

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met Tuesday, September 1, 2026, inside the Council Chambers

Present: Mayor: Glynn Robinson; Council Members: Vicky Roeder-Martin, Terry Currie, Daniel O'Halloran, and Craig White.

Staff present: Terry Sararas, CAO, Cheryl Marshall, Clerk/Treasurer, Allyson Pedwell, Deputy-Clerk/Deputy-Treasurer, Ryan McFarland, Fire Chief, Neil Hellam, Public Works Superintendent

Audience: Lanny Dennis

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:

2.1 Council – August 18, 2026(regular and special)

3. List of proposed resolutions for the meeting:

None

4. Declaration of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof:

None

Committee of Adjustment – to hear 2 applications for minor variance

1. Butler – 1958 Highway 518 West – reduction in frontage requirements

2. Williamson – 4379 Stisted Road South – reduction in front yard setback requirements

5. Delegations:

5.1 Staff Report: Public Works verbal report. 3 season roads are being graded. Stisted Rd S culverts inlets/outlets have been stoned. Additional wells at the landfill have been drilled. Bartlett culvert will be completed and the road will be opened by Friday. A couple of culverts are compromised on Old Rainy Lake Rd that will be replaced this year. Other culvert work will be done this year. Culverts throughout the Township have been mapped out with GPS numbers.

5.2 Staff Report: Fire Chief: Staff discussed used extrication gear to be purchased for \$3000.00.

5.3 Staff Report: Chief Administrative Officer: Seguin Trail – MNR Land Use Permit (LUP). CAO recommends that the Seguin Trail be pushed to the Federal and Provincial governments.

6. Business Arising From a Previous Meeting:

None

7. Quotes, Tenders, RFP's:

None

8. Accounts for Approval:

August 2026- Council inquired about the Summerfest financial report

9. Applications:

None

10. Bylaws:

10.1 41-2026 Confirm Council Meeting – August 18, 2026

10.2 42-2026 Enter into an Agreement for Communication Services

11. Council Reports:

None

12. Correspondence:

12.1 Twp of Armour – Resolution re: petition government to increase Library funding

12.2 DPS Municipal Association – Fall Meeting Agenda – Carling Community Centre

12.3 BFAR Union Public Library – Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2026

12.4 Town of Latchford – Resolution: re: funding for Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw reviews

12.5 Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities – advances Northern Ontario priorities at AMO Conference

12.6 Almaguin Community Economic Development (ACED) – Meeting agenda package – Aug 27/26

13. New Business:

None

14. Closed Session: Section 239 (2)

14.1 (b.) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Human Resources - evaluation)

15. Adjournment: Council adjourned this meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Resolutions:

2026-189 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council approves the minutes of the Regular Council and Special Council meetings held August 18, 2026. **Carried**

2026-190 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council does now hereby adjourn from this Regular Council Meeting at 7:03pm to convene a Committee of Adjustment meeting to consider 2 minor variance applications A01/26 (Butler) and A02/26 (Williamson). **Carried**

2026-191 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council reconvenes this regular Council meeting at 7:57pm. **Carried**

2026-192 Roeder-Martin/Currie

Be It Resolved THAT Council receives this report “Seguin Trail - MNR Land Use Permit (LUP)”;

AND further that the Township of McMurrich/Monteith not apply for a Land Use Permit (LUP) from the Ministry of Natural Resources of Ontario;

AND further that Mr. Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Parry Sound-Muskoka and the Honourable Mike Harris,

Minister of Natural Resources be forwarded a copy of the staff report with a request that consideration be given to implementing the "Future Trail Control and Management Options" as identified;

AND further that the Townships of Seguin and Perry be included as partners in any discussions and decisions as to the future of the Seguin Trail. **Carried**

2026-193 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council supports the recommendation of Fire Chief McFarland to purchase a Hurst brand extrication toolset from Terry Nofall for the price of \$3,000.00 and to offer the current set of extrication tools. **Carried**

2026-194 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 43-2026 to confirm the council meeting held August 18, 2026. **Carried**

2026-195 Roeder-Martin/Currie

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 44-2026 to enter into an agreement for Communication Services (Fire Dispatch). **Carried**

2026-196 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council supports Resolution #2026-236 from the Township of Armour petitioning the Government of Ontario to substantially increase and provide sustainable, predictable operating funding for Ontario's public libraries. **Carried**

2026-197 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council enters into a closed session at 8:40pm in order to discuss an item as per Municipal Act, 2001, Sections 239 (b.) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (Human Resources – evaluation). **Carried**

2026-198 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council comes out of a closed session at 8:52pm **Carried**

2026-199 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council accepts the directions given to Staff from the closed session held September 1, 2026. **Carried**

2026-200 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council supports Resolution 26/150 from the Town of Latchford calling upon the Government of Ontario to establish a dedicated and sustainable funding program to assist municipalities with the costs associated with reviewing, updating and modernizing Official Plans and Comprehensive Zoning Bylaws. **Carried**

2026-201 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council receives all correspondence as listed on the agenda. **Carried**

2026-202 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council hereby cancels the Regular Council meeting scheduled for September 15th, 2026. **Carried**

2026-203 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council adjourns this meeting at 9:30pm until Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 7pm. **Carried**

Original Signed by:_____
Mayor, Glynn Robinson

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Clerk, Cheryl Marshall