



Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday March 11th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber via in person or by phone.

1. Opening of Meeting and call to order:

Mayor Culhane called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance.

2. Roll Call: The Mayor took a roll call

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Bonita Culhane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Louanne Caza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Elaine Fic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Annie Keft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Francine Plante	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Also Present

Clerk-Treasurer Karine Pelletier

Members of the audience present: 2

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

74/2025
Absence

THAT Council agrees to grant a leave of absence to Councillor Annie Keft for the Regular Council Meeting of March 11, 2025, due to appropriate advance notice submitted to the Clerk.

Carried

3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum.

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

75/2025
Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 11, 2025 be adopted with addition to #10 (q) Township Reunion and #14 Close Session under the Municipal Act 2001, C25, s 239, Section (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and #10 (r) Councillor Plante Grant discussion.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary of Interest:

- Councillor Caza declared a Conflict of Interest on item #12 (f) By-Law to establish pay grids and on item #14 – Close session.

5. Minutes of Previous Meetings:

- a) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic **76/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante **Regular Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 18, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

- b) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic **77/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Francien Plante **Closed Session Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Closed Session held on February 18, 2025 be adopted.

Carried

6. Matters Arising from the minutes: None

7. Deputations, Delegations, and Petitions: None

8. Correspondence, Information:

- a) Ministry of Natural Resources – 2025-2026 annual Work Schedule for Timiskaming Forest.

9. Members Update Report:

- Mayor and Council gave a verbal report.

10. New Business:

- a) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic **78/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza **Recreation Minutes**

THAT the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on February 4, 2025 be approved.

Carried

- b) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza **79/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante **ADR Chambers**

THAT Council have received and read the Integrity Commission annual Report for the period of July 8 2023 to July 7, 2024 for the Township of McGarry.

Carried

- c) Moved by Councillor Elaine Keft
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

80/2025
Tariffs

WHEREAS the Canadian government is currently in negotiations with the United States (U.S.) government on their proposed 25 % tariffs on Canadian goods exported to the U.S. ; and

WHEREAS Canada's Prime Minister and Ontario's Premier have outlined several plans to combat the impact that the proposed tariffs would have on Ontario which focus on strengthening trade between Ontario and the U.S. while bringing jobs back home for workers on both sides of the border; and

WHEREAS the Canadian government has also outlined several ways to address the current relationship with the U.S. including establishing the Council on Canada-U.S. relations to support the federal government as it negotiates with the U.S. on tariffs; and

WHEREAS trade between Ontario and the U.S. is very important to our residents and local economies, and requires all level of government to work together in the best interest of those residents; and

WHEREAS according to data from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, across Ontario municipalities are expected to spend between \$250 and \$290 billion on infrastructure in the next 10 years, and

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities have traditionally treated trade partners equally and fairly in all procurement in accordance with our established international trade treaties; and

WHEREAS municipalities play a crucial role as part of the Team Canada approach to combat tariffs and support businesses in our procurement for capital and infrastructure programs; and

WHEREAS there are trade barriers between Canadian provinces and territories;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MCGARRY supports the Canadian and Ontario government on the measures they have put in-place in response to the proposed U.S. tariffs on Canadian goods and ask that they take any and all measures to protect the interests of Ontario in any upcoming trade negotiations, and ensure municipalities are part of the coordinated Team Canada approach;

AND THAT the Canadian and Ontario government remove any impediments to municipalities preferring Canadian companies and services for capital projects and other supplies;

AND THAT Canadians and Ontario government take action to remove trade barriers between provinces as a response to U.S. tariffs and supports Canadian businesses.

AND THAT the Canadians and Ontario government remove all legislative barriers that impact the ability to buy local, and indemnify municipalities should there be challenges to buying Canadian;

AND THAT the Canadian and Ontario government continues to invest in infrastructure to provide stability, jobs, and support our communities social and economic prosperity over the long-term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT COPIES OF THIS MOTION BE SENT TO:

- THE Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada
- The Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Foreign Affairs
- The Hon. Nate Erskine-Smith, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities
- Doug Ford. Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party
- Marit Stiles, Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party

- Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party
- Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Ontario Green Party
- Ontario's Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Rebecca Bligh, President, FCM and Councillor, City of Vancouver
- Robin Jones, President, AMO and Mayor of Westport
- Christa Lowry, Chair, Rural Ontario Municipal Association
- Jeff Leal, Chair, Eastern Ontario Leadership Council
- John Beddows, Chair, Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus
- All regional, Members of Canadian Parliament
- All candidates running as Ontario members of Parliament
- All of Ontario's municipalities for their support

Carried

- d) **THAT** Council declares the following properties as Surplus Land and directs the Staff to advertise the following properties:

2 Cockeram Street	-	To be determined (house on property)	\$ _____
58 – 60 Connell Avenue	-	To be determined (building on property)	\$ _____
13 Reddick Street	-	To be determined (house on property)	\$ _____
51 Colville Street	-	Minimum bid \$6000.00	

AND THAT the successful bidders are responsible for any legal or other related costs associated with the sale of each property.

Deferred

- e) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

81/2025
OCWA Report

THAT Council has received and read the McGarry Water & Wastewater Systems Quality Operations Report submitted by Ontario Clean water Agency.

Carried

- f) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

82/2025
MPAC Report

THAT Council has received and read the Quarterly Report from Municipal Assessment Corporation.

Carried

- g) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

83/2025
Library Minutes

THAT the minutes of the McGarry Public Library Board meeting held on December 2, 2024 be approved.

Carried

- h) **THAT** Council have received and read the Report for the End-of-Life and agree with Staff to accept the proposal from Catalis which includes:

- Implementation - \$1000.00
- Year 1 - \$4000.00
- Year 2 - \$4,240.00
- Year 3 - \$4,494.40
- Year 4 - \$4,764.06
- Also includes 20 hours of design and up to 300 pages migrated.

Deferred

- i) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza **84/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic **MECP Report**

THAT Council have received and read the inspection of the Virginiatown – Kearns Drinking Water System of January 28, 2025 done by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks.

Carried

- j) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic **85/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza **Pinchin**

THAT Council has received and read the 2024 annual Monitoring Report for the McGarry Waste Site Disposal done by Pinchin.

Carried

- k) Moved by Councillor Francine Plante **86/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza **Half Load Restriction**

THAT Council agree with the Acting Public Works Superintendent to apply a half load restriction to all Townships Roads from March 24, 2025 until May 30, 2025.

Carried

- l) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza **87/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante **DTSSAB**

THAT Council have received and read the 2025 District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board's Budget and Municipal Appointment.

Carried

- m) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

88/2025
OCWA 2024 Report

THAT Council have received and read 2024 Annual Summary report prepared by Ontario Clean Water Agency.

Carried

- n) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

89/2025
Exploration Permit Application

THAT Council have received and read correspondence received from Ministry of Mines for the Exploration Permit Application.

Carried

- o) Moved by Councillor Francine Plante
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

90/2025
NPHB Minutes

THAT the minutes of the Northeastern Public Health Board held on January 30, 2025 have been received.

Carried

- p) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

91/2025
TMSA

THAT Council have received the update, minutes, budget and financial statement from Temiskaming Municipal Services Association.

Carried

- q) Mayor Bonita Culhane – 80th Anniversary

- A discussion took place and the Clerk-Treasurer was directed to look into it a sub-committee.

11. Passing of Accounts:

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

92/2025
Accounts

THAT the following accounts be approved for payment:

FEBRUARY 2025:

Payroll: \$ 31,613.06
General: \$ 312,596.38

Carried

12. Passing of By-Laws:

- a) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza **93/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante **By-Law 2025-07**

THAT a By-Law to adopt a Municipal Alcohol Policy for the Township of McGarry be read three times and passed this 11th day of March 2025 and numbered By-Law 2025-07.

Carried

- b) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic **94/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante **By-Law 2025-08**

THAT a By-Law to provide for the establishment of Emergency Management Program and Emergency Response Plan be read three times and passed this 11th day of March 2025 and numbered By-Law 2025-08.

Carried

- c) Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic **95/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza **By-Law 2025-09**

THAT a By-Law to establish the Emergency Management Program Committee for the Township of McGarry be read three times and passed this 11th day of March 2025 and numbered By-Law 2025-09.

Carried

- d) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza **96/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante **By-Law 2025-10**

THAT a By-Law to authorize the Township of McGarry to enter into an agreement with 360 Engineering & Environmental Consulting LTD be read three times and passed this 11th day of March 2025 and numbered By-Law 2025-10.

Carried

- e) Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza **97/2025**
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante **By-Law 2025-11**

THAT a By-Law to authorize the Township of McGarry to enter into an agreement between the Corporation of the Township of McGarry and Circular Materials Ontario (CM) be read three times and passed this 11th day of March 2025 and numbered By-Law 2025-11.

Carried

- Councillor Louanne Caza declared a conflict of interest on item #12 (f) and left the room

f) Moved by Councillor Francine Plante
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

98/2025
By-Law 2025-12

THAT a By-Law to amend By-Law 2001-03 being a by-law to establish pay grid for employees of the Township of McGarry be read three times and passed this 11th day of March 2025 and be numbered By-Law 2025-12.

Carried

- Councillor Caza returned to the room

13. a) **Submitted questions:** None

b) **Audience Question:** A question period was held.

14. Closed Meeting:

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

99/2025
Closed Session

THAT Council goes into closed session at 6:52 p.m. under the Municipal Act 2001. C25, s 239, Section (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

- Councillor Caza declared a conflict on item #14 – Closed meeting and left the room.

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

100/2025
Out of Closed Session

THAT Council come out of close session at 7:20 p.m.

Carried

- Councillor Caza returned to the room.

15. Confirmation By-Law:

Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

101/2025
By-Law 2025-13

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 11th day of March 2025 and numbered By-Law 2025-13.

Carried

16. Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

102/2025
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Carried


MAYOR


CLERK-TREASURER

