the Township of McKellar adjourn to meet again on December 5, 2016 or at the call of the Reeve. Meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m.

Carried

Reeve

Clerk