

**THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MCDougALL  
COMMITTEE/COUNCIL MEETING**

**HELD WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

Present Physically:	Mayor	D. Robinson (Chairperson)
Present Electronically:	Councillor	J. Constable
	Councillor	L. Gregory
	Councillor	L. Malott
	Councillor	J. Ryman
Present Physically:	Clerk	L. West
Present Electronically	Fire Chief	B. Leduc
	Chief Building Official	K. Dixon
	Treasurer	E. Robinson

It should be noted that social distancing measures were implemented for the Mayor, and staff physically attending the meeting. Members of the public are able to view the Council proceedings through the municipal website and YouTube Channel.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

As a result of the Municipality of McDougall declaration of emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the requirements for physical distancing, this Committee/Council meeting will be held electronically in accordance with section 238 of the Municipal Act, 2001.

The Municipal Clerk took a roll call of Council and determined that quorum was established for the meeting to proceed.

The Clerk then took a roll call of staff to advise who was participating in the Council meeting.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Malott declared a conflict regarding one item on the Accounts Payable listing.

**3. PRIORITIZATION OF AGENDA**

Nil

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Resolution No. 2021-21**

**Constable/Ryman**

THAT the minutes of the Committee/Council Meeting held on February 3, 2021, and the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held February 8, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

**“Carried”**

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

Nil

**Matters Arising.**

Nil

**6. PLANNING/BUILDING**

- i) John Jackson, Parry Sound Area Planning Board.

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Re: Revised Consent Application B35&36/2020 (McD), and  
Condominium application Gaer2 Corp (Gary Phillips), 4 new lots, 1 lot  
addition and new Private Right-of-Way (condominium), Portage Lake.

**Resolution No. 2021-22**

**Malott/Gregory**

**THAT** the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of McDougall has no objections to the approval of B35&36/2020 (McD), and Condominium application Gaer2 Corp, as applied for by Gary Phillips, on Portage Lake, being Part of Lot 24, 25, and 26, Concession 8, Geographic Township of McDougall, now the Municipality of McDougall, subject to the following conditions:

1. Payment of Parkland fees in accordance with the municipal fee by-law;
2. entering into a condominium agreement to establish the private road as a condominium road, to establish the standards and maintenance of the private road, to indemnify the municipality for the private road use, and to obtain authority to cross the road allowance between lots 26 and 25, Concession 8 in the Municipality of McDougall;
3. That the applicant provide to the satisfaction of the Municipality a complete EIS to ensure that development of the proposed lot abutting Type 1 fish habitat, and private road occur in a manner that do not have a negative impact on natural heritage features;
4. that any portion of Pineridge Drive that encroaches 10 metres from the centre line of the road on the applicant's lands be conveyed to the Municipality;
5. Obtaining 911 addressing for each lot; and
6. Payment of any applicable planning fees.

**“Carried”**

ii) John Jackson, Parry Sound Area Planning Board.

Re: Consent Application B40/2020 (McD) Harrison, 1 new lot, Lake Manitouwabing. Staff Comments.

John Jackson joined the meeting electronically. The Clerk and Mr. Jackson gave an overview of this application.

Staff is to proceed with the application with a resolution to be brought forward at a future meeting.

iii) Parry Sound Area Planning Board.

Re: Town of Parry Sound, request to be removed from the Board.

- a. Township of Carling Resolution – Support Town of Parry Sound request, and request to be removed from the Planning Board.

Mayor Robinson passed the Chair position to Deputy Mayor Constable at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Robinson expressed his thoughts and concerns regarding this matter.

Mayor Robinson assumed the Chair position at 7:09 p.m.

**Resolution No. 2021-23**

**Ryman/Constable**

**WHEREAS** the Town of Parry Sound has made a request to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to be removed from the Parry Sound Area Planning Board, and be granted their own authority to approve applications for Consent, Plans of Subdivision, and Plans of Condominium within the Town of Parry Sound Municipal Borders;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Municipality of McDougall hereby supports the request of the Town of Parry Sound to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to be removed from the Parry Sound Area Planning Board.

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**It was Council's decision that this resolution be "DEFERRED" to a future meeting.**

**Matters Arising.**

The Chief Building Official noted that the Building Department received notice that residential building projects can resume.

**7. BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Nil

**Matters Arising.**

Nil

**8. FIRE PROTECTION**

Nil

**Matters Arising.**

Nil

**9. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- i) COVID-19 Emergency Response.  
Re: Declaration of Emergency.  
Mayor Robinson noted that McDougall will remain under Declaration of Emergency.

**Matters Arising.**

- i) Resolution requesting publication of COVID-19 Statistics for West Parry Sound.  
**Resolution No. 2021-24** **Gregory/Ryman**  
**WHEREAS** in order to fight the COVID-19 virus in a community it is important to understand the status of confirmed cases in that community; and  
**WHEREAS** the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit represents a very large geographic area; and  
**WHEREAS** the catchment area of West Parry Sound is only a portion of the area served by North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit; and  
**WHEREAS** the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit publishes and provides opioid overdose statistics to the municipal level which demonstrates the Health Unit's ability to provide health related information without breaking confidentiality issues; and  
**WHEREAS** the flow of individuals and commerce tends to follow a north/south pattern, rather than an east/west pattern;  
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of McDougall requests that the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit publish statistics that provide the number of confirmed cases and other appropriate information for West Parry Sound; and  
**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be sent to municipalities in the West Parry Sound Area; the West Parry Sound Health Centre; the Honourable Minister Christine Elliott, Minister of Health; and MPP Norm Miller.

**"Carried"**
- ii) Resolution requesting greater community outreach and increased communication with municipal and healthcare leaders across the health district in advance of announcements

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**Resolution No. 2021-25**

**Malott/Constable**

**WHEREAS** there is a willingness in the community to support directives from the Province and the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit; and

**WHEREAS** the North Bay Parry Sound Health District was a Green Zone prior to the Stay-at-Home Order; and

**WHEREAS** the more restrictive the directives, the greater the financial burden on businesses and individuals in the community; and

**WHEREAS** the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has taken a more restrictive approach than many District Health Units in Ontario by extending the Stay-at-Home Order until at least February 22, 2021; and

**WHEREAS** the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has also taken a very restrictive approach by ordering all public ice rinks, tobogganing hills, skating trails, and Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs' (OFSC) trails and trails utilizing Crown Land in the health unit district to be closed; and

**WHEREAS** community understanding and support is critical to achieving the objective of the directives - slowing the spread of the virus; and

**WHEREAS** the conditions in the North Bay Parry Sound Health District do not appear to be dissimilar to the conditions in many other Ontario health districts; and

**WHEREAS** variants of the virus have been confirmed in other Ontario Health Districts and the Stay-at-Home Order has been lifted; and

**WHEREAS** a greater community awareness generates greater community support; and

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of McDougall Council has no authority with respect to Provincial and Health Unit directives;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Municipality of McDougall requests that the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit take a more pro-active approach to community outreach and communication through a range of communication techniques; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** increased communication include greater dialogue with municipal and healthcare leaders across the health district in advance of announcements; and

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this resolution be forwarded to the Mayors and healthcare leaders within the health district, the Honourable Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, and the Honourable Victor Fedeli, MPP for Nipissing.

**“Carried”**

**10. RECREATION**

Nil

**Matters Arising.**

Chief Leduc advised Council that the Municipal Emergency Control Group meeting was held this morning in absence of the previous Incident Commander on command structure. It was noted that the committee appointed Kim Dixon, Chief Building Official for Incident Commander for ongoing Declaration of Emergency.

**11. PUBLIC WORKS**

**Matters Arising.**

Nil.

**12. ENVIRONMENT**

Nil.

**13. FINANCE**

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- i) Accounts Payable.  
**Resolution No. 2021-26** **Gregory/Ryman**  
**THAT** the attached lists of Accounts Payable for February 18, 2021 in the amount of \$354,771.71 and payroll for February 11, 2021 in the amount of \$43,838.07 be approved for payment.  
**“Carried”**

**Matters Arising.**  
Nil

**14. ADMINISTRATION**

- i) Administrative Team Appointment.  
**Resolution No. 2021-27** **Constable/Ryman**  
**WHEREAS** Section 229 of the Municipal Act 2001, as amended, provides that a Council may appoint a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) who shall be responsible for the duties of that position;  
**AND WHEREAS** should the need arise the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of McDougall deems it desirable and expedient to establish an Administrative Team that shall have all the powers and duties of the CAO/Director of Operations when the office of the CAO/Director of Operations is unable to carryout out the duties of the position;  
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of McDougall appoints Kim Dixon, Brian Leduc, and Lori West to an Administrative Team, to temporarily fulfill the duties in the absence of the CAO/Director of Operations.  
**AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED** that this resolution be in force and effect February 11, 2021.  
**“Carried”**
- ii) Camping in Ontario.  
Re: Camping In Ontario Municipal Membership Opportunity 2021.  
Council received as information.
- iii) Danny Whalen, President, The Federation of Norther Ontario Municipalities (FONOM).  
Re: FONOM comments on the creation of a Provincial Working Group, looking at 2 + 1 Highways  
Council received as information.
- iv) Township of Seguin.  
Re: Notice of Public Meeting, Proposed Amendment to the Zoning By-law, Request for Comments – Regulations for Cannabis Manufacturing and Processing Facilities.  
Council received as information.

**Matters Arising.**  
Nil

**15. REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT**

- i) Township of North Glengarry.  
Re: Request that the Province allow for small businesses to immediately reopen.  
**Resolution No. 2021-28** **Malott/Gregory**

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**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of McDougall supports the attached resolution from the Township of North Glengarry requesting that the Province of Ontario allow for small businesses to immediately reopen with the required health guidelines and protocols in place; and  
**FURTHER** that this resolution be shared with the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Norm Miller, MPP for Muskoka Parry Sound.

**“Carried”**

ii) Township of Augusta.

Opposing the closure of the Ontario Fire College.

**Resolution No. 2021-29**

**Constable/Ryman**

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus has been in operation in Gravenhurst since 1958; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus is one of the primary sources of certified training for Ontario Firefighters; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus has built a reputation of integrity, credibility, and reliability in providing some of the best training to our Fire Services within the Province of Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus has been used to train and certify both Volunteer, Part-Time and Career firefighters throughout Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Regional Training Centers are not all created equal and similar in function to the Ontario Fire College Campus; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus gives Ontario Firefighters another option other than Regional Training Centers to obtain National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) certifications; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Fire College Campus is the most cost-effective method for municipalities to certify Firefighters to NFPA Standards in Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** the Ontario Government enacted and revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification in 2018; and

**WHEREAS** when the Ontario Government revoked O. Reg. 379/18: Firefighter Certification, it was made known by the Office of the Solicitor General that the act would be amended and brought back in the future; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Municipality of McDougall requests that the Province of Ontario reverse their decision to close the Ontario Fire College Campus in Gravenhurst as the OFC is one of the best and most cost-effective methods for municipalities to train their firefighters which assists us in protecting our residents; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this Resolution is forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Sylvia Jones; Ontario Solicitor General, the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Ontario Fire Marshal; Jon Pegg.

**“Carried”**

iii) Asphodel Norwood.

Re: Community Safety & Well-Being Plan – Extension Request.  
Council reviewed with no action indicated.

iv) Conmee Township.

Re: Request that Election Candidates have a Clear Criminal Record.  
Council reviewed with no action indicated.

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- v) Guelph/Eramosa Township.  
Re: Advocacy for Reform –MFIPPA Legislation.  
Council reviewed with no action indicated.
- vi) City of St. Catharines.  
Re: Universal Paid Sick Days in Ontario.  
Council reviewed with no action indicated.
- vii) Town of Orangeville.  
Re: Greenhouse Gas Emissions.  
Council reviewed with no action indicated.

**Matters Arising.**

Nil

**16. MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY GIVEN**

Nil

**17. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- i) Report prepared by Councillor Ryman.  
Re: Park to Park Trail.  
Councillor Ryman gave an overview of this report. Council noted that the Municipality of McDougall will not be rejoining at this point and time.
- ii) North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit.  
Re: Media Release and Public Service Announcements.
  - a. Celebrate Super Bowl LV in the Safety of Your Home.
  - b. COVID-19 Outbreak at Lancelot Apartments in North Bay.
  - c. COVID-19 Variant of Concern Case Confirmed In District.
  - d. Health Unit Completes Long-Term Care Homes COVID-19 Vaccination.
  - e. Health Unit Dismisses Sunset Park Public School Community.
  - f. Health Unit to Remain in Shutdown, Stay-at-Home Order Still in Effect.
  - g. Reminder to be COVID-19 Kind.
  - h. A Member of the Sunset Park Public School has Tested Positive for COVID-19.
  - i. An Individual Who Attends École Secondaire Catholique Franco-Cité Tests Positive for COVID-19.
  - j. Boil Water Advisory Issued for Residents of the Town of Verner.
  - k. Boil Water Advisory Lifted for Residents of the Town of Verner.
  - l. Cluster of COVID-19 Cases Identified.
  - m. COVID-19 Community Outbreak Update.
  - n. Health Unit Working With Long-Term Care Homes to Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19.Council received as information.

**Matters Arising.**

Nil

**18. REPORT OF THE CAO**

Nil

**19. GENERAL ITEMS AND NEW BUSINESS**

Nil

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**20. BY-LAWS**

Nil

**21. TRACKING SHEET**

Please be advised that items on the tracking sheet may be discussed during scheduled meetings. **(No items on the tracking sheet)**

**22. CLOSED SESSION**

Nil

**23. RATIFICATION OF MATTERS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Nil

**24. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW**

i) By-Law No. 2021-08.

Re: To confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council held February 8, 2021, and the Committee/Council meeting held on February 17, 2021.

**Read a first, Second and Third Time, Passed, Signed and Sealed this 17th day of February, 2021.**


**25. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution No. 2021-30**

**THAT** we do now adjourn at 7:33 p.m.

**Gregory/Malott**

**"Carried"**

  
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Mayor

  
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Clerk