

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2025**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met Tuesday, December 16, 2025 inside the Council Chambers

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

Staff present: Cheryl Marshall, Clerk/Treasurer; Allyson Pedwell, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Audience: Murray O'Halloran, Lanny Dennis, Mike Miller, Tom & Diane Lewis, Jim Shelvock.

1. Opening of the meeting by the Mayor –

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

The Agenda was amended to include a summary report on the Municipal Emergency Control Group training and exercise session.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting;

2.1 Council – December 16, 2025

3. List of proposed resolutions for the meeting;

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the nature thereof;

Vicky Roeder-Martin declared a Pecuniary Interest with items 6.1 on this agenda due to her being a member of the Sprucedale United Church.

Public Meeting

The Township of McMurrich/Monteith held a public meeting to introduce a bylaw to rezone property at 2193 Fern Glen Road, Part Lot 6, Concessions 6+7, McMurrich.

5. Delegations;

5.1 Staff Report: CAO- Amendments to the Employment Policy: Council discussed items included employee benefits.

5.2 Staff Report: Administration: Council discussed the Axe Lake Road Bridge, and the concern from the resident who resides beyond the bridge. Council reviewed the MECG training and exercise summary. Council inquired about having safety plans for larger municipal events, such as Summerfest.

6. Business arising From a Previous Meeting;

6.1 M.Miller – Sprucedale United Church – restaurant use. An update was given to Council arising from the meeting held with the CAO, acting CBO and Fire Chief. Member Vicky Roeder-Martin declared a conflict and left the table and returned once the discussion ended.

7. Quotes, Tenders, RFP's;

None

8. Accounts for Approval:

None

9. Applications:

None

10. By-laws:

10.1 56-2025 Confirm Council Meeting – December 2, 2025

10.2 57-2025 Road Naming Bylaw – Woodland Drive and Hemlock Way

10.3 58-2025 Zoning Bylaw Amendment – 2193 Fern Glen Road (16904211 Canada Inc)

11. Reports:

None

12. Correspondence:

12.1 MPAC – 2026 Municipal Levy

12.2 OPP – Annual Billing Statement

12.3 Village of South River – Resolution – notice not participating in ACED

12.4 F.Shillolo – comment on Yearley and Stisted Roads

12.5 J.+S. Britten – concern re: Bridge replacement on Axe Lake Road

12.6 Municipality of Calvin – resolution re: Strengthening Self-Defence Protections: Council agrees that there are issues with Canadian Law and/or interpretation with Canadian Law regarding home invasions

12.7 Municipality of Magnetawan – resolution re: revise grant criteria – Invest Ready -Certified Site Designation

13. New Business

None

14. Closed session, section 239 2

None

15. Council Concerns:

Councillor Currie: concerns about how the roads are not being plowed on time. Council would like a posted schedule for plowing roads and maintenance standard.

Mayor Robinson raised the concern about not having a CBO and to think about hiring our own employee.

Park to Park- did not take out a land use permit in 2025. Seguin Twp applied for a land use permit for the section withinin their borders and is meeting with the Ministry to discuss purchasing their portion of the trail.

16. Adjournment: Council adjourned this meeting at 8:30pm.

Resolutions:

2025-270 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council amends the agenda to include Emergency Management Control Group Training & Exercise Summary. **Carried**

2025-271 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council approves the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held December 2, 2025. **Carried**

2025-272 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council enters into a public meeting at 7:03pm in order to consider a zoning bylaw amendment application – 2193 Fern Glen Road, Pt Lot 6, Concessions 6&7, McMurrich. **Carried**

2025-273 White/Craig

Be It Resolved that Council reconvenes the Regular Council meeting at 7:08pm. **Carried**

2025-274 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that the Staff Report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated December 18th, 2025, regarding the amendments to the Employment Policy be received and that Council direct staff to bring forward a by-law to implement the approved changes. **Carried**

2025-275 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council receives the Administration Report dated December 16, 2025. **Carried**

2025-276 O'Halloran/White

Whereas the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMPCA) and O.Reg. 380/04 require municipalities to ensure that the Municipal Emergency Control Group (MECG) receives annual emergency management training and that such training is documented through the Annual Compliance Submission to Emergency Management Ontario; and

Whereas the CEMC has presented a comprehensive report on the Municipal Emergency Control Group training session and emergency exercise conducted on September 24, 2025; and

Whereas Council has reviewed and discussed the report in detail, including key observations, outcomes, and recommendations arising from the training and exercise;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Council hereby receives the CEMC's report as presented; and

Further That Council extends its appreciation to the CEMC for her proactive efforts and continued commitment to enhancing the Township of McMurrich/Monteith's emergency management program. **Carried**

2025-277 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 56-2025 to confirm the council meeting held December 2, 2025. **Carried**

2025-278 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 57-2025 to name additional roads, Hemlock Way and Woodland Drive. **Carried**

2025-279 Roeder-Martin/Currie

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 58-2025 to amend Zoning Bylaw 16-2016 for property described as pt Lot 6, Con 6&7, Round Lake, McMurrich from Waterfront Residential and Rural zones to the Waterfront Residential Exception 26 zone. **Carried**

2025-280 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council supports Council Resolution 2025-345 from the Municipality of Calvin relating to strengthening self-defence protections and addressing rising home invasions in Ontario. **Carried**

2025-281 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council supports the Municipality of Magnetawan and urges the Province of Ontario to revise its Invest Ready-Certified Site Designation grant funding criteria to recognize and accept alternative servicing methods as eligible infrastructure, and to ensure that rural and northern municipalities lacking municipal gas, water, and wastewater systems are not excluded from support. **Carried**

2025-282 Roeder-Martin

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

2025-283 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council adjourns this meeting at 8:30pm until Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 7:00 pm. **Carried**

Original Signed by:
Mayor, Glynn Robinson

Original Signed by:
Clerk, Cheryl Marshall