



**MINUTES**  
**Regular Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 20, 2019**  
**Council Chambers 7:00 p.m.**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** All members of Council were in attendance this evening, with the exception of Deputy Mayor Armsden, who sent his regrets & Councillor Jacob, who was absent.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Lindsey Lee, CAO/Clerk  
Angela Young, Deputy Clerk  
Angela Lochtie, Treasurer

**MEDIA PRESENT:** Rick Stow, Metroland Media

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared at this time.

3. **Adoption of the Agenda**

3.1 Dated August 20, 2019

Mayor Peckett advised that Ms. Barsoski is unable to attend the meeting this evening and sent her regrets, therefore Item #4.1 - Karen Barsoski - Certificate of Completion - NFPA 1041 Fire Instructor II will be removed from this evening's Agenda and rescheduled to a future meeting.

**RESOLUTION - 243-2019**

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Heather Lang

***THAT*** the Agenda dated August 20, 2019 be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED.**

**4. Delegations and Presentations**

- 4.1 Karen Barsoski - Certificate of Completion - NFPA 1041 Fire Instructor II

This item was removed from the Agenda.

- 4.2 Lindsey Lee - Certificate of Completion - Municipal Law Program, Unit 3

Mayor Peckett presented Ms. Lee with her Municipal Law Program - Unit 3 Certificate of Completion and congratulated her on this accomplishment.

- 4.3 Mandy Cannon - Certificate of Completion - Municipal Law Program, Unit 3

Mayor Peckett presented Ms. Cannon with her Municipal Law Program - Unit 3 Certificate of Completion and congratulated her on this accomplishment.

- 4.4 Amy Scholten, Executive Director of Renfrew County Legal Clinic  
Background Information for Resolution  
Resolutions of Support from Local Municipalities (Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, Township of Madawaska Valley, Township of Horton & Township of Greater Madawaska)

Ms. Scholten introduced herself and provided a review of her presentation. She explained that there have been funding cuts to the Renfrew County Legal Clinic and they are looking for Council's support.

**RESOLUTION - 244-2019**

Moved by Councillor Heather Lang, seconded by Councillor Scott Brum

***THAT*** Council agree to extend the time allotted for the delegation regarding Renfrew County Legal Clinic by 15 minutes.

**CARRIED.**

**5. Matters Arising out of Delegations Heard**

- 5.1 Renfrew County Legal Clinic

**RESOLUTION - 245-2019**

Moved by Councillor Heather Lang, seconded by Councillor Scott Brum

***WHEREAS:***

*1. The Renfrew County Legal Clinic (the "Clinic") has delivered services in Renfrew County for over 30 years. We provide direct front line legal services to low income clients across Renfrew County and our service numbers continue to go up annually. We are an extremely busy legal office. We have 4 practicing lawyers including the Executive Director. We are audited annually and all staff provide front line service;*

- 2. The Clinic's main office is in Renfrew, but it also has satellite offices across the County and are given free ad hoc office space when needed to meet with clients who live in communities where there is no satellite office;*
- 3. The Clinic assists area residents who cannot afford legal assistance due to financial hardship – including those on social assistance, pensioners, the unemployed, or those with low income;*
- 4. The Clinic's services are aimed at ensuring that people with low incomes are able to meet their most basic needs, which in turn gives them the ability to live with health and dignity as active members of their community;*
- 5. The Clinic is committed to upholding the rights of the most vulnerable people of Renfrew County on issues that are most critical to them – including Canada Pension Plan, Ontario Disability Support Program Workplace Safety and Insurance, Ontario Works, Landlord and Tenant, Criminal Injuries Compensation, powers of attorney, wills, human rights, consumer and debt issues, administrative legal issues and many other areas that impact low-income people;*
- 6. The Clinic also provides public legal education sessions, duty counsel services at the Landlord Tenant Board hearings and we work with different community groups on issues such as domestic violence and homelessness in Renfrew County;*
- 7. Like other community legal clinics across the province, the Clinic carries out this work through funding provided by Legal Aid Ontario ("LAO");*
- 8. The provincial government's 2019 budget cut funding to LAO by \$133 million – which is 30% of its budget – retroactive to April 1, 2019. Legal Aid is downloading a large portion of these cuts to Legal Clinics;*
- 9. Budget cuts could result in the closure of the Renfrew County Legal Clinic. As a rural community service provider, we are at risk of local services being cancelled with the expectation that services will be delivered out of Ottawa for example. A second scenario is that we stay open, but with a smaller staff and we become ineffectual;*
- 10. The Clinic is in danger of significant budget cuts despite how much the Clinic accomplishes with so little resources. Last year, the Clinic won 1.5 million dollars for our clients. This money was spent locally and it came from outside sources. Clients got off of Ontario Works benefits, the municipalities financially benefited and the local economy was strengthened;*
- 11. This significant cut will result in a loss of legal services to low income residents in our community, including a loss of critical legal clinic services – such as access to landlord-tenant law, seniors' law, consumer debt issues, legal interventions that ensure*

*access to income supports like Canada Pension Plan Disability benefits, protection for injured workers, community development and public legal education;*

*12. The cut to the LAO budget has already had a direct negative impact on the Clinic and the services they provide, and in the near future, it will have a devastating impact on the Clinic's ability to continue to provide legal services to our community's most vulnerable citizens;*

*13. The absence of the Clinic's services will have adverse social consequences for the Township of McNab/Braeside and other communities served by the Clinic – including increased homelessness resulting from avoidable evictions, and increased poverty resulting from lack of income supports and employment supports;*

*14. The absence of these services will have adverse economic consequences for the Township of McNab/Braeside and surrounding communities as well – resulting from increased reliance on municipal services such as mental health services, hospitals and public housing, increased demand on our local court from unrepresented people appearing without legal assistance, and increased reliance on social assistance administration resulting from people being denied appropriate supports;*

*15. Full and effective access to the justice system is a fundamental right that should be accorded to all the people in our municipalities, including our most vulnerable, many of which experience poverty or live on low incomes; and*

*16. The Township of McNab/Braeside believes all levels of government should provide fair, economically-sound, and evidence-based programs and supports to help low-income residents, vulnerable people, and other equity-seeking individuals escape poverty, precarious housing, and systemic disadvantage, and realize their full potential by living healthy and safe lives.*

***NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT*** the Township of McNab/Braeside:

*Calls upon the Premier and the Attorney General to make a commitment to access to justice, to respect the commitment of their government to not decrease front line services; and to confirm that funding for community legal clinics will not be decreased;*

*Urges the province to restore funding to these critical services and ensure that all the residents of Renfrew County have access to a fair and equitable justice system, regardless of their incomes;*

*Give AMO direction to speak to the province and voice opposition to the budget cuts to Legal Clinics; and*

*Directs that a copy of this resolution be issued forthwith to the MPP for Renfrew County, the Attorney General, the LAO Board, the Premier and all Renfrew County municipalities.*

**CARRIED.**

**6. Adoption of Previous Council Minutes**

6.1 August 6, 2019 - Regular Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION - 246-2019**

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Heather Lang

***THAT** the minutes of the August 6, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

**7. Reports of Committee of Council and Other Boards, Committees and Commissions**

7.1 Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes dated June 5, 2019

**RESOLUTION - 247-2019**

Moved by Councillor Heather Lang, seconded by Councillor Scott Brum

***THAT** Council accept the Recreation Committee meeting minutes from June 5, 2019 as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

7.2 Treasury Department Report - June 2019 Financial Report

**RESOLUTION - 248-2019**

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Heather Lang

***THAT** Council accept the June 2019 Financial Report as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

7.3 Treasury Department Report - July 2019 Financial Report

**RESOLUTION - 249-2019**

Moved by Councillor Heather Lang, seconded by Councillor Scott Brum

***THAT** Council accept the July 2019 Financial Report as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

7.4 RFP Results: External Auditor

**RESOLUTION - 250-2019**

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Heather Lang

*THAT Council accept the RFP Results: External Auditor Report as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

## **8. Information Items**

- 8.1 Correspondence as circulated #1-9 (August 1-14, 2019 inclusive) distributed separately.

### **RESOLUTION - 251-2019**

Moved by Councillor Heather Lang, seconded by Councillor Scott Brum

*THAT Council accept correspondence items #1-9 as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

- 8.2 Ontario Energy Board Notice to Customers of Enbridge Gas Inc.

### **RESOLUTION - 252-2019**

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Heather Lang

*THAT Council accept the Ontario Energy Board Notice to Customers of Enbridge Gas Inc. as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

## **9. Motions**

- 9.1 Request for Support Items #1-3
1. County of Renfrew - Youth Winter Games
  2. City of Hamilton – Public Health in Ontario Recommendations
  3. County of Renfrew - Reduction in Funding for Long-Term Care

### **RESOLUTION - 253-2019**

Moved by Councillor Heather Lang, seconded by Councillor Scott Brum

*THAT Council support Request for Support items #1-3 as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

### **RESOLUTION - 254-2019**

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Mayor Tom Peckett

*THAT Council support the County of Renfrew in their effort to host the Ontario Youth Winter Games in 2022 (OYWG 2022).*

**CARRIED.**

### **RESOLUTION - 255-2019**

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Heather Lang

***THAT** Council support the City of Hamilton in their effort to recommend key principles to the Minister of Long-Term Care should any restructuring or modernization of local Public Health take place.*

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION - 256-2019**

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Mayor Tom Peckett

***THAT** Council support the County of Renfrew in their effort to ask the Minister of Long-Term Care to reconsider the elimination of the funding pots in the 2019 calendar year and should the funding pots be eliminated in 2020, that the reciprocal value be transferred to the per diem funding so there is no net loss of provincial funding to long-term care.*

**CARRIED.**

**10. Unfinished Business**

10.1 Councillor Brum - Accessibility Funding - John A. Gillies Recreation

Councillor Brum explained that it would cost \$550.00 USD/year to join the Miracle League. The Miracle League would assist us with blueprints and sponsorship application.

**RESOLUTION - 257-2019**

Moved by Councillor Heather Lang, seconded by Councillor Scott Brum

***THAT** Council accept this verbal report as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

Direction: Councillor Brum was asked to bring background information to a future Council Meeting for review and decision of Council.

10.2 Deputy Mayor Armsden - Braeside Rink "skin" for new boards

**RESOLUTION - 258-2019**

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Heather Lang

***THAT** Council accept this as information.*

**CARRIED.**

Staff Direction: Staff was directed to bring this matter forward to the next Council Meeting.

10.3 2018-2019 Winter Sand

**RESOLUTION - 259-2019**

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Heather Lang

***THAT** Council accept this verbal report as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

- 10.4 Correspondence to the Ministry of Environment - Municipal Disaster Recovery - Seeking Environmental Compliance Approval

**RESOLUTION - 260-2019**

Moved by Councillor Heather Lang, seconded by Councillor Scott Brum

*THAT Council accept this as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

- 10.5 Ottawa River Flood Area - Public Meeting Session - Direction from Council Required:

- Town Hall Meetings

Staff Direction: Staff was directed to bring this matter forward to the next Council Meeting so all members of Council can provide suggested dates.

- MPAC Property Reassessments - Staff Direction: Staff was directed to compose an information letter and mail/email this letter to the residents that requested to be updated at the Public Meeting on August 13, 2019.

- Landfill Site - Extension requests and Fees for Building Demolition

The deadline to use the landfill voucher for flood related debris has been extended until October 31, 2019.

- Building Permit Fees

Staff Direction: Staff was directed to create a policy for this type of claim. If a resident did not have insurance on their flood damaged property, the fee can be waived for a new building permit.

- Debris Pickup on Private Property

Staff Direction: Staff was directed to update the Clean Yard By-Law to include a clause for clean up requirements following a disaster.

- 10.6 MPAC Resource Pamphlets

- Know More About Your Waterfront Home Assessment

- How to Request a Reconsideration

**RESOLUTION - 261-2019**

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Heather Lang

*THAT Council accept this as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

Staff Direction: Staff was directed to mail/email a copy of both pamphlets with the information letter referenced in 10.5.



**11. New Business**

- 11.1 Braeburn Estates Plan of Subdivision - Schedule C

**RESOLUTION - 262-2019**

Moved by Councillor Heather Lang, seconded by Councillor Scott Brum

***THAT** Council approve the securities payable to the Township in the amount of \$774,117.00 as outlined in Schedule "C" of the Braeburn Estates – Phase I Plan of Subdivision estimated cost of works; **AND FURTHER THAT** Council approves that this amount be secured by a letter of credit as recommended by Stantec Consulting.*

**CARRIED.**

**12. Notice of Motions**

Nil.

**13. By-Laws**

- 13.1 By-Law #2019-48 Fees and Charges

**RESOLUTION - 263-2019**

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Heather Lang

***THAT** By-Law #2019-48, being a By-Law to establish Fees and Charges for services or use of municipal property, I now deemed read a second and third time short and is hereby enacted and passed.*

**CARRIED.**

- 13.2 By-Law #2019-49 Delegation of Authority for Site Plan Control and Development Agreements

**RESOLUTION - 264-2019**

Moved by Councillor Heather Lang, seconded by Councillor Scott Brum

***THAT** By-Law #2019-49, being a By-Law to authorize delegation of approval of certain administrative matters to staff, I now deemed read a second and third time short and is hereby enacted and passed.*

**CARRIED.**

- 13.3 By-Law #2019-50 By-Law to Appoint Auditor

**RESOLUTION - 265-2019**

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Heather Lang

***THAT** By-Law #2019-50, being a By-Law to appoint auditors for the Township of McNab/Braeside, I now deemed read a second and third time short and is hereby enacted and passed.*

**CARRIED.**

**14. Public Questions/Comments**

14.1 Mackenzie Brum stated that having a disability site would be beneficial to special needs children.

**15. Closed Meeting Session**

Nil.

**16. Notice of Council Meeting Dates**

As noted on the Agenda

**17. Confirmatory By-Law**

17.1 By-Law #2019-51 - Confirm the proceedings of the August 20, 2019 Regular Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION - 266-2019**

Moved by Councillor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Heather Lang

***THAT** By-Law #2019-51, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the August 20, 2019 Regular Meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of McNab/Braeside, I now deemed read a second and third time short and is hereby enacted and passed.*

**CARRIED.**

**18. Adjournment**

This Regular Council Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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MAYOR

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CAO/CLERK