



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCKELLAR

Council Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2024

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore took Roll Call.

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

24-508 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 Haskim
Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

24-509 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 5:32 p.m. to discuss the following items:

- 5.1 Minutes of Closed Session – August 20, 2024 & September 10, 2024
- 5.2 Acquisition or disposition of land; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(c) – Land Acquisition for Ballfield, Properties in Tax Arrears subject to tax sale and update on lands subject to expropriation.
- 5.3 Labour relations or employee negotiations; pursuant to Ontario Municipal Act Section 239(2)(d) – Deputy Clerk Recruitment

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Zulak
Seconded by: Councillor Kekkonen

24-510 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: Acting Clerk/Administrator, Karlee Britton

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



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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 Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

24-511 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 September 17, 2024.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

24-512 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the deputation from Ross Crockford, a member of the Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee, regarding the proposal to install road signage in designated wildlife hotspots; and

FURTHER THAT the Council approves the Committee's proposal to identify five key locations where "Wildlife Crossing" signs would provide the greatest benefit; and

FURTHER THAT the Public Works Superintendent be directed to assist the Committee and the installation contractor in determining the appropriate height and placement of the signage in accordance with the Highway Traffic Act; and

FURTHER THAT the Public Works Superintendent conduct a final inspection of the installed signage and retain the authority to remove or reposition any signs, should they present safety concerns.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Haskim

Seconded by: Councillor Ryeland

24-513 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby approve the Minutes of the September 3, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council and the September 10, 2024 Special Meeting of Council, as circulated.

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

24-514 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the July 22, 2024 meeting of the Parry Sound Area Planning Board.

Carried



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

24-515 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive the Minutes of the June 26, 2024 and July 9, 2024 and August 15, 2024 meetings of the District of Parry Sound West (Belvedere Heights) Board of Management.

Carried

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

24-516 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby receive Report FD-2024-19 Month End Status Update for August 2024 from Fire Chief, Robert Morrison, for information purposes; and
FURTHER authorizes the Mayor and Fire Chief to sign Thank you letters to Firefighters Without Borders and the Town of Parry Sound, respectively.

Carried

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

24-517 **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 August 2024 from Treasurer, Roshan Kantiya, for information purposes.

Carried

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

24-518 **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar acknowledges receipt of the letter dated September 6, 2024, from the Township of McKellar Recreation Committee concerning the Arena for Pickleball Users; and
FURTHER directs staff to proceed with the immediate opening of the arena washrooms prior to the installation of a tankless, on-demand hot water heater, noting that washroom users will experience a temporary lack of warm water for handwashing until the installation is completed by the contractor; and
FURTHER directs staff to obtain a quotation for the replacement of the two burnt-out fluorescent lights in the arena and to repair the light that remains on above the Post Office; and
FURTHER directs staff to explore options for concrete repair putty to address minor cracks in the arena playing surface floor; and
FURTHER resolves not to approve the Recreation Committee's request to drill holes in the arena floor for netting installation, as such modifications could result in damage due to the annual flooding required for ice surface creation.

Carried



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Moved by: Councillor Ryeland

Seconded by: Councillor Haskim

24-519 **WHEREAS** the Township of McKellar, and greater Parry Sound area faces challenges related to limited access to transportation, and there exists a pressing need for a ridesharing service to address transportation gaps within our rural communities; and

WHEREAS rideshare services are increasingly relied upon by seniors, students, visitors and tourists and residents looking for safe, affordable, convenient and reliable ways to travel; and

WHEREAS the standardization and consistency of regulations across municipalities, particularly in Ontario, can improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the regulatory framework; and

WHEREAS transferring the responsibility of rideshare regulations and licensing to the provincial level would contribute to a more streamlined and uniform governance structure, while eliminating associated red tape and unnecessary administrative costs; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar hereby expresses its support for the migration of rideshare regulations and licensing from the municipal level to the provincial level; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of McKellar formally requests the Government of Ontario to initiate the transfer of responsibilities in the interest of creating a more coherent and standardized regulatory framework for ridesharing services across the province; and

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this motion be distributed to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation; the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Honourable Graydon Smith Member of Provincial Parliament for Parry Sound—Muskoka and the Association of Ontario Municipalities (AMO).

Carried

Moved by: Councillor Kekkonen

Seconded by: Councillor Zulak

24-520 **WHEREAS** the condition of a section of Hardies Road and additional road sections in the Township of McKellar has been noted by a ratepayer to be experiencing surface deterioration; and

WHEREAS Duncor Enterprises and Miller Paving Limited specialize in pavement preservation and road rehabilitation, and offer a range of services including slurry seal, micro surfacing, fog seal, and surface treatments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar directs staff to contact Duncor Enterprises and Miller Paving limited to schedule an information session allowing a representative to explain the various pavement products used on municipal roads.

Carried



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

24-521 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2024-71, Being a By-law to Appoint a Clerk/Administrator, a First and Second reading;

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

Carried

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

24-522 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**

24-523 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar does hereby give By-law No. 2024-72, Being a By-law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council, a First and Second reading;

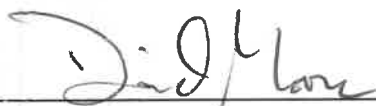
And further Read a Third time and Passed in Open Council this 17th day of September, 2024.

Carried

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

24-524 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of McKellar adjourn this meeting at 7:39 p.m. to meet again on September 19, 2024 for a Special Meeting of Council; or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried



David Moore, Mayor



Karlee Britton, Acting Clerk/Administrator