



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2025

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:15 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
Deputy Clerk, Mary Smith

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

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-026 **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 presented.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-027 **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 6:16 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- 5.1 Minutes of Closed Session – January 14, 2025
- 5.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(b) - Appointment to Township Committee

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-028 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into open session of Council at 6:33 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

Present: Mayor David Moore
Councillors Morley Haskim, Mike Kekkonen, Nick Ryeland, Debbie Zulak
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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 Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-029 **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 January 28, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-030 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the deputation from Chris McDonald, Executive Director of the Parry Sound Area Chamber of Commerce requesting a Municipal Contribution for the Chamber of Commerce for 2025; and

FURTHER THAT the request will be discussed at the upcoming budget meeting.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-031 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the January 14, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-032 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the January 11, 2024; February 8, 2024; March 14, 2024; April 11, 2024; May 9, 2024; June 13, 2024; September 12, 2024; October 10, 2024; and November 14, 2024, meetings of the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board, for information purposes.

Carried



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

25-033 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives Report T-2025-01 Tax Arrears Status as of December 31, 2024 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes; and

FURTHER directs the Treasurer to engage RealTax to initiate the tax sale process for the four properties with the highest outstanding tax arrears, as identified in the aforementioned report.

Carried

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

25-034 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives the Accounts Payable Preliminary Cheque Run Report for December 2024 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried

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

25-035 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives the Annual Building Department Report for 2024 from Chief Building Official, Chris Bordeleau, for information purposes.

Carried

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

25-036 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives Report PLN-2025-01 Planning Activity Review for Year 2024 from Clerk/Administrator, Karlee Britton, for information purposes.

Carried

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

25-037 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives Report ADMIN-2025-01, Draft Request for Proposal to Conduct a Pay Equity Review and Update the Township's Human Resources Policy from Clerk/Administrator, Karlee Britton; and

FURTHER THAT staff be directed to issue the Request for Proposal to solicit bids from qualified consultants, and subsequently prepare a comprehensive report evaluating the proposals, enabling Council to make an informed decision on the appropriate course of action.

Defeated



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Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-038 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives Report FD-2025-1 Month End Status Update for December 2024 from Fire Chief, Robert Morrison, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-039 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the AMCTO Conference Registration Package; and
FURTHER THAT Council does authorize Deputy Clerk, Mary Smith to attend the AMCTO 2025 Conference from June 9, 2025 to June 11, 2025 with all applicable expenses to be paid for by the Township.

DIVISION VOTE

YEAS: Councillors Haskim, Ryeland and Zulak
NAYS: Councillor Kekkonen and Mayor Moore
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: None.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-040 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Consent Agenda for correspondence.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-041 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-08, Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council, a First and Second reading;

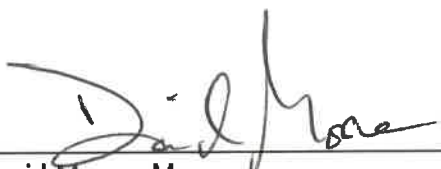
And further Read a Third time and Passed in Open Council this 28th day of January, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-042 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 8:28 p.m. to meet again on January 31, 2025 for a Special Meeting of Council to present the draft 2025 operating budget; or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried



David Moore, Mayor



Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator