



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2024

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 4:30 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

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

24-569 **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 remove Item 20.3. Appointments to the West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

24-570 **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 4:31 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- 5.1 Minutes of Closed Session – October 15, 2024
- 5.2 Personal matters about an identifiable individual; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(b) – Appointments to West Parry Sound OPP Detachment Board, Resignation of Member of Township Committee and Property Tax Billing Dispute
- 5.3 Labour relations or employee negotiations; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(d) – Employee Employment Contracts, By-law Enforcement Recruitment and Administrative Assistant Recruitment

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

24-571 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby reconvene into open session of Council at 6:34 p.m.

Carried

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 6:34 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 Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

24-572 **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 November 5, 2024.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

24-573 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the deputation from Secretary-Treasurer, Don Carmichael and Board Chair, Pam Wing of the Belvedere Heights Board of Management providing Council and the public with an update to the addition of 22 beds at Belvedere Heights.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

24-574 **WHEREAS** in June 2024 all eight municipal owners of Belvedere Heights long term care home endorsed the proposal to add up to 24 new long- term care beds; and

WHEREAS the opportunity to receive a \$35 per diem construction funding subsidy needed to fund the new build is predicated, in part, on securing financing by the November 8th, 2024, deadline; and

WHEREAS Infrastructure Ontario provides an option to secure construction funding in October 2024 prior to the November deadline without an upfront guarantee from all eight municipalities; and

WHEREAS the Township of Carling has agreed to enter into agreement with Infrastructure Ontario to secure the construction loan on behalf of Belvedere Heights; and

WHEREAS Belvedere Heights will enter into a loan agreement with the Township of Carling guaranteeing payment of all financial obligations to Infrastructure Ontario for the borrowing costs;



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby endorse the Belvedere Heights proposal to enter into a loan agreement with the Township of Carling to support a two-year construction funding loan with the guarantee that Belvedere Heights will provide funds from operating reserves as required in advance of all Infrastructure Ontario payment terms.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

24-575 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the October 15, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

24-576 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the draft Conditions Met Letter to the Planning Board for Consent Application No. B07/2024 Zandberg; and

FURTHER authorize the letter to be signed and sent to the Planning Board.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

24-577 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law for the property legally described as CON 12 PT LOTS 33 TO 35, RP 42R7768 PARTS 5, 6, AND 7, RP 42R21796 PART 1 where the requested amendment seeks to change the zoning designation of the subject property from Inland Development (RU) to Special Provision (SP 16.80) to permit a detached garage as the primary use on a property without a main building or structure, while adhering to all other requirements of the Inland Development (RU) Zone.

FURTHER THAT the application is hereby deemed complete.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

24-578 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the September 25, 2024 meeting of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Board of Health.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

24-579 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the October 24, 2024 Meeting of the Town of Parry Sound EMS Advisory Committee.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

24-580 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the September 25, 2024 Meeting of the District of Parry Sound West (Belvedere Heights) Board of Management.

Carried

Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya entered the meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

24-581 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report T-2024-8 Budgetary Control Report for the Nine Months Ending September 30, 2024 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya for information purposes.

Carried

Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya left the meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

24-582 **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 September 2024, for information purposes.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

24-583 **WHEREAS** Ontario's forest industry is vital to the economy, employing 137,000 people and supporting community prosperity through substantial investments and resource management; and

WHEREAS challenges like increased U.S. tariffs, mill closures, and the need for enhanced infrastructure and energy support threaten Ontario's forest sector;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar supports FONOM's resolution urging the Ontario government to adopt measures that sustain investment, protect jobs, and ensure long-term growth in the forest industry; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this Resolution be sent to relevant ministers, opposition leaders, and municipal organizations.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

24-584 **WHEREAS** the Municipality of McDougall has submitted a request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to permit its withdrawal from the Parry Sound Area Planning Board; and

WHEREAS the Township of Carling has made a similar request, which, if approved, would leave only the Township of McKellar and the Municipality of Whitestone as the remaining members of the Planning Board; and



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WHEREAS McKellar and Whitestone, as smaller Municipalities, do not employ a dedicated in-house Planner due to the limited volume of consent applications, which does not justify the hiring of full-time planning staff; and

WHEREAS the potential dissolution of the Parry Sound Area Planning Board would impose substantial challenges and adverse effects on the remaining Municipalities, impacting their ability to effectively manage local planning needs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does not support the Municipality of McDougall's request to be removed from the Parry Sound Area Planning Board; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of McDougall, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Parry Sound Area Planning Board and all member Municipalities of the Parry Sound Area Planning Board for their information.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

24-585

WHEREAS official statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural roads are inherently more dangerous than other roads; and

WHEREAS despite only having 17% of the population, 55% of the road fatalities occur on rural roads; and

WHEREAS rural, northern, and remote municipalities are fiscally strained by maintaining extensive road networks on a smaller tax base; and

WHEREAS preventing crashes reduces the burden on Ontario's already strained rural health care system; and

WHEREAS roadway collisions and associated lawsuits are significant factors in runaway municipal insurance premiums. Preventing crashes can have a significant impact in improving municipal risk profiles;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario's rural roads; and

FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford; Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; Hon. Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure; Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. Lisa Thompson, Minister of Rural Affairs; Hon. Trevor Jones, Associate Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response; and Hon. Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health; and Good Roads.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

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WHEREAS the Township of McKellar anticipates a 20% increase to the Ontario Provincial Police levy for 2025;



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby support Resolution No. 229 of the Municipality of Tweed and further calls on the Ontario Government to immediately implement sustainable funding for small rural municipalities by reabsorbing the cost of the Ontario Provincial Police Force back into the provincial budget with no cost recovery to municipalities; and

FURTHER THAT this support resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Solicitor General, Minister of Finance, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Deferred

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

24-587 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby adopt the following Regular Council Meeting and Budget Meeting Schedule for 2025:

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| Tuesday, January 14, 2025 | Tuesday, July 15, 2025 |
| Friday, January 24, 2025 (First Budget Meeting) | Tuesday, August 5, 2025 |
| Tuesday, January 28, 2025 | Tuesday, August 19, 2025 |
| Tuesday, February 4, 2025 | Tuesday, September 2, 2025 |
| Tuesday, February 18, 2025 | Tuesday, September 16, 2025 |
| Tuesday, March 4, 2025 | Tuesday, October 7, 2025 |
| Friday, March 14, 2025 (Second Budget Meeting) | Tuesday, October 21, 2025 |
| Tuesday, March 18, 2025 | Tuesday, November 4, 2025 |
| Friday, March 28, 2025 (Third Budget Meeting) | Tuesday, November 18, 2025 |
| Tuesday, April 1, 2025 (Budget Adoption) | Tuesday, December 2, 2025 |
| Tuesday, April 15, 2025 | Tuesday, December 16, 2025 |
| Tuesday, May 6, 2025 | |
| Tuesday, May 20, 2025 | |
| Tuesday, June 3, 2025 | |
| Tuesday, June 17, 2025 | |
| Wednesday, July 2, 2025 (as Tuesday, July 1, 2025 is a statutory holiday) | |

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak

Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

24-588 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the following 2025 Holiday Schedule for the Municipal Office and Community Centre;

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| New Year's Day | Wednesday, January 1, 2025 |
| Family Day | Monday, February 17, 2025 |
| Good Friday | Friday, April 18, 2025 |
| Easter Monday | Monday, April 21, 2025 |
| Victoria Day | Monday, May 19, 2025 |
| Canada Day | Tuesday, July 1, 2025 |
| Civic Holiday | Monday, August 4, 2025 |
| Labour Day | Monday, September 1, 2025 |
| Thanksgiving Day | Monday, October 13, 2025 |
| Remembrance Day | Tuesday, November 11, 2025 |
| Christmas Eve | Wednesday, December 24, 2025 (Office & Community Centre close at 12:00 pm) |
| Christmas Day | Thursday, December 25, 2025 |
| Boxing Day | Friday, December 26, 2025 |



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Christmas Break Monday, December 29, 2025 to Friday, January 2, 2026
(inclusive)

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

24-589 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 Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

24-590 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2024-78, 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 5th day of November, 2024.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

24-591 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 8:34 p.m. to meet again on November 19, 2024; or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried



David Moore, Mayor



Karlee Britton, Clerk/Administrator