



**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR**

**Council Meeting Minutes**

**December 17, 2024**

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

**Present:** Mayor David Moore  
Councillors Morley Haskim, Mike Kekkonen, Nick Ryeland, Debbie Zulak  
**Staff:** Clerk/Administrator, Karlee Britton

**DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**Moved by: Councillor Ryeland**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**24-658** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Agenda for this Regular Meeting of Council, as amended to Move Item 11.1 Delegation and Presentations to precede Item 10.1 Public Meeting; and to Remove Item 21.5.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**24-659** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar, pursuant to the Ontario Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, as amended, move into closed session at 6:01 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- 5.1 Minutes of Closed Session – December 3, 2024; December 5, 2024; and December 10, 2024
- 5.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2) (b) – Appointment (1) and Resignation (1) from Township Boards/Committees; Appointments to the Fire Department; Contract Negotiations with an Independent Contractor

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**24-660** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into open session of Council at 6:32 p.m.

**Carried**

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

**Present:** Mayor David Moore  
Councillors Morley Haskim, Mike Kekkonen, Nick Ryeland, Debbie Zulak  
**Staff:** Clerk/Administrator, Karlee Britton  
Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya *for his respective items on the agenda*



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### RESPECT AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DECLARATION

In the spirit of reconciliation and co-operation, we wish to acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Mississauga people. Its boundaries fall within the Robinson-Huron Treaty of 1850 and the Williams Treaty of 1923. We are grateful to live here and we thank all the generations of people who have taken care of this land for thousands of years. To honour the suffering of Indigenous people and the love and wisdom they have carried for thousands of years, we pledge to work in community and harmony with each other and the environment we inhabit and work towards Truth and Reconciliation.

### DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND/OR PERSONAL INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**24-661** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby accept the reports, recommendations and directions arising from the closed session held December 17, 2024.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ryeland**

**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**24-662** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the deputation from Andrew Pahapill, Associate Partner with Pahapill & Associates Professional Corporation presenting the Township's Draft 2023 Financial Statements.

**Carried**

*Items 21.4 and 17.3 were discussed with the Treasurer prior to his departure from the meeting. Council deliberated on these resolutions and voted on them during their scheduled order on the agenda.*

Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

**Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Zulak**

**24-663** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby move into a Public Meeting at 7:38 p.m. allowing for public comment on the proposed closure and sale of the Original Road Allowance between Part Lot 1, Concession 9, in the Municipality of McDougall, in the District of Parry Sound; and Part Lot 35, Concession 5, in the Township of McKellar, in the District of Parry Sound, designated as Parts 1-10 on Registered Plan 42R22594, as applied for by Niall and Sima Bracken.

**Carried**

### PUBLIC MEETING

Clerk/Administrator Karlee Britton provided Council with a summary regarding the application for the closure of the Original Road Allowance. The summary included an outline of the procedures undertaken by the Township of McKellar and the Municipality of McDougall as the road allowance falls on a Municipal boundary.

The applicant, Sima Bracken, had no additional comments other than expressing that she and Mr. Bracken are eager to see the application completed.



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**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**24-664** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into regular session of Council at 7:43 p.m.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Zulak**

**24-665** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council; and December 5, 2024 and December 10, 2024 Special Meetings of Council, as circulated.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ryeland**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**24-666** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby deem the Original Road Allowance between Part Lot 1, Concession 9, in the Municipality of McDougall, in the District of Parry Sound; and Part Lot 35, Concession 5, in the Township of McKellar, in the District of Parry Sound, designated as Parts 1-10 on Registered Plan 42R22594, surplus.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**24-667** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby appoint the Whole of Council for one (1) year, and Reg Moore for the present term of Council, to sit on the Township's Committee of Adjustment; and **FURTHER THAT** Resolution No. 23-704 is hereby rescinded.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**24-668** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the October 23, 2024 meeting of the District of Parry Sound West (Belvedere Heights) Board of Management.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Zulak**

**24-669** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the September 30, 2024 and October 29, 2024 meetings of the Township of McKellar Public Library Board.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ryeland**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**24-670** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the October 16, 2024 & November 27, 2024 meetings of the NBPSDHU Board of Health; April 24, 2024 meeting of the Personnel Policy, Employee/Labour Relations Committee; and the June 26, 2024 meeting of the Finance and Property Committee.

**Carried**



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**Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Zulak**

**24-671 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the McKellar Market's 2024 Market Report from Market Manager, Jan Gibson for information purposes.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**24-672 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report FD-2024-24 Month End Status Update for November 2024 from Fire Chief, Robert Morrison for information purposes.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**Seconded by: Councillor Zulak**

**24-673 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Accounts Payable Preliminary Cheque Run Report for November 2024 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya for information purposes.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ryeland**

**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**24-674 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby support the Town of Parry Sound's Resolution No. 24-184, emphasizing the importance of retaining Canada Post services, other government services, and associated jobs at 74 James Street, Parry Sound; and

**FURTHER THAT** this support Resolution be forwarded to the Town of Parry Sound, Parry Sound-Muskoka MP, Scott Aitchison and Parry Sound-Muskoka MPP, Graydon Smith.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**24-675 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby support the Parry Sound Curling Clubs funding application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund and the Ontario Trillium Foundation for accessibility improvements to the Curling Club building.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**

**Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**24-676 BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board CAO's Report for October 2024, for information purposes.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**

**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**24-677 WHEREAS** Starlink has proven to be a reliable and effective provider of internet service for both the operations at 701 Highway 124 and the provision of free public Wi-Fi;



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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby directs staff to terminate the internet service with Vianet for the Municipal Building located at 701 Highway 124, McKellar.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Ryeland**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Haskim**

**24-678** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2024-82, Being a to Amend By-law No. 95-12, with respect to lands legally described as CON 12 PT LOTS 33 TO 35 RP 42R7768 PARTS 5, 6 AND 7 RP 42R21796 PART 1 McKellar (McBride) a First and Second reading;

**And further Read a Third time and Passed** in Open Council this 17th day of December, 2024.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**24-679** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2024-88, Being a By-law to Stop Up, Close and Sell Part of the Original Road Allowance between Part Lot 1, Concession 9, in the Municipality of McDougall, in the District of Parry Sound; and Part Lot 35, Concession 5, in the Township of McKellar, in the District of Parry Sound, designated as Parts 1-10 on Registered Plan 42R22594 (Bracken), a First and Second reading;

**And further Read a Third time and Passed** in Open Council this 17th day of December, 2024.

**Carried**

**Moved by: Councillor Haskim**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland**

**24-680** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2024-89, Being a By-law to Enter into an Agreement with SimplyCast for Notification Software, a First and Second reading;

**And further Read a Third time and Passed** in Open Council this 17th day of December, 2024.

**Deferred**

**Moved by: Councillor Zulak**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen**

**24-681** **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2024-90, Being a By-law to Authorize a Loan Guarantee for the Belvedere Heights Home for the Aged Board of Management, a First and Second reading;

**And further Read a Third time and Passed** in Open Council this 17th day of December, 2024.

**Deferred**



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Moved by: Councillor Ryeland  
Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

24-682 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the consent agenda for correspondence.

Carried

QUESTION/COMMENT PERIOD (RELATED TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA)

There were no questions from the in-person audience or via Zoom.

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen  
Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

24-683 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2024-91, Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council, a First and Second reading;

And further Read a Third time and Passed in Open Council this 17th day of December, 2024.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim  
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

24-684 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 8:31 p.m. to meet again on January 14, 2025; or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

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David Moore, Mayor

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Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator