

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

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met Tuesday, September 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; John Theriault, CAO

Audience: Roger Moody, Lanny Dennis, Arshia Torkashvand, Jim Shelvock, Mike Miller, Peter Sangoi, Tammy Rittwage, Patrick O'Halloran, Angela Fabing, Elinor Cucullo, Frank Cucullo, Don Brindle.

1. Opening of the meeting by the Mayor –

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM

Council amends the agenda to include correspondence from FONOM and letters of concern relating to Consent file B-038, 039, 040 & 041/25

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting;

2.1 Council – September 16, 2025. Amended to clarify pay per bag system at the Landfill Site. See resolution below.

3. List of proposed resolutions for the meeting;

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the nature thereof;

none

5. Delegations;

5.1 Roger Moody, Gilead Academy – Fees and Charges Bylaw clarifications: Council and staff responded that Gilead would fall under residential in accordance with the new provincial recycling initiative

5.2 Fire Dept.: written report. No discussion

5.3 Building Dept: draft Building By-law. Council and staff discussed the requirement of a building permit for larger sized shipping containers as detailed in the Building Code Act.

5.4 Administration: written report, draft Fees and Charges Bylaw- Bylaw to be brought back, Grand opening of playground, pickleball and trails to be held on Saturday, September 27th at 9:30am. Shared Bartlett Lake Road culvert replacement: Ryerson only received one bid and it will be going to Ryerson Council next week.

6. Business arising From a Previous Meeting;

6.1 Replacement of Fire Chief (shared services agreement ending) – options to move forward - CAO discussed the recommendation of a full time Fire Chief. Discussion to be held with the senior members of the Fire Department.

7. Quotes, Tenders, RFP's;

None

8. Accounts for Approval;

None

9. Applications;

9.1 Public Meeting - Zoning Bylaw Amendment – Township initiated housekeeping amendments – Public Meeting held.

9.2 Consent Applications – B-038. 039, 040, 041/25 – Part Lot 6, Cons 6 & 7, McMurrich (16904211 Canada Inc.) Council asked the applicant's planner to speak to the consent application and to meet with Township planner, the applicants would like to move forward.

10. By-laws;

10.1 42-2025 Confirm Council Meeting – September 2, 2025 – resolution below

10.2 38-2025 Fees and Charges Bylaw – resolution below – comments received from audience members

10.3 39-2025 Building Bylaw – deferred until next meeting

10.4 43-2025 Waste Management Bylaw - resolution below

11. Reports;

None

12. Correspondence;

12.1 AH O.P.P. Detachment Board Meeting package – September 10th, 2025

12.2 Twp of Armour – Resolution Concerning Post Transition of Blue Box

See resolutions below

13. New Business

None

14. Closed session, section 239 2

None

15. Council Concerns:

Councillor Roeder-Martin brought a resolution that she would like to present at the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association meeting and also mentioned a resident's concern regarding a potential beach adjacent to their property. Mayor Robinson suggested a representative to attend the IESO meeting. Mayor Robinson is also concerned with the Horn Lake Development not yet proceeding with hydro. Staff to contact the Township planner.

16. Adjournment: Council adjourned this meeting at 9:17pm. See resolution below.

Resolutions:

2025-202 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council amends the agenda to include correspondence from:

- Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) regarding consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas expansion (ERO 0250923),
- Three letters of concern received relating to Consent Files B-038, 039, 040 and 041/25. **Carried**

2025-203 Currie/Roeder-Martin

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

2025-204 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council does now adjourn from this Regular Meeting at 7:55pm to commence a "Public Meeting" for the purpose of hearing comments from members of the public relating to proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw 16-2016. **Carried**

2025-205 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council does hereby now adjourn from this Public Meeting at 8:00pm in order to recommence the Regular Meeting of Council of September 16, 2025. **Carried**

2025-206 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council defer Item 9.2 – Consent Files B-038, 039, 040, 041/25 (16904211 Canada Inc.) until a meeting can be scheduled with Rick Hunter, Municipal Planner and the applicants. **Carried**

2025-207 Roeder-Martin/Currie

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 42-2025 to confirm the council meeting held September 2, 2025. **Carried**

2025-208 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council accepts third reading and hereby pass Bylaw 38-2025 to provide for Fees Charged by the Corporation of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith. **Carried**

2025-209 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 43-2025 for establishing and maintaining a system for the disposal of garbage, recyclable materials, yard waste and other refuse and to repeal Bylaw 20-2023, as amended. **Carried**

2025-210 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 44-2025 to further amend the Zoning Bylaw 16-2016, as amended, to update provisions based on an Administrative Review (Housekeeping Amendment). **Carried**

2025-211 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council supports Resolution 266 from the Township of Armour relating to ensuring a successful transition to the producer responsibility model whereby the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Producer Responsibility Organizations and Municipalities work collaboratively to address financial and operational risks of stranded assets and for advocating for transparent processes, fair compensation, and timely communication to protect municipal investments and ensure service continuity for residents. **Carried**

2025-212 White /O'Halloran

WHEREAS the Province has posted ERO 0250923, Consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion, seeking feedback from municipalities, Indigenous communities and other stakeholders on how Phase Three (3) could best support access to natural gas for community development.

AND WHEREAS expanding access to natural gas is identified as a tool to support affordability and economic growth in Ontario communities, with Phases One (1) and Two (2) estimated to enable connections for approximately 17,000 buildings across 59 communities, and 16 projects completed to date.

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is working toward its housing and employment land goals that contribute to Ontario's broader objective to build at least 1.5 million homes by 2031 and recognizes that timely servicing solutions (including natural gas where appropriate) can help enable these targets of housing, economic developments goals, and commercial and industrial investments.

AND WHEREAS Ontario's energy future relies on a balance of affordability, reliability, and sustainability by leveraging a mix of energy solutions—including natural gas, electricity, and emerging energy technologies, to meet growing community needs. And whereas natural gas continues to play a critical role in supporting energy affordability, economic competitiveness, and enabling housing and employment growth across the province.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council;

1. Supports the Ministry's consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion (NGEP Phase 3) and endorses access to natural gas as an option to other energy solutions to advance the Township of McMurrich/Monteith's housing, employment lands, and economic development objectives.

2. Directs staff to submit comments to ERO 0250923 reflecting the Township of McMurrich/Monteith's priorities, including: priority application types, alignment with Official Plan/Secondary Plans, sites and corridors where gas access would enable development (housing/employment lands), any Phase 1 and 2 learnings (if applicable) and practical barriers (e.g., timing, permitting, costs, land access).

3. Forwards this resolution to Graydon Smith, MPP, the Minister of Energy and Mines, the Ontario Energy Board, AMO, and neighbouring municipalities. **Carried**

2025-213 O'Halloran/White

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

2025-214 O'Halloran/White

WHEREAS the Township of McMurrich-Monteith is a rural municipality with numerous roads and areas that remain unserved by basic electrical (hydro) infrastructure; and

WHEREAS access to electricity is a fundamental requirement for residential development, economic growth, emergency services, agricultural productivity, and overall quality of life; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada have committed to an aggressive transition toward electrification, including the widespread adoption of electric vehicles and electrified heating systems, and have made public commitments to achieving net-zero emissions by 2050; and

WHEREAS the transition to electrification is not feasible in municipalities and communities that lack basic electrical infrastructure, thereby putting rural areas like McMurrich-Monteith at a significant disadvantage and risk of being left behind in this energy transition; and

WHEREAS access to electricity, internet, and reliable cellular service are increasingly viewed as essential services and foundational to modern life, akin to human rights, and their absence constitutes a major barrier to equity, opportunity, and safety; and

WHEREAS the lack of hydro infrastructure in our township is directly hindering new residential and commercial development, undermining the municipality's growth potential and economic sustainability;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of McMurrich-Monteith urges the Government of Ontario, Hydro One, the Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO), and relevant federal partners to prioritize rural infrastructure investments and commit to the extension of electrical service to all currently unserved areas of McMurrich-Monteith and similar rural communities across Ontario;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to establish targeted funding programs and streamlined regulatory processes to facilitate the extension of hydro services to rural and underserved areas;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Todd Smith, Ontario Minister of Energy
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Ontario Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP for Parry Sound—Muskoka
- The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Federal Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
- The Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA)
- Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)
- Hydro One
- The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO)
- Surrounding municipalities for support and endorsement

Carried

2025-215 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council adjourns this meeting at 9:13pm until Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 1:00pm. **Carried**

Original Signed by:
Mayor, Glynn Robinson

Original Signed by:
Clerk, Cheryl Marshall