

**RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BRACKLEY**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**October 16, 2019**

**Council Members:**           **Brendon McKenna, Mayor**  
  **Don Jardine**  
  **David McKenna**  
  **Amir Zuccolo**  
  **Cody Good**

**Administrator:**               **Maureen Cudmore**

**Guests:**                       **Honourable Jamie Fox, Minister of Fisheries &**  
  **Communities; Emily Allen, Ministerial Assistant;**  
  **Christine MacKinnon, Acting Director, Municipal Affairs**

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**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Mayor Brendon McKenna. A special welcome was extended to Honourable Jamie Fox, Minister of Fisheries and Communities; Emily Allen, Ministerial Assistant and Christine MacKinnon, Acting Director of Municipal Affairs. A round table of introductions followed.

Mayor McKenna, on behalf of Council, thanked Minister Fox for taking the time out of his busy schedule to take part in the meeting. The Mayor expressed concerns with the heavy workload Rural Municipalities are experiencing particularly with the requirements of the Municipality Act. Points for consideration were discussed and Minister Fox was very supportive and was clear in his message he is willing to provide the same level of standardized government province wide and ensured Council he does not want Municipalities to lose their identity. Shared services as a possibility was mentioned and he suggested the importance of communication with neighbors and said there will be no forced amalgamation. His department is looking at possible modifications in the Act particularly with small communities. Minister Fox said he is willing to guide and support Council, transparency is key and stressed the fact he has an “open door” policy. He is eager to move forward and help with all Municipalities and requested Council to provide enough time in order to do so. Excessive speeding and the need to lower the speed limit was also brought up and Minister Fox encouraged Council to forward a letter/written submission to his Department to address all the concerns noted.

**Review of Minutes, September 18th, 2019:**

The “draft” minutes of the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were distributed to Council members a week prior and the Mayor questioned if there were any errors or omissions. As there were no errors or omissions noted, the minutes stand approved as read.

**Review of Action Items:**

- \_\_\_ Regarding the unsightly property along the Rails to Trails on the Winsloe Road, Don as Chair of Planning, will contact the Department again on this. The neglected property on the Brackley Point Road was discussed and the Department has determined this is not unsightly; Don will follow up.

### **Reports:**

- David is presently working on estimates re: WiFi.
- Cody contacted the contractor who was to do the edging and painting and said it was a lot more work than what he expected. Black Top Graphic is willing to do both jobs and Cody is waiting to hear back.
- Cody provided an update regarding the entrance sign to Brackley and "Pressed for Time" is willing to install a 4'x6' mil. aluminum at \$295. Cody will circulate quote/description to Council for their feedback.
- Don provided an update on the Official Plan & Bylaw Amendment. An approval letter was received on October 10th from Minister Bloyce Thompson and all development/subdivision permits will now go through the Rural Municipality of Brackley Council effective October 10th. Don will contact Dale McKeigan, Director to check on any outstanding permits. A change of use property was discussed and a public meeting will be required.
- Discussion took place regarding Council members receiving an honorarium for their work. It was suggested \$1,500 per year for Councillors and \$3,000 for Mayor. Discussion also took place to consider increasing the Administrator's salary – it is presently \$6,148; it was suggested to increase it to \$12,000. The Administrator will contact Municipal Affairs on what is required re: changes to the Remuneration Bylaw and a salary increase.

### **Next Meeting:**

The next regular Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

### **Development/Sub-Division Permits:**

No development/sub-division permits were issued during the month of September.

### **New Business:**

- Recreation Subsidies were issued to the following families during the latter part of September: 2 for \$150 each and 1 for \$300.
- The November 18<sup>th</sup> By-Election and Nomination notice will be posted on the Website and advertised in the Guardian on October 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The 2019-2014 Gas Tax Capital Investment Plan application was signed, sealed and forwarded to the Infrastructure Secretariat.
- Council is looking at putting out a request for proposal for development services.
- Portfolios will be discussed and tabled to the next meeting. EMO/Commons is required as well Recreation/Community.

- It was agreed Patty and Chris Beer will be paid a flat rate of \$6.00 for local trips/errands over and above their salary.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Code of Conduct Bylaw:**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Code of Conduct Bylaw took place.

**M-1 Motion:**

It was moved by Cody Good and seconded by David McKenna, once amended to approve the 2nd Reading of the Code of Conduct for Members of Council Bylaw #2019-07. Motion carried.

**M-2 Motion:**

It was moved by Cody Good and seconded by David McKenna to adjourn the meeting. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m. Motion Carried.

Submitted by,

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Maureen Cudmore, Administrator