

TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Special Council Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2017

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

Staff: Clerk Administrator, Shawn Boggs,

Reeve Hopkins called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Moved by: Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Bonnie Beier

17-141 That the Township of McKellar hereby go into Committee of the Whole at 4:30 p.m.

Carried

The Special Committee of the Whole meeting was called to hear representations from Mr. Vince Kulchychi, COO and Mr. Bryan Ingram, Operations Manager of Bracebridge Generation, regarding the low water levels experienced on Lake Manitouwabing in March, 2017 and resultant property damage and what steps can be taken in the future to avoid a similar occurrence. Ms. Amanda Vincent of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry was also in attendance. Mr. Ingram gave a presentation on the Seguin River Simplified Water Management Plan and the goals of water management planning. Mr. Ingram reviewed the operating plan and parameters for the Hurdville dam and noted that remote monitoring gages have been installed at the Hurdville and Grey Owl Lake dams. Mr. Ingram also reviewed their daily challenges in operating the watershed, including weather forecasting, storm events, the spring freshet and the requirement to manage the system as a whole.

After Council asked their questions, the meeting was opened up to the public in attendance for their questions. The majority of questions went unanswered. There was a commitment by Bracebridge Generation to improve communications with the municipality and to implement the Standing Advisory Committee by June 1, 2017.

Reeve Hopkins thanked the gentlemen for attending and stated he hoped that steps could be taken to avoid a similar occurrence in the future.

Moved by: Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Bonnie Beier

16-141 That the Committee of the Whole rise and report at 6:52 p.m.

Carried

Moved by: Bonnie Beier

Seconded by: Debbie Zulak

16-142 That the Township of McKellar adjourn to meet again on May 1, 2017 or at the call of the Reeve. Meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Carried

Reeve

Clerk