



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

March 4, 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

Councillor Zulak declared a pecuniary/personal interest for Item 5.3 under Closed Session.

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-090 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 add Item 5.5 Labour relations or employee negotiations; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(d) – employee negotiations.

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

25-091 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 – February 18, 2025 & February 25, 2025
- 5.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(b) - Update to Council regarding a fire call within the Township containing private matters
- 5.3 Acquisition or disposition of land; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(c) – Land acquisition
- 5.4 Litigation or potential litigation; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(e) – Update on current litigation
- 5.5 Labour relations or employee negotiations; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 230(2)(d) – employee negotiations.

Carried

Councillor Debbie Zulak left the meeting 5:43 pm and re-entered the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Deputy Clerk Mary Smith left the meeting at 5:59 pm and re-entered the meeting at 6:38 pm for open session.

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-092 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into open session of Council at 6:38 p.m.

Carried



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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

Councillor Zulak declared a pecuniary/personal interest for Item 5.3 under Closed Session.

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

25-093 **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 4, 2025.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim

25-094 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council and February 25, 2025, Special Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried

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

25-095 **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 6, 2025, for information purposes.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-096 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby receives Report FD-2025-03 Month End Status Update for February 2025 from Fire Chief, Robert Morrison, for information purposes.

Carried

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

25-097 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the request from the Downtown Parry Sound Business Association – 2nd Annual Maple Syrup Festival to participate with a message as advertising in their booklet for a small donation of \$1000.00 to assist with printing costs and invite all Mayors, Reeves and Chiefs to join them on the day of the event; and
FURTHER that the Township of McKellar continues to contribute to its local Annual McKellar Ribfest and no donation to the Parry Sound Maple Syrup Festival is being considered for this year.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Morley Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Debbie Zulak

25-098 **WHEREAS** the Township has received a request from Budget Propane to run Three Axle Trucks with a load not to exceed 6700 kg/axle during the reduced load period (half loads); and
WHEREAS Section 122(2) of the *Ontario Highway Traffic Act* provides that (a) no two axle tank-truck, while used exclusively for the transportation of liquid or gaseous heating fuel shall be operated upon any designated highway where the weight upon an axle exceeds 7,500 kilograms; and

WHEREAS the delivery of propane for home heating fuel is an essential service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby grant the request from Budget Propane (Gravenhurst) for the extension of the interpretation of Section 122 (2) for vehicles used exclusively for the transportation of liquid or gaseous heating fuel to include three axle (tandem rear axle) commercial vehicles, such that they may carry a weight of 6700 kilograms per axle.

Defeated

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

25-099 **WHEREAS** the Township has received the Terms of Reference for Community Appointments to the West Parry Sound O.P.P. Detachment Board; and
WHEREAS the Community Appointee Advisory Committee shall be comprised of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) or alternate from each member of the council of the municipality or band council of the First Nation appointed to the West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board; and

WHEREAS the eight (8) member municipalities and First Nation are Carling Township, Henvey Inlet First Nation, Municipality of McDougall, McKellar Township, Town of



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Parry Sound, Seguin Township, The Archipelago Township, and the Municipality of Whitestone;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby appoint Clerk/Administrator Karlee Britton to the Community Appointee Advisory Committee which shall begin upon formal appointment by the Member Council and shall follow the term of Council; and

FURTHER that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby accept the Terms of Reference for the Community Appointments to the West Parry Sound O.P.P. Detachment Board as amended to have all applications submitted to each Member of Council for review.

Carried

**Moved by: Councillor Debbie Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Morley Haskim**

25-100 **WHEREAS** Tender 2024-15 Purchase of one (1) Class 5 Gasoline, 4 Wheel Drive, Crew Cab Dump Truck was awarded at the October 1, 2024, Regular meeting of Council; and

WHEREAS the Township of McKellar placed an order with Mac Lang, Sundridge, which was in turn cancelled by Dodge due to manufacturing restrictions; and

WHEREAS those restrictions have been since lifted but have affected the purchase price of the vehicle; and

WHEREAS Mac Lang, Sundridge, was the sole bidder for Tender 2024-15;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby authorize the capital purchase of a Ram 5500, four-wheel drive truck with dump box in the amount of \$93,911.00, plus licensing (No HST) \$375.00, plus HST of \$12,208.43 for a total amount of \$106,494.43, from Mac Lang Sundridge.

Carried

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

25-101 **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 Debbie Zulak**

25-102 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2025-14, 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 4th day of March, 2025.

Carried



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

Lawrence Rubin commented from Zoom, audio for Mayor and Council working great, audio for Karlee hard to hear. More information on Public Works Tender for Truck would have helped for audience to follow along. Discussion took place regarding Fire Department medical calls.

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

25-103 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 7:34 p.m. to meet again on March 7, 2025, for a Special Meeting of Council, or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

David Moore, Mayor

Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator