



# Township of McKellar

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## McKellar Communique #2 – Friday September 10, 2021

We have received positive comments about our Communique #1. We will continue to try and keep everyone up to date on special happenings in McKellar and the area; updates on Council business and key information on upcoming meetings, activities and events. All suggestions, questions can be forwarded to the Mayor at [peterhopkins1942@gmail.com](mailto:peterhopkins1942@gmail.com) or 705-389-2228. Please note that the second "Meet the Mayor" one on one session will be held on Monday September 13, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the Community Centre with proper COVID-19 protocols.

### Positive happenings in McKellar:

- Tait's Island Road Association held their AGM Meeting on Saturday, September 4, 2021. The Mayor attended for a Q and A session.
- Cogeco announced a \$12 million fund to begin the installation of back bone fibre in McKellar and Whitestone – a good start.
- Thanks to Jan Gibson and husband Rob, all the vendors, entertainers and patrons for a very successful summer market season. The last outdoor Market is scheduled for Thanksgiving.
- Beaver Creek Farms has created their own "McKellar Melon" – what a treat, thanks Rob.

### Council Actions:

- Council has terminated the probationary period of our CAO effective August 31, 2021.
- Treasurer Roshan Kantiya is appointed Acting Clerk.
- Administrative/Treasury Assistant Mary Smith has been made permanent.
- We have approved Tim Dobbie – consultant – to continue his contractual obligation in securing a new Clerk/Administrator ASAP.
- Council has approved McKellar's specific conditions for a formal agreement on the proposed Wellness and Pool Complex. A press release is forthcoming. All municipalities needed to confirm by September 10, 2021 in order to guarantee the \$27 million grant from the Federal and Provincial Governments.
- We are trying to fix our tech system in the Community Centre, train staff to operate, ensure it accommodates everyone and then we can open up when safe and prudent to do so regarding rising COVID-19 concerns. We are intending to open up the Community Centre and office October 1<sup>st</sup> with strict protocols and proof of double vaccination.
- Approved the process for replacing two councillor vacancies as outlined in the Municipal Act within 60 days after declaring vacancies which has been done – see posted resolution. Applications will be accepted up to September 30, 2021.
- Approved our new custodial staff contract as of September 9, 2021.
- Council will be appointing an Acting Deputy Clerk if necessary to help cover the workload in the office.
- We are reviewing all the past and recent emails from our Insurance and Legal agents regarding the Lakeshore and other boat launches and specifically reacting to the recent resolution of Council to reopen Lakeshore on an interim basis with some remediation if possible to do so.

- Staff continue to investigate a safe and accessible boat launch in the north part of McKellar for 2022
- Staff are in the process of screening our new website with peers and council. When ready we will announce its launch.
- All council meetings are recorded and available on line. Still working on the recording capacity issue when we have long meetings.

**Upcoming meeting:**

- Regular Council Tuesday September 14, 2021 @ 6:30pm via Zoom in the Council Chambers.
- Saturday, September 11, the MLCA is holding their AGM on municipal property tba.
- The Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee will be presenting their PPP for the first time after their AGM. Their long and detailed draft report has been posted on our website for a month now – worth reading. Many educational points for your consideration. A public meeting will be called to get their input on our future plans for our environment and lakes.
- “Meet the Mayor” one on one meetings on Monday September 13, 2021 5-6pm Community Centre.
- Pickle Ball welcome everyone on Tuesdays and Fridays in the arena starting at 9:30 am – no equipment necessary.