



## TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

### Council Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2021

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

**Staff:** CAO/Clerk, Lance Sherk  
Administrative/Treasury Assistant, Mary Smith

**Invited Guests:** John Jackson, Township Planner (via Zoom)

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

### ROLL CALL

Mayor Hopkins took Roll Call.

### RESPECT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DECLARATION

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is traditional unceded territory of the Anishnaabe and the Mississauga People.

### DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Hopkins asked Council if there was any Pecuniary Interest to declare. None declared

**Moved by: Councillor Ancinelli**

**Seconded by: Councillor Carmichael**

**21-182 Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve for the Agenda for this meeting, as presented.

**Carried**

### DELEGATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

**Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ancinelli**

**21-183 Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the delegation of Vanessa Backman and Kyra Cole from Tourism Parry Sound for information.

**Carried**

Mayor Hopkins thanked Ms. Backman and Ms. Cole for their delegation on behalf of Tourism Parry Sound.

**Moved by: Councillor Ancinelli**

**Seconded by: Councillor Carmichael**

**21-184 Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the presentation of the 2020 Draft Financial Statement from Carl Pahapill and Drew Pahapill of Pahapill and Associates, Chartered Accountants for information.

**Carried**

Mayor Hopkins thanked Mr.(s) Pahapill for their presentation of the 2020 Draft Financial Statement.

### ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ancinelli**

**21-185 Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the minutes of the April 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council, and the April 20, and May 4, 2021 Special Meetings of Council.

**Carried**



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**PLANNING MATTERS**

**Moved by: Councillor Carmichael**

**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**21-186** **Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Parry Sound Area Planning Board Resolution with respect to the Consent Application B13/2020 (McK0 – Margaret and Paul Ferguson).

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ancinelli**

**Seconded by: Councillor Carmichael**

**21-187** **Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law 2021-25, being a by-law to deem Lots 1, 2 and 3, Plan M-128, Township of McKellar, pursuant to Section 50(4) of the Planning Act, not to be on a Plan of Subdivision a First and Second Reading;

**And Further** Read a Third time and Passed in Open Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

**Carried**

**COMMITTEE/BOARD MINUTES WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

**Moved by: Councillor Ancinelli**

**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**21-188** **Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the April 22, 2021 Draft Minutes of the Business Economic Development and Tourism Ad-hoc Committee.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Carmichael**

**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**21-189** **Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the March 4, 2020 Minutes of the McKellar Historical Committee.

**Carried**

**REPORTS WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

**Moved by: Councillor Carmichael**

**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**21-190** **Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Treasury Report T-2021-08 – Mileage Reimbursement, for information.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Carmichael**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ancinelli**

**21-191** **Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the update on Mileage Reimbursements Rates from 55 cents to 59 cents up to 5,000 km., and 53 cents per km after that.

**Carried**

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERTATION**

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Carmichael**

**21-192** **Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Correspondence for Consideration.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ancinelli**



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Seconded by: Councillor Carmichael

- 21-193** **Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby support Resolution R2021-101 from the Township of Strong, that Covid-19 vaccine allocation be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in phase 1 to enable them to catch up to those regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa.

Carried

### MOTION AND NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by: Councillor Carmichael

Seconded by: Councillor Ancinelli

- 21-194** **WHEREAS** the Township of McKellar wants to thank our District EMS (Emergency Management Services) responders for their excellent support and service for our residents over the years;

**AND WHEREAS** the Township of McKellar sees room for major improvement for the EMS in the following three areas;

- 1) current McKellar 2021 budget request of \$204,713.34, which reflects a 4.3% increase over the previous year's budget,
- 2) recent 2020 budget overrun of \$450,000 and supplementary levy of \$21,345.59 (4.75%),
- 3) ongoing concerns regarding committee makeup, fair and equal representation and a lack of communication with our Council;

**AND WHEREAS EMS** has requested a 4.3% increase in our local 2021 allocation for EMS services without consultation, when no other area services, such as OPP, Belvedere Heights, North Bay-Parry Sound District Health Unit, or Parry Sound District Social Services Administration Board have asked for an increase, and in one case, a reduction of \$10,000 was approved;

**AND WHEREAS EMS** without documentation or consultation sent an extra levy for 2020 to all EMS members of \$450,000.00 without applying to senior levels of government for assistance as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, and only after refusal to pay was a document and presentation made to Council. EMS is the only area service to add to their levy because of Covid-19, at the same time as municipalities are trying to cover their individual municipal and local pandemic costs through senior government support;

**AND WHEREAS** it is unknown if EMS ever applied for Provincial funds to cover costs;

**AND WHEREAS** McKellar pays an annual levy of \$190,000 for annual EMS services;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities financially supporting EMS should have representation;

**AND WHEREAS** McKellar has not had representation with EMS since the early 2000's and finds that paying this levy without representation to speak to the annual levy patently unfair;

**AND WHEREAS** numerous attempts to have three West Parry Sound municipalities agree to a four year fair and equitable representation rotation over the next sixteen years have been consistently rebuffed by other municipalities, despite having qualified representatives prepared to represent the Township;

**AND WHEREAS** over the years, McKellar Township's representative from another Municipality has failed to communicate notices of meetings, requests for Township



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input on agenda items, not requesting involvement in the budget process, not circulating meeting minutes, or circulating any EMS reports to Council in a timely manner;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Township of McKellar does recommend that EMS undergo an immediate operational review to look at efficiencies, budget processes, and communication enhancement between EMS and Councils;

**AND FURTHER THAT** a fair rotational system of representation on the EMS Board be developed;

**AND FURTHER THAT** this Resolution be forwarded to all District Members of the EMS Board, Parry Sound District Mayors, Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Norm Miller, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and the West Parry Sound Health Centre.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ancinelli**

**Seconded by: Councillor Carmichael**

**21-195**

**WHEREAS** the Government of Canada has implemented the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) to financially assist those in dire need during the Covid-19 pandemic;

**AND WHEREAS** the CERB grant has helped many Canadians in dire need;

**AND WHEREAS** many of those that applied were single women, single parents, lower income citizens without employment, and lacking in tax knowledge;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada did not initially inform CERB recipients that CERB was a taxable benefit;

**AND WHEREAS** when the CERB was merged with Employment Insurance Benefits (EI) in the fall of 2020, the Federal Government stated that they would have tax withheld similar to EI;

**AND WHEREAS** the Federal Government did not withhold tax on CERB for the second time, as promised;

**AND WHEREAS** CERB recipients are surprised to learn that they are expected to pay income tax on CERB funds;

**AND WHEREAS** these recipients were never advised of this issue;

**AND WHEREAS** these recipients are now faced with an added burden of paying unexpected taxes on CERB, which they can ill afford;

**AND WHEREAS** the Federal Government has, in the past, found ways to assist businesses and corporations through difficult times by forgiving large loans and debts to the Government;

**AND WHEREAS** many businesses and corporations have the means to find ways to reduce their tax obligations;

**AND WHEREAS** those most in need do not have the means or understanding of the tax system and are simply trying to survive and cope with the effects of Covid-19, feed their families and put a roof over their head;

**NOW THEREFORE**, since the Federal Government did not inform the recipients of the CERB grant that it is taxable;



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**AND FURTHER** when the CERB grant and EI were merged, the Federal Government did not, as they stated, withhold tax from CERB as they did on EI, and are now insisting CERB recipients repay as much as \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 in tax, which they can ill afford to pay;

**THEREFORE** we urge the Federal Government to address this serious issue and consider giving disadvantaged CERB recipients a tax break for 2020, or giving them a tax credit for 2021;

**AND FURTHER**, that this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Federal Minister of Finance, Parry Sound-Muskoka MP Scott Atchison, and Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Carmichael

Seconded by: Councillor Ancinelli

21-196

**WHEREAS** there will be a municipal election held in November 2022;

**AND WHEREAS** all 440 municipalities will have to close to 5,000 local candidates running for Municipal Councils;

**AND WHEREAS** all Federal candidates can raise funds and issue official tax receipts for election purposes, under strict regulations;

**AND WHEREAS** all Provincial candidates can raise funds and issue official tax receipts for election purposes, under strict regulations;

**AND WHEREAS** all Municipal candidates can only raise funds for election purposes under strict regulations, but are not allowed to issue official tax receipts;

**AND WHEREAS** candidates for Federal elections can legally claim their net election expenses on their next income tax submission;

**AND WHEREAS** candidates for Provincial elections can legally claim their net election expenses on their next income tax submission;

**AND WHEREAS** Municipal candidates are not permitted to claim any election expenses on their next income tax submission;

**AND WHEREAS** we find this current practice is not only unjust and unfair but discriminatory to municipal candidates.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of McKellar requests the Government of Ontario and the Federal Government of Canada review these discriminatory and unfair practices and revise their regulations to allow municipal candidates to issue official tax receipts and claim net election expenses similar to Federal and Provincial candidates before the next municipal election in November 2022;

**AND FURTHER THAT** copies of this resolution be sent to The Honourable Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada, The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Federal Minister of Finance, The Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Ontario Minister of Finance, Parry Sound-Muskoka MP, Scott Atchison, Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP Norm Miller, AMO, FONOM, NOMA, ROMA and all Ontario Municipalities.

Carried

## BY-LAWS

Moved by: Councillor Ancinelli

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim



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**21-197**      **WHEREAS** section 34(17) of the *Planning Act* provides where a change is made in a proposed zoning by-law after the holding of the public meeting, the Council shall determine whether any further notice is to be given in respect of the proposed by-law;

**AND WHEREAS** there have been changes to the proposed by-law after notice of it was originally circulated;

**AND WHEREAS** a public meeting was held and Council has given proposed Zoning By-law No. 2019-23 two readings;

**AND WHEREAS** no further amendments are proposed to be made;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby declares that the aforementioned changes to proposed Zoning By-law No. 2019-23 are hereby deemed to be minor in nature and that no further notice is required.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Carmichael**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**21-198**      **Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law 2019-23, being a By-law to regulate the use of land and the character, location and use of buildings and structures in the Township of McKellar, as amended in sections 3.10 and 9.02, a Third Reading and Passed in Open Council this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

**Carried**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Moved by: Councillor Carmichael**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Ancinelli**

**21-199**      **WHEREAS** the West Parry Sound Economic Development Collaborative (WPSEFC) is a partnership between the seven municipalities of West Parry Sound, originally created in 2018 with a mandate to improve the region's business environment;

**AND WHEREAS** member municipalities approved the WPSEDC Terms of Reference in early 2018, which created a collaborative governance model involving a Board of Municipal Stakeholders, a Core Group of Advisors, a Steering Committee, and a Regional Economic Development Officer (EDO);

**AND WHEREAS** the Steering Committee and the Regional EDO are the only elements of this model that have been implemented to date;

**AND WHEREAS** FedNor approved funding for a period ending November 2023 to hire a Regional Economic Development Officer for a three (3) year term, with contributing funding coming from member municipalities;

**AND WHEREAS** all member municipalities passed resolutions of Council in October 2020 confirming their commitment to the WPSEDC;

**AND WHEREAS** the Steering Committee and the Regional EDO have recommended amendments to the WPSEDC Terms of Reference in order to reflect current operating procedures and economic development priorities;

**AND WHEREAS** the WPSEDC structure requires a Board of Stakeholder Municipalities, comprised of the Heads of Council (or designate) of the member municipalities, to provide high-level strategic direction to the WPSEDC;



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**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Municipality adopts the updated WPSEDC Terms of Reference;

**AND FURTHER** that the Municipality hereby appoints Councillor Ancinelli to the Board of Stakeholder Municipalities.

**Carried**

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

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hopkins reported that the Recreation Committee "Cleanup McKellar" day was very successful, with fifty-one participants, representing three municipalities cleaning up garbage and debris that pollutes the environment. Special thanks to the following local businesses that supplied draw prizes:

Beaver Creek Farm, McKellar General Store, Middle River Farm, The Outpost, Scooby's and The Wind Flows.

Council held a Special Meeting on May 4, 2021 to finalize the 2021 Budget and have scheduled a Special Public Meeting on June 10, 2021 at 6:30 to allow input from ratepayers.

The Emergency Management Committee has recommended that the State of Emergency be ended July 21, 2021. The incidence of Covid-19 in our district remains relatively low, and vaccinations are now available at Pollard's Drug Store and at Shopper's Drug Mart. We remain in a provincial lockdown until May 20<sup>th</sup>.

The Lake Stewardship and Environmental Ad-hoc Committee met on April 17<sup>th</sup> and will be making a recommendation to Council that they move to become a standing committee of Council. They are busy finalizing their final report which is to be completed this fall and are preparing a PowerPoint presentation to be presented to the public this summer.

#### CONSENT AGENDA – CORRESPONDENCE

**Moved by: Councillor Carmichael**

**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**21-200 Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Consent Agenda.

**Carried**

#### CLOSED SESSION

**Moved by: Councillor Ancinelli**

**Seconded by: Councillor Carmichael**

**21-201 Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar, pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, move into closed session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss the following items;

Minutes of Closed Sessions.

- i) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees 239(2)b
  - Review Ad-hoc Committee Volunteer Applications
  - Volunteer Firefighter's Association request
- ii) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board 239(2)(c)
  - Proposed purchase of a portion of Deerfield Road



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- iii) A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. 2001, c. 25, s. 239 (2); 2017, c. 1, Sch.1, s. 26.

- WPS Pool and Wellness Centre

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ancinelli**

- 21-202 Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene to open session at 9:15 p.m.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ancinelli**

**Seconded by: Councillor Carmichael**

- 21-203 Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby accept the reports, recommendations and directions arising from the closed session held May 11, 2021.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ancinelli**

**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

- 21-204 Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby appoint the following persons to the Business, Economic Development and Tourism Ad-hoc Committee.

**David Murray, Marianne Henskens**

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Carmichael**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ancinelli**

- 21-205 Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby appoint the following persons to the Sesquicentennial Committee.

**Lynne Aylsworth, Virginia Miller, Joyce Hopkins**

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Carmichael**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ancinelli**

- 21-206 Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby appoint the following persons to the Property Rental Committee.

**Kim Ten Hoeve, Don Gallagher, Eric Klimstra, Vanessa McBride, Wanda Muirhead, Leslie Rich, Douglas Hunt, LeAnne Armano, Howard Sproxtton, Owen Lennox, Grant Scobie, Doug Moore, Scott Buckingham, Tony Best**

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Carmichael**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ancinelli**

- 21-207 Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby accept the offer from the Manitouwabing Peninsula Road Services Corporation Limited, to purchase a portion of Deerfield Road, identified as Roll No, 492800000307410 for the nominal price of \$2.00 (two dollars and no cents) only. Manitouwabing Peninsula Road Services Corporation Limited accepts responsibility for all costs incurred to complete the transfer of title.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ancinelli**





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**21-208**      **Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby recognize the resignation of Maureen Anderson from the Historical Committee effective May 11, 2021.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ancinelli**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**21-209**      **Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2021-26, 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Carmichael**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**21-210**      **Be It Resolved That** the Council of the Township of McKellar does hereby adjourn this meeting at 9:26 p.m.

**Carried**

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Peter Hopkins, Mayor

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Lance Sherk, CAO/Clerk