

**TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**June 3, 2019**

Present: Mayor Peter Hopkins, Councillors Marco Ancinelli, Don Carmichael, Morley Haskim, Mike Kekkonen

Staff: Clerk Administrator, Tammy Wylie

Others: Planner, John Jackson

Mayor Hopkins called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by: Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

19-304 That the Township of McKellar approve the Agenda for this meeting as amended to move Consent Agenda # 11 to Correspondence #7.

Carried

**DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Mr. Gord Knowles, General Manager of Parry Sound Community Business & Development Centre was present to introduce himself to Council and to provide an overview of the services offered. Mr. Glen Barnden, WPS Regional Economic Development Officer provided Council with an update in regards to economic development projects. Mayor Hopkins thanked Mr. Knowles and Mr. Barnden for attending.

Ms. Wave Weir was present to speak to Council in regards to a potential business proposal. Ms. Weir presented a slide show and a short video which provided information on mini mills. Mayor Hopkins thanks Ms. Weir for attending.

Moved by: Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Marco Ancinelli

19-305 That the Township of McKellar accept the minutes of the May 21 Council meeting as circulated.

Carried

Moved by: Don Carmichael

Seconded by: Marco Ancinelli

19-306 That the Township of McKellar direct John Jackson Planner to arrange a meeting with Ted Davidson and municipal staff to review the zoning by-law and the concerns that have been raised.

Carried

Moved by: Don Carmichael

Seconded by: Morley Haskim

19-307 That the Township of McKellar approve the Business, Economic Development & Tourism Adhoc Committee's recommendation to approve Wave Weir to hold a public meeting detailing her business proposal.

Carried

Moved by: Don Carmichael

Seconded by: Marco Ancinelli

19-308 That the Township of McKellar approve the Roads Services Review Adhoc Committee's recommendation to rent a bus for a road tour, at a cost not to exceed \$300.00.

Carried

Moved by: Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Marco Ancinelli

19-309 That the Township of McKellar endorse the Township of McNab/Braeside's resolution to request the Province to reconsider online courses for secondary students until rural Ontario students can be given the same opportunity to access the internet as urban students;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Lisa M. Thompson, Minister of Education; Norm Miller, Parry Sound Muskoka MPP; AMO; ROMA and the Township of McNab/Braeside.

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Moved by: Don Carmichael  
Seconded by: Morley Haskim

19-310 That the Township of McKellar endorse the Township of The Archipelago's resolution to request the Province to halt Bill 108 legislation and properly engage and to consult with Municipalities before further considering the proposed legislation;

And further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; Norm Miller, Parry Sound Muskoka MPP; AMO and the Township of The Archipelago;

And further a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Town of Oakville, The Town of Grimsby and the City of Markham.

Carried

Moved by: Mike Kekkonen  
Seconded by: Don Carmichael

19-311 That the Township of McKellar endorse the Municipality of McDougall's resolution to oppose integration of emergency health services operators and dispatch centres that would negatively affect Parry Sound ACS for the protection, health and safety of the residents of the Township of McKellar and West Parry Sound;

And further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Vic Fedelli, Minister of Finance; Christine Elliott, Minister of Health and Long Term Care; Norm Miller, Parry Sound Muskoka MPP; and the West Parry Sound area municipalities.

Carried

Moved by: Mike Kekkonen  
Seconded by: Don Carmichael

19-312 That the Township of McKellar endorse the Township of Bonnechere Valley's resolution to call on the Parliament of Canada to remove proposed changes to Section 2(2) of the Fisheries Act;

And further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister; Norm Miller, Parry Sound Muskoka MPP; Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Township of Bonnechere Valley.

Deferred

Moved by: Marco Ancinelli  
Seconded by: Don Carmichael

19-313 That the Township of McKellar endorse the Town of Fort Erie's resolution to request the Federal Government to provide information on all cannabis licenses including personal medical licenses to municipalities when licenses are issued and that a public process take place in connection with granting cannabis licenses and their location;

And further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister; Ginette Petitpas Taylor, Minister of Health; Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Norm Miller, Parry Sound Muskoka MPP and the Town of Fort Erie.

Defeated

Correspondence received from Natural Resources Canada in regards to the GCWood Program. Staff was directed to contact Natural Resources Canada to enquire why the application was unsuccessful.

Moved by: Don Carmichael  
Seconded by: Marco Ancinelli

19-314 **WHEREAS** there are 440 municipalities in Ontario that are well - governed, with little or no debt, low taxes, good reserves, a very efficient delivery of services, not politically aligned but who respond quickly to ratepayers needs;

**AND WHEREAS** in the 90's the Conservative government of the day forced many municipalities to amalgamate on the guise they would become more efficient, effective, save money, lower taxes and ultimately reduce the provincial deficit;

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**AND WHEREAS** there has never been a valid evidence-based study that supported these outcomes; but rather forced amalgamation accomplished just the opposite: ill

feelings, increased animosity, mistrust, job losses, rise in taxes and an increase in the provincial deficit;

**AND WHEREAS** there are many positive examples of small rural and northern municipalities working together in a collaborate and cooperative manner via shared agreements responding to local needs without amalgamation and provincial interference;

**AND WHEREAS** the Provincial and Federal governments are in huge debt due to their own decision-making;

**AND WHEREAS** the same Conservative government recently reduced one large regional municipal government by 50%, without “consultation”;

**AND WHEREAS** this same Conservative government is presently reviewing other provincial regional governments through a purported “consultative” approach with a view to reduce or eliminate them;

**AND WHEREAS** the Provincial government should investigate all other ways of reducing the deficit and becoming more fiscally responsible over time rather than downloading to the one level of government that has the least debt, is the most efficient, has the lowest cost and is closest to the electorate and which will not put a dent in the provincial deficit;

**AND WHEREAS** the Provincial government could look at what other provinces have done about a singular education system, organizing unorganized municipalities, health, EMS and OPP costs, millions of dollars in unpaid fines and instead invest in the north to create jobs and enhance economic development;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Corporation of the Township of McKellar requests that before the Provincial Government forces amalgamation in any of the 440 municipalities in Ontario, our AMO organization insist on the following:

- 1) Hold a local referendum letting the citizens decide to amalgamate
- 2) Conduct an evidence-based study to show that amalgamation saves costs, jobs, lowers taxes and reduces the provincial deficit
- 3) Allow those municipalities to work out their own collaborative agreement that best suits their local needs and be allowed to do so on their own time line and volition
- 4) To ensure that there is absolutely no conflict of interest in the consultative process regarding amalgamation by any member of any municipal organization
- 5) To emphasize the political reality of forcing amalgamation on the many rural and northern municipalities across Ontario

**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution be sent to Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier; Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs; Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party; and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario;

**AND FURTHER** that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Rural Ontario Municipalities Association (ROMA), Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association (DPSMA) and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration.

Deferred

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Moved by: Mike Kekkonen  
Seconded by: Morley Haskim

19-315 That the Township of McKellar establish a hiring committee for the Treasurer/Deputy Clerk position consisting of the whole of Council and the Clerk Administrator.  
Carried

Moved by: Morley Haskim  
Seconded by: Don Carmichael

19-316 That the Township of McKellar receive the Correspondence Items listed on the Consent Agenda for the June 3, 2019 Meeting of Council.  
Carried

**QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD**

The following members of the public addressed Council: Mr. Gord Zulak

**PUBLIC NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INQUIRIES BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Councillor Kekkonen reported that the Historical Committee's Spaghetti Dinner is being held on Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are still available. Councillor Kekkonen also reported on the POA meeting attended on May 23, 2019.

Councillor Carmichael reported that the Roads Services Review Adhoc Committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and a bus tour has been scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2019.

Mayor Hopkins reported that the Stewardship and Environmental Adhoc Committee meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, June 22, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. and the opening of the McKellar Market and Kiosk will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2019. Mayor Hopkins also reported on various events happening in the Township. Mayor's report on file.

Moved by: Morley Haskim  
Seconded by: Don Carmichael

19-317 That the Township of McKellar, pursuant to Section 239(2)(b)(c) and (e) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, move into closed session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees – volunteer application and senior of year; a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.  
Carried

Moved by: Don Carmichael  
Seconded by: Mike Kekkonen

19-318 That the Township of McKellar come out of closed session at 8:44 p.m. and reconvene the meeting.  
Carried

Moved by: Marco Ancinelli  
Seconded by: Morley Haskim

19-319 That the Township of McKellar accept the reports, recommendations and directions arising from the closed session held June 3, 2019.  
Carried

Moved by: Mike Kekkonen  
Seconded by: Marco Ancinelli

19-320 That the Township of McKellar approve Bruce Burgoyne's volunteer application for the Roads Services Review Adhoc Committee.  
Carried

Moved by: Mike Kekkonen  
Seconded by; Don Carmichael

19-321 That the Township of McKellar hereby give By-law No. 2019-33, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, First and Second reading;

And further Read a Third time and Passed in Open Council this 3rd day of June, 2019.  
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Moved by: Morley Haskim  
Seconded by: Marco Ancinelli

19-322 That the Township of McKellar adjourn to meet again on June 17, 2019 or at the call of the Mayor. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Carried

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Mayor

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Clerk