



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2025

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 - NONE

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland
Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-113 **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 Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-114 **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 5:31 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- 5.1 Minutes of Closed Session - March 4, 2025
- 5.2 Acquisition or disposition of land; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(c) – Acquisition of land for new Ballfield
- 5.3 Labour relations or employee negotiations; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(d) – Review of the Township's Human Resources Policy

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen
Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-115 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into open session of Council at 6:43 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:43 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 - NONE

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-116 **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 March 18, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-117 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby move into a Public Meeting at 6:45 p.m. under Section 34 of the *Planning Act* to review a Zoning By-law Amendment application to rezone the subject property at 27 Madigan Lane (formerly Fire Route 102) as applied for by Joe Jamieson to fulfill a condition of consent application B56/2022.

Carried

PUBLIC MEETING

Jamie Batchelor, RPP from J.L. Richards & Associates, provided an overview of the rezoning application, presented the findings outlined in the Planner's memo and answered questions presented by Council via Zoom.

Patrick Christie from the Parry Sound Area Planning Board attended to address questions related to Consent Application B56/2022 by Council via Zoom.

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-118 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby move into regular session at 7:13 p.m.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-119 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the deputation from Samantha Elliot, Account Executive with Brokerlink, presenting to Council the different insurance coverages for bridges within the Township.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-120 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of May 16, 2024, Special (Budget) Meeting of Council, and the May 30, 2024, Special Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-121 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the March 4, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council, and March 7, 2025, Special Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-122 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the proposed consent to create one (1) new waterfront lot and a right-of-way in Part of Lots 32 & 33, Concession 4, Township of McKellar as applied for by Fred and Edith Flood in Application No. B44/2024(McK) be supported subject to the following conditions:

1. Payment of a fee in lieu of parkland as required in the Township of McKellar fee By-Law;
2. That the Roadway Access Agreement dated January 24, 2023, shall remain on title for the newly severed lands. If, during the transfer process, the agreement does not remain on title as an instrument, the applicant shall enter into a new Roadway Access Agreement, registered on title, to the satisfaction of the Municipality, incorporating all aspects of the original agreement, including the FRiCorp site evaluation report.
3. 911 Addressing for the proposed new lot;
4. Payment of any applicable planning board fees.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-123 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Finance and Property Board of Health Meeting for December 4, 2024.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-124 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit – Board of Health Meeting for January 22, 2025.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-125 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the Town of Parry Sound Emergency Medical Services Committee Meeting for February 27, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-126 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the Township of McKellar Public Library Board Meeting for January 27, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-127 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the Township of McKellar Recreation Committee Meeting for February 27, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-128 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report T-2025-02 Statement of the Council Remuneration and Expenses Report 2024 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Deferred

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-129 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives the Accounts Payable Report for February 2025 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-130 **WHEREAS** the Township has received a Donation/Grant Application request from the West Parry Sound District Museum; and

WHEREAS the West Parry Sound District Museum serves the West Parry Sound District through the collection and preservation of tangible historical objects, such as artifacts, archival materials such as journals and newspapers and photographs. This preservation requires an environment with controlled climates, humidity, pests, dust, and light sources; and



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WHEREAS museums play an important part in the health of any community and the wealth of information they store help communities to learn from the past, create a sense of unity, of community pride and are an important part of a tourism economy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby donate the requested amount of \$1000.00 to the West Parry Sound District Museum for general operation activities, with 5% of the contribution to be set aside for Capital Reserves; and

FURTHER that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the West Parry Sound District Museum 2024 Annual Report and the 2025 Financial Statement, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-131 **WHEREAS** the Township has received the Terms of Reference for Community Appointments to the West Parry Sound O.P.P. Detachment Board; and

WHEREAS Council, at its Regular Meeting on March 4, 2025, passed Resolution No. 25-099, accepting the Terms of Reference with amendments; and

WHEREAS a majority of the seven West Parry Sound Area Municipalities have since adopted the Terms of Reference without amendments; and

WHEREAS any modifications to the Terms of Reference would require circulation to all seven Municipalities, resulting in delays to the community appointment process;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby adopts the attached Terms of Reference for Community Appointments to the West Parry Sound O.P.P. Detachment Board; and

FURTHER THAT Council appoints Clerk/Administrator, Karlee Britton to the Community Appointee Advisory Committee, for a term concurrent with that of Council; and

FURTHER THAT Ms. Britton shall provide Council with all redacted applications received, ensuring transparency in the selection process by allowing Council to review both the recommended and non-recommended applicants; and

FURTHER THAT Resolution No. 25-099 is hereby rescinded.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-132 **WHEREAS** the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the end to the postal strike and the resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the Canada Labour Code; and

WHEREAS the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, created an Industrial Inquiry Commission under Section 108 of Canada Labour Code, led by William Kaplan, that will work with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office, including possible changes to the Canadian Postal Service Charter; and



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WHEREAS Canada Post is, first and foremost, a public service; and

WHEREAS the Commission has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements between CUPW and Canada Post, the financial situation of Canada Post, Canada Post's expressed need to diversify and/or alter its delivery models in the face of current business demands, the viability of the business as it is currently configured, CUPW's negotiated commitments to job security, full-time employment, and the need to protect the health and safety of workers; and

WHEREAS the Commission only has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government and make recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post; and

WHEREAS while there is room for written input, the Commission process is not widely publicized, nor equivalent to a full and thorough public service review of Canada Post's mandate allowing for all stakeholder input, as has been undertaken by previous governments; and

WHEREAS it will be crucial for the Commission to hear our views on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the Canadian Postal Service Charter, home mail delivery, parcel delivery, keeping daily delivery, adding postal banking, greening Canada Post, EV charging stations, food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible -and at the same time, helping to ensure Canada Post's financial self-sustainability; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby provide input, attached as Schedule 'A' to this Resolution, to the Commission in the form of a written submission; and

FURTHER THAT the Township of McKellar will write the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, and the Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada, Jean-Yves Duclos, who is responsible for Canada Post, to demand that no changes be made to the Canada Post Corporation Act, Canada Post's mandate or the Canadian Postal Service Charter without a full, thorough, public review of Canada Post, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada.

Schedule 'A' to Resolution No. 25-132

[Letter on Township Letterhead & Dated]

Via Email: edsc.cdi-iic.esdc@labour-travail.gc.ca

Subject: Continued Support for the McKellar, Ontario Canada Post Outlet

Dear Canada Industrial Inquiry Commission,

On behalf of the Council of the Township of McKellar, I am writing to express Council's strong support for the continued operation of the McKellar Canada Post outlet. This service is essential to our rural community, providing reliable access to mail and parcel delivery, financial services, and other critical postal operations.

Council has long recognized the importance of maintaining a local post office, even during challenging periods. When the Postmaster position remained vacant for an



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extended time, our community faced uncertainty, yet we remained committed to keeping the outlet open. Now, with a new Postmaster in place, we are pleased to see stability return and are actively working to support their efforts to maintain and enhance service delivery.

To reinforce the significance of the McKellar Post Office, the Township has taken proactive steps, including providing the retail space at a discounted rate. We recognize that postal services in rural areas are not just about mail; they are a critical part of community life, supporting local businesses, seniors, and residents who may not have the ability to travel long distances to access postal services elsewhere.

Beyond the immediate importance of keeping the McKellar outlet open, we strongly support maintaining the moratorium on post office closures and improving the Canadian Postal Service Charter to better serve rural and remote communities. We also recognize the importance of expanding services, including:

- Preserving home mail delivery and daily delivery services;
- Enhancing parcel delivery, particularly as e-commerce grows;
- Establishing postal banking to provide financial services in underserved areas;
- Greening Canada Post by incorporating sustainable practices, including EV charging stations;
- Expanding food/meal delivery services to improve food security in rural areas;
- Improving delivery services to rural, remote, and Indigenous communities;
- Developing programs that assist people with disabilities and allow older Canadians to remain in their homes longer; and
- Strengthening Canada Post's financial self-sustainability while maintaining its role as an essential public service.

Canada Post plays a vital role in ensuring equitable service across the country, and we urge you to take the necessary steps to support and enhance postal services, particularly in rural areas like McKellar. We remain committed to working with Canada Post to ensure the long-term sustainability of the McKellar outlet and the broader postal network.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to your continued support in keeping the McKellar Canada Post outlet open at 701 Highway 124 McKellar, Ontario and serving our residents.

Sincerely,

Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator

cc:

Steven MacKinnon, Federal Minister of Labour
Jean-Yves Duclos, Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada
Scott Aitchison, Parry Sound-Muskoka Member of Parliament
Jan Simpson, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers
Rebecca Bligh, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-133

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-Law No. 2025-16, Being a By-law to amend By-law No. 95-12, as amended, with respect to lands legally described as PT LT 29 CON 14 MCKELLAR AS



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IN RO182713; McKellar (27 Madigan Lane, formerly Fire Route 102) (Jamieson), a First and Second reading;

And further Read a Third time and Passed in Open Council this 18th day of March, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-134 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-Law No. 2025-17 Being a By-law to Authorize the Acquisition of Parts 1, 4 and 5, Plan 42R22320 in the Township of McKellar (Jamieson), a First and Second reading;

And further Read a Third time and Passed in Open Council this 18th day of March, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

25-135 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-Law No. 2025-18 a By-Law to Approve The Submission of an Application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation ("OILC") For The Long-Term Financing of Certain Capital Work(s) of Corporation of The Township of McKellar (The "Municipality"); and To Authorize The Entering Into of a Rate Offer Letter Agreement Pursuant To Which The Municipality Will Issue Debentures To OILC (Application No. 1991), a First and Second reading;

And further Read a Third time and Passed in Open Council this 18th day of March, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-136 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)

Lawrence Rubin asked questions regarding items relating to the agenda and discussion took place via Zoom.

Moved by: Councillor Nick Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Mike Kekkonen

25-137 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-19, 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 18th day of March, 2025.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-138 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 8:42 p.m. to meet again on April 1, 2025, for a Regular Meeting of Council; or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

David Moore, Mayor

Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator

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