

MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 4, 2016
Council Chambers 7:00 PM

COUNCIL PRESENT: All members of Council were present this evening.

STAFF PRESENT: Lindsey Parkes, CAO/Clerk

Angela Young, Deputy Clerk

Ryan Frew, Director of Public Works

MEDIA PRESENT: Derek Dunn, Metroland Media

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared at this time.

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Dated October 4, 2016

RESOLUTION - 433-2016

Moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

**THAT Council adopt the agenda dated October 4, 2016 as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

4. Delegations and Presentations

4.1 Ross Jeffery - MPAC - 2016 Assessment Update

Mr. Jeffery provided Council with a 2016 assessment update and reviewed the dates that assessment notices would be sent out. Mr. Jeffery explained how farm properties are assessed, how farm values are established and how to resolve assessment concerns. Mayor Peckett thanked Mr. Jeffery for attending this evening's meeting.

RESOLUTION - 434-2016

Moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Deputy Mayor Armsden **THAT** Council agree to extend the time allotted for the delegation by 25 minutes regarding MPAC 2016 Assessment Update.

CARRIED.

5. Matters Arising out of Delegations Heard

The following question and answer period took place following this evening's delegation:

Lloyd Cameron asked what is driving the tax increase on farm assessment to which Mr. Jeffrey replied that it is mainly the sale price of Agricultural Land.

Lloyd Cameron commented that farmers can only grow so much on 1 acre of land, and asked where they can grow the extra money to which Mr. Jeffrey advised that he could not comment on that.

Glen Stevenson asked if the same rate is being applied across the board to which Mr. Jeffrey replied, that no, the same rate is not being applied across the board and that the County as a whole will have a 63% overall increase.

Brian Sheridan asked in what world a 14% increase is acceptable to which Mr. Jeffrey replied that it is the system, and that he couldn't really comment, however, stated that the Province drives the system.

Councillor Lang asked if all of the municipalities have to lobby the County to get the ratio down by the County to which Mayor Peckett replied that he will find out.

Mayor Peckett stated that from what he heard earlier, they are paying 25% of the residential range to which Mr. Jeffrey explained that any reduction in any class will shift to another class to make up the difference.

Dick Strattof asked what the residential rate increase is and whether it has gone up as much as the fam assessment to which Mr. Jeffrey answered by stating that the from 2012-2016 the residential rate in McNab/Braeside went up 3.5%, the Agricultural rate went up 56% and the Agricultural rate for Eastern Ontario was 65%.

Lloyd Cameron asked how many farm sales there has been in McNab/Braeside to which Mr. Jeffrey advised that he will send a map showing the sales that can be shared with the persons in attendance tonight and with Council.

Mr. Jeffery vacated the Council Chambers at 7:40 p.m.

6. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes

6.1 September 12, 2016 - Public Meeting Under the Planning Act – Plan 512

RESOLUTION - 435-2016

Moved by Deputy Mayor Armsden, seconded by Councillor MacKenzie **THAT** the minutes of the September 12, 2016 Public Meeting Under the Planning Act be adopted as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

6.2 September 20, 2016 - Regular Meeting

RESOLUTION - 436-2016

Moved by Councillor Brum, seconded by Councillor Lang **THAT** the minutes of the September 20, 2016 Regular Meeting be adopted as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

7. Reports of Committee of Council and Other Boards, Committees and Commissions

Nil.

8. Information Items

8.1 Correspondence as circulated #1- 9 (September 15 - 28, 2016 inclusive) distributed separately.

RESOLUTION - 437-2016

Moved by Deputy Mayor Armsden, seconded by Councillor Lang THAT correspondence items #1-9 (September 15-28, 2016 inclusive) distributed separately be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

9. Motions

9.1 Request for Support List #1

RESOLUTION - 438-2016

Moved by Councillor Brum, seconded by Councillor Lang

THAT Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside respectfully urges the Federal government to set aside the audits until the unclear and unfair application of the campground tax rules can be resolved; **AND FURTHER THAT** the Federal government recognize small, mostly family-run campgrounds as small businesses so that they may pay the same tax rate as other small businesses.

CARRIED.

10. Unfinished Business

Nil.

11. New Business

Nil.

12. Notice of Motions

Nil.

13. By-Laws

13.1 By-Law #2016-54 Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Agreement (OCIF)

RESOLUTION - 439-2016

Moved by Deputy Mayor Armsden, seconded by Councillor Lang **THAT** By-Law #2016-54, being a By-Law to authorizing the Township of

McNab/Braeside to execute this Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Formula
Based Component Agreement with the Government of Ontario.

CARRIED.

14. Public Questions/Comments

Nil.

Council recessed at 7:45 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:49 p.m. with the CAO/Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Director of Public Works present.

15. Closed Meeting Session

15.1 Under Section 239(2)(b) - For the purpose of discussing personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

RESOLUTION - 440-2016

Moved by Councillor Brum, seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT this meeting become a closed session under Section 239(2)(b) for the purpose of discussing personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees at 7:49 p.m.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION - 441-2016

Moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Deputy Mayor Armsden

THAT Council resumed the open session at 7:58 p.m.

CARRIED.

RESOLUTION - 442-2016

Moved by Councillor Brum, seconded by Councillor MacKenzie

THAT Council authorize the CAO/Clerk to hire a full time seasonal plow operator for the 2016-17 winter season beginning November 14, 2016 and ending March 31, 2017 (20 weeks); **AND FURTHER THAT** Council authorize the use of the Township's 2016 Operating Budget to fund the position for the remainder of 2016; **AND FURTHER THAT** the 2017 budget shall contain at least a minimum commitment of \$13,300.00.

CARRIED.

16. Notice of Council Meeting Dates

As noted on the agenda dated October 4, 2016.

17. Confirmatory By-Law

Adjournment

18.

MAYOR

17.1 By-Law #2016-55 - Confirm the proceedings of the October 4, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council.

RESOLUTION - 443-2016

Moved by Councillor Brum, seconded by Councillor Lang

THAT By-Law #2016-55, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the October 4, 2016 Regular Meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of McNab/Braeside, I now deemed read a second and third time short and is hereby enacted and passed.

CAO/CLERK

CARRIED.

This Regular Meeting of Council adjourned at 8:00 p.m.