

***** AGENDA *****
Tuesday, April 7, 2026
****START TIME 6:30 p.m.****

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest.
2. Staff and Committee Reports.
3. Resolution: Adopt the Minutes of the March 17, 2026 Council Meeting.
4. By-Law: Kervin Road Closing.
5. Resolution: Award 2026-1-FIRE RFP for Extrication Equipment.
6. Resolution: Award RFT-NIP-PW-3-2026 Tender for Public Works Pick Up Truck.
7. Resolution: Award NIP-PW-2026-07 Tender for Modular Bridge, Concrete Abutments.
8. Resolution: Approve "in principle" a Shore Road Closing Application to purchase part of the Shore Road Allowance located in front of Concession 14, PT Lot 12 PCL 5724 N/S, Anderson.
9. Resolution: Approve the Proposal for Landfill Monitoring 2026-2028 from Pinchin.
10. Resolution: Extend the Implementation Timeframe of the Landfill Electronic Swipe Cards to September 30, 2026; Rescind Resolution R2026-09, January 6, 2026.
11. Resolution: Authorize the Mayor and the Municipal Administrator to sign the Ontario Fire Protection Grant Transfer Payment Agreement.
12. Resolution: Adopt the 2026 Municipal Election Procedures; Sign and Advertising Policy and the Use of Municipal Resources During an Election Campaign Rules and Procedures.
13. Resolution: Response to request to provide sanding operations to the Commanda Museum and Commanda Community Centre.
14. Correspondence.
15. Accounts to pay.
16. Closed Session: This part of the meeting will be closed to the public.
(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees.
Purpose of Closed Session:
 1. Update on staff member.
 2. Council to review Employment Agreements.
 3. Council to receive an update on a pending matter.
17. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held April 7, 2026.
18. Adjournment.

Council meetings will be held in person at 2381 Highway 654, Township of Nipissing Community Centre and virtually utilizing the Zoom platform; and will be livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2XSMZqRNHbwVppelfKcEXw>

MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING
Tuesday, March 17, 2026

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in person at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, and livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing YouTube Channel.

Present: Mayor Dave Yemm and Councillors Stephen Kirkey, James Scott and Lisa Chalapenko.

Via Zoom: Councillor Shelly Foote.

Staff: Fire Chief-MLEO-CEMC Will Bateman; Operations Superintendent Dan MacInnis; Land Planning and Technology Administrator John-Paul Negrinotti; Deputy Clerk-Administrative Assistant Kristin Linklater and Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Kris Croskery-Hodgins.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: Councillor Shelly Foote for the Accounts Payable.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Stephen Kirkey: Powassan & District Union Public Library Board.

Mayor Dave Yemm: Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation.

John Paul Negrinotti, Land Planning & Technology Administrator: SNF Water Group report, written.

R2026-58 S. Kirkey, L. Chalapenko:

THAT the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held March 3, 2026, be adopted as published.

Carried.

Public Session for questions or comments about the 2026 Municipal Budget, as proposed.

Presentation: 2026 Draft Municipal Budget –Proposed Tax Levy increase: 3.4%; Tax Rate increase 2.9%.

R2026-59 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

That we pass By-Law Number 2026-10, being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of the current estimates and tax rates, and to further provide for penalty and interest in default payment thereof and for the levy of other charges in 2026.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 17th day of March, 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-60 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

That we pass By-Law Number 2026-11, being a By-Law to set Tax Ratios for Municipal Purposes for the year 2026.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 17th day of March, 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-61 L. Chalapenko, J. Scott:

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing acknowledges the required need of large animal veterinary services in the north;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Nipissing supports the Township of Papineau-Cameron Resolution Number 2026-50, requesting expanded enrollment capacity to programming at the Ontario Veterinary College for those pursuing certification as large animal veterinarians. **Carried.**

R2026-62 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Nipissing fully supports the statements provided in a letter from the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East, dated February 20, 2026, regarding Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario agencies across the province and the development of a coordinated Provincial Bail Notification Program;

NOW THEREFORE we direct this Resolution of support be circulated to the Powassan Nipissing Callander OPP Detachment Board and FONOM for support. **Carried.**

R2026-63 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

WHEREAS Northern Ontario has limited health care resources, wide-spread throughout the North which require travel, wait times and residents struggling to obtain health care without the services of a Family Physician;

AND WHEREAS a critical role in healthcare is timely and reliable medical testing, which provide crucial information for medications and treatment schedules;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of Nipissing supports the City of Greater Sudbury in the request that the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Health take action to ensure that essential medical laboratory services remain accessible within Northern Ontario;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be urged to ensure reliable, timely, and medically appropriate laboratory turnaround times for Northern Ontario patients, recognizing the unique geographic and climatic challenges of the region;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be requested to protect and support the valuable Northern Ontario health-care workforce, including medical laboratory technologists, by preventing further service centralization that disproportionately impacts Northern communities. **Carried.**

R2026-64 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:

That we receive the correspondence report as presented. **Carried.**

Items from Correspondence:

R2026-65 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris is planning the construction of a new fire hall that will serve as a regional fire training centre for fire departments including from across the Nipissing, East Parry Sound and East Sudbury districts;

AND WHEREAS the closest accredited and operational training facilities are currently located in Huntsville, Haileybury, and Sault Ste. Marie, requiring significant travel, increased costs, and reduced training frequency for volunteer and composite departments in our region;

AND WHEREAS the summer 2025 storm in the Municipality of Calvin demonstrated the effectiveness of regional collaboration under a declared state of emergency, highlighting the value of joint training and coordinated emergency response;

AND WHEREAS a regional training centre in East Ferris would allow firefighters to train closer to home, reduce operational costs, foster inter-departmental collaboration, and improve readiness for future emergencies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Nipissing supports the Municipality of East Ferris in its application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for funding assistance to construct the East Ferris Regional Fire Training Centre;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of East Ferris to demonstrate our municipality's support for this important regional initiative. **Carried.**

R2026-66 S. Foote, J. Scott:

WHEREAS Council has received a request to waive tipping fees at the Wolfe Lake Landfill Site for items collected by volunteers cleaning the ice surface of Lake Nipissing after the closing of the annual ice fishing season;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Township of Nipissing waives the Landfill Tipping Fees stated in User Fee By-Law Number 2024-33 for Bernie Morin with a Temporary Landfill Card dated March 17 to April 17, for the sole purpose of disposal of household garbage and waste items collected during the clean up of Lake Nipissing in the area of the Township of Nipissing;

AND THAT the group request the collection of recycling materials included in the clean up operation be forwarded to Circular Materials as this program is no longer under the management of the Township of Nipissing.

AND FURTHER THAT a Resolution be prepared requesting additional enforcement and action of the Ministry of Natural Resources at the end of the annual ice fishing season to assist with the proper disposal of waste resulting from ice fishing operations and individual ice fishing.

AND FURTHER THAT the Resolution be circulated to the Honourable Vic Fedeli, MPP; the City of North Bay; Municipality of Callander; and FONOM for support. **Carried.**

Councillor Shelly Foote declared pecuniary interest as her personally owned business is listed in the Accounts Payable.

Councillor Foote's video and microphone feed on Zoom were disabled.

R2026-67 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

That the statement of accounts dated: February 28, March 6, and 11, 2026.

Totaling \$228,406.20 be approved. **Carried.**

Councillor Foote rejoined the meeting electronically.

R2026-68 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:

THAT we pass By-Law No. 2026-12, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on March 17, 2026.

Read the first, second and third time passed this 17th day of March, 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-69 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

THAT the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:20 p.m.

Next regular Council meeting to be held April 7, 2026. **Carried.**

Mayor:

Municipal Administrator:

Minutes prepared as per Section 228 (1)(a) of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25.

Clerk to record, without note or comment, all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings of the council.

Minutes to be approved by Council at the next regular Council Meeting.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: April 7, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2026-13, being a By-Law to stop up, close and sell part of the Road Allowance Between Concession 12 & 13 designated as Part 1 on Plan 42R22858, in the Township of Nipissing, District of Parry Sound.

Read a first, second and a third time and passed this 7th day of April, 2026.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

RFP 2026-01-FIRE

Battery Operated Extrication Equipment

Municipal Budget: \$81,000

Results:

	Code 4	1200degrees	M&L Supply	<i>Points available</i>
Meets Specifications	25	23.75	5	25 Points
Price	25	8.25	16.75	25 Points
Price Total without Tax	\$79,975	\$94,860	\$82,480	
Warranty	20	20	10	20 Points
Annual Operating Costs	15	15	15	15 Points
Delivery	15	15	15	15 Points
TOTAL POINTS	100	82	61.75	
<i>Meets 5 Requirements</i>	<i>5/5</i>	<i>4/5</i>	<i>1/5</i>	<i>Total / 5</i>

**Requirements are the Tools Bids were requested for.

Based on the Tender Documents submitted and the rating scale above, Staff recommends Code 4 at a cost of \$79,975, before taxes, as the successful bidder of this RFP.

Total cost with tax rebate:
\$81,382.56

Budget: \$81,000



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: April 7, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the replacement of the Battery Operated Extrication Equipment for the Fire Department was identified in the 2026 Capital Budget;

AND WHEREAS RFP 2026-01-FIRE was circulated for bids with 3 submissions being received;

NOW THEREFORE based on the results of the submissions Council accepts the RFP submitted by Code 4 at a price of \$79,975.00, before applicable taxes.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

Township of Nipissing

Tender Opening – RFT-NIP-PW-3-2026

½ Ton Crew Cab 4x4 Pick Up Truck

Opened: April 2nd, 2026 beginning at 1:00p.m.

Present: Kim Turnbull - Deputy Treasurer, Dan MacInnis- Operations Superintendent

Company Name	Document Information	Missing Features	Bid
Mohawk Ford 2026 Ford F150	Bid Form ☒ Schedule 1 ☒ Warranty Details ☒		2026 Ford Crew Cab F150 4WD \$ 63,550.00 Price \$ 8,261.50 HST \$ 71,811.50 Total Price (Including H.S.T.) Extended warranty: \$ 6,972.10 including HST (\$ 100 plus HST deductible per claim) 72 Months or 200,000 Kms Delivery Date: 16-24 weeks from receipt of order
Bray Motors Limited Chevrolet WT Silverado	Bid Form ☒ Schedule 1 ☒ Warranty Details ☒	18 inch tires	2026 Sierra 1500 4WD Crew Cab \$ 60,024.74 Price \$ 7,803.22 HST - corrected \$ 67,827.96 Total Price (Including H.S.T.) corrected Dealer Installed Remote Starter: \$746.00 plus HST (\$842.98) \$68 ,670.94 Grand Total

			Extended warranty: \$ 6053.41 including HST (\$ 100 plus HST deductible per claim) 72 Months or 160,000 Kms Delivery Date: 30 Calendar Days from receipt of order
Stockfish Ford Ford F150-2026	Bid Form ☒ Schedule 1 ☒ Warranty Details ☒		2026 Ford Crew Cab F150 4WD \$ 71,012.95 Price \$ 9,231.68 HST \$59.00 Licensing \$100.00 Gas \$ 80,403.63 Total Price (Including H.S.T.) Extended warranty: \$ 8,062.55 including HST (no deductible) 72 Months 200,000 Kms Delivery Date: 3.5 months from receipt of order

Staff Recommendation: That we accept the tender submitted from Mohawk Ford for a 2026 Ford F150.

2026 Approved Budgeted amount: \$70,000



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: April 7, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the Township issued Tender RFT-NIP-PW-3-2026 for a ½ Ton Crew Cab Pick Up Truck per the adopted Capital Forecast and 2026 Municipal Budget;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Township of Nipissing accepts the Tender submitted by Mowhawk Ford for the delivery of a 2026 Ford F150 at a price of \$71,811.50, including applicable taxes, and an additional cost of \$6,972.10, including applicable taxes, for an extended warranty.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

Township of Nipissing

Report to Council

Date: April 7, 2026

Originator: Antoine C. Boucher, Engineer and Dan MacInnis, Operation Superintendent

Subject: **Tender NIP-PW-07-2026 – Modular Bridge Concrete Abutment – Bear Creek**

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council for the Township of Nipissing awards tender NIP-PW-07-2026 – Modular Bridge - Concrete Abutment – Bear Creek to Northern Mat & Bridge in the amount of \$ 634,491.07 including HST.

BACKGROUND

On Thursday, March 5th, 2026, NIP-PW-07-2026 – Modular Bridge - Concrete Abutment was sent by invitation and posted on our municipal website for open bid. The Tender closed on Friday, March 27th, 2026, at noon 12:00 p.m. On the closing date, the opening was held at 1:00 p.m. in the Municipal Office on Zoom in the presence of Dan MacInnis Superintendent, Kim Turnbull, Deputy Treasurer, and by Zoom Tim Lee, Northern Mat & Bridge and Alexi Menjivar, Algonquin Bridge. There were no members of the public in attendance.

Six (6) tender packages were sent as invitation to bid, and a total of two (2) bids were received. There were three (3) addendums issued.

ANALYSIS/OPTIONS

Corrected Bids Results (including all options):

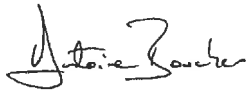
<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Price (Including HST)</u>
Northern Mat & Bridge	\$ 634,491.07
Algonquin Bridge	\$ 665,675.17

The tenders were checked for errors and omissions, and both bids included arithmetic errors. The corrected bid results are shown above.

This Tender asked for four (4) optional pricing as indicated in Addendum 3. Algonquin Bridge omitted to submit all three (3) addendums in their submission and are therefore disqualified on that basis. As part of the evaluation, the recommendation is to award the contract to the lowest remaining bidder Northern Mat & Bridge including their optional pricing (amount shown above).

Staff will proceed with the Construction Tendering once the General Arrangement drawings are available.

Respectfully Submitted,



Antoine C. Boucher, P. Eng.
Engineer

I concur with this report and recommendation,



Dan MacInnis, Superintendant

Township of Nipissing
Tender Opening - NIP-PW-07-2026
Opened: March 27th, 2026 beginning at 1:00p.m.

Present: Kim Turnbull - Deputy Treasurer, Dan MacInnis- Operations Superintendent
Zoom: Tim Lee, Northern Mat & Bridge and Alexi Menjivar, Algonquin Bridge

Company Name	NIP-PW-07-2026 Modular Bridge, Concrete Abutments		
Algonquin Bridge	Sealed Envelope ☒ Bid Summary ☒ Addendum 1 ☐ Addendum 2 ☐ Addendum 3 ☐ Pages 1-6, 12-18 ☒	Tender for a Modular Bridge, Concrete Abutments as per attached specifications Tender Price HST Total Tender Price	 \$ 589,092.99 \$ 76,582.09 \$ 665,675.08
Northern Mat & Bridge	Sealed Envelope ☒ Bid Summary ☒ Addendum 1 ☒ Addendum 2 ☒ Addendum 3 ☒ Pages 1-6, 12-18 ☒	Tender for a Modular Bridge, Concrete Abutments as per attached specifications Tender Price Option #3 Zinc-rich Primer Subtotal HST Total Tender Price	 \$ 502,918.52 \$ 58,578.00 \$ 561,496.52 \$ 72,994.55 \$ 634,491.07
Staff Recommendation: That we accept the tender submitted from Northern Mat and Bridge. <i>2026 Approved Budgeted amount: \$1,346,000 – this will leave \$711,509 for construction bid and additional work as required.</i>			



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: April 7, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing has received a funding grant through the Health and Safety Water Stream Grant to assist with the replacement of the Bear Creek Culvert;

AND WHEREAS a bridge replacement was identified as the most effective asset replacement option and a Tender for the Modular Bridge, Concrete Abutments was circulated as NIP-PW-07-2026;

NOW THEREFORE Council has received the results and a recommendation from Antoine C. Boucher, P. Eng. on the submissions received;

AND THEREFORE Council awards NIP-PW-07-2026 to Northern Mat & Bridge inclusive of Option #3 as provided, total cost of \$634,491.07, including applicable taxes.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: April 7, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Council does approve "in principle" the Application of Arthur Anderson, to purchase part of the Shore Road Allowance located in front of Concession 14 PT Lot 12 PCL 5724 N/S, Township of Nipissing.
2. That this resolution is subject to the following conditions:
 - The Council shall select an independent search firm specializing in fishery issues and environmental issues to complete an independent investigation and report to determine the geographic limits where development could occur and to ensure compliance to the Provincial Policy Statement.
 - That the applicant will be responsible for the payment of all the Municipality's administrative, legal accounts and Environmental Impact Study costs in connection with the processing of this application.
 - That in accordance with the Municipality's policy, notice and a copy of the draft plan will be mailed to the adjacent owners.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: April 7, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS Pinchin has been contracted to perform Landfill Monitoring services for the Township of Nipissing since 2022;

NOW THEREFORE we authorize the Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer to sign the Authorization to Proceed, extending the agreement until 2028;

AND THAT the project costs will be \$39,470 in 2026; \$39,705 in 2027 and \$39,945 in 2028, plus any applicable taxes.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



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REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: April 7, 2028
From: Kris Croskery-Hodgins, Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer
Re: Landfill Electronic Swipe Card Program Update

Background:

Council passed Resolution R2026-09 implementing an Electronic Swipe Card Program to be effective April 1, 2026 during the meeting of January 6, 2026.

Between the time of authorization to begin working on the project and the implementation time there was a misunderstanding within the supplier of the card and system's sales and implementation teams. This resulted in a very large, unexpected withdrawal of fees from the Township's bank account.

Working with RBC and the card supplier company for a few weeks, the funds were returned to the Township's account and the terms of the agreement were confirmed with all involved parties.

Summary:

The Landfill Cards are typically sent out with the Interim Tax Bills to improve efficiency and minimize mailing costs. Interim Tax Bills historically are mailed out in January and as a result of the electronic card fee issue, the mailing was delayed by several weeks. In order to provide the Interim Tax Bills to residents with sufficient notice to pay, an alternative Landfill Card Option was required.

A decision was made by myself, in discussions with staff, to purchase paper cards for 2026 at a cost of \$150.00 approximately, and these were included with the Interim Tax Bills, while we worked through the agreement issues with the electronic card supplier. This decision was made to keep the tax bill mailing on schedule and ensure that our residents did not experience a service disruption at the landfill sites.

The electronic cards are ready for implementation. Staff are working on education materials to accompany the cards and for circulation at the landfill sites. The recommended mailing of the cards will coincide with the Final Tax Bills. These are mailed in June and due September 30th. This will ensure that residents will be looking for the bills and will receive the cards. An additional mailout will cost in excess of \$2,000.00 with postage, envelopes and staff time. There is also a risk of having the mail out being overlooked as it is not an anticipated document by residents.

This alternative plan was explained to Council during the Council meeting of March 3, 2026 during the Budget explanation. As stated, all costs associated with the Landfill Electronic Card Program will be funded under the Modernization Grant monies received by the Township several years ago. The paper recording of waste and recycling entering the landfill sites will continue until the electronic card system is fully implemented.

Recommendation:

That Council rescind Resolution R2026-09 and authorize the effective date for the electronic card use system of September 30, 2026.

Respectfully,

Kris Croskery-Hodgins
Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: April 7, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the electronic swipe card program for the Township of Nipissing Landfill Sites has required additional negotiations;

NOW THEREFORE Council hereby rescinds Resolution R2026-09, passed January 6, 2026, providing an effective date of implementation as April 1, 2026;

AND THAT we hereby authorize the implementation of the electronic card use system for the Township Landfill Sites with an effective date of September 30, 2026;

AND THAT the new cards will be mailed out to all property owners with the Final Tax Bills being mailed out in June 2026.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



**Township of
NIPISSING**

"Life the way it should be"



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: January 6, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-~~08~~ 09

Moved by *SCOTT*

Seconded by *CHALAPENKO*

THAT the Township of Nipissing implement an electronic card use system for the Township Landfill Sites in 2026 with an effective date of April 1, 2026.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: April 7, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing Fire Department has been successful in a grant application for the Ontario Fire Protection Grant to enhance cancer prevention and Firefighter health and safety;

NOW THEREFORE we authorize the Mayor and the Municipal Administrator to sign the Ontario Fire Prevention Grant Transfer Payment Agreement.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: April 7, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the 2026 Municipal Election Nominations will open on May 1, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Nipissing adopts the following:

1. 2026 Municipal Procedures, April 7, 2026 edition.
2. Municipal Election 2026 Signs/Advertising Policy, amended April 7, 2026.
3. Use of Municipal Resources During an Election Campaign, Rules and Procedures, April 7, 2026 edition.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

Township of Nipissing

2026 Municipal Election Procedures



Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer

Township of Nipissing

This 7th day of April, 2026

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Welcome

Municipal elections are different from the Federal and Provincial elections. The Municipal election does not involve political parties and is community decision making at the local government level. The Municipal Council is the most accessible form of government often making decisions that affect families and neighbours. This booklet is provided to share how the election will be run.

The guiding principles of this election are:

1. The Secrecy and Confidentiality of the voting process is paramount.
2. The election shall be fair and non-biased.
3. The election shall be accessible to the voters.
4. The integrity of the process shall be maintained throughout the election.
5. That there be certainty that the results of the election reflect the votes cast.
6. That voters and candidates shall be treated fairly and consistently.
7. A proper majority vote decides the election by ensuring, so far as reasonably possible, that the valid votes be counted and the invalid votes be rejected.

The Procedures identified throughout this document shall apply to the election held by the Township of Nipissing. Where this document does not provide for a matter, the Clerk shall make a decision on the matter and add the process to this document for the current and future municipal elections in the Township of Nipissing. A decision made in the current election is valid when made and the document update will occur as soon as possible

The Clerk has the right to amend these procedures and will circulate notice of amendments as applicable to those who have identified as Candidates and have it posted to the municipal election page of the Township's website.

These procedures are subject to change without notice in case of an emergency as prescribed in Section 53 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1966*, as amended. All references throughout this document to the Act, shall mean the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* as amended in 2017 [MEA].

A. Electors

QUALIFICATION TO VOTE

A PERSON IS ENTITLED TO BE AN ELECTOR IF, ON VOTING DAY THE PERSON:

- a. IS A CANADIAN CITIZEN.
- b. IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD.
- c. IS A RESIDENT IN THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, OR IS THE OWNER OR TENANT OF LAND IN THE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, OR THE SPOUSE OF SUCH A PERSON.
- d. IS NOT PROHIBITED FROM VOTING UNDER ANY LAW BECAUSE THE PERSON:
 - a) IS SERVING A SENTENCE OF IMPRISONMENT.
 - b) IS A CORPORATION.
 - c) IS ACTING AS AN EXECUTOR OR TRUSTEE OR IN ANY OTHER REPRESENTATIVE CAPACITY.
 - d) WAS CONVICTED OF A CORRUPT PRACTICE AS PER SECTION 903 OF THE MEA.

A PERSON IS ENTITLED TO ONLY ONE RESIDENCE AND THEREFORE, ONE VOTE PER OFFICE ON THE BALLOT FOR EACH MUNICIPALITY AND FOR ONLY ONE BALLOT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE FOR THE JURISDICTION IN WHICH THEY RESIDE AND SUPPORT BY THEIR TAXES.

RESIDENT ELECTOR

A RESIDENT ELECTOR IS WHERE A PERSON LIVES AND IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THAT MUNICIPALITY'S ELECTION. THEY MAY OWN PROPERTY OR BE A TENANT OF PROPERTY ON VOTING DAY.

NON-RESIDENT ELECTOR

IF A PERSON LIVES IN ONE MUNICIPALITY, BUT OWNS PROPERTY IN ANOTHER (TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING), THEN THEY ARE A NON-RESIDENT ELECTOR AND ABLE TO VOTE IN THE ELECTION. A SPOUSE OF A NON-RESIDENT VOTER SHALL ALSO BE PERMITTED TO VOTE.

TRAILER OWNERS/CAMPGROUNDS

TRAILER OWNERS IN A CAMPGROUND ARE TENANTS OF THE CAMPGROUND AND THEREFORE POTENTIALLY ELIGIBLE ELECTORS. TO BE ELIGIBLE THE PERSON MUST BE ENTITLED TO USE THE LAND ON VOTING DAY, OR FOR A PERIOD OF SIX WEEKS OR MORE DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH THE ELECTION IS HELD.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ELECTOR TO ENSURE THEY ARE QUALIFIED.

STUDENT

IF A PERSON LIVES IN ONE MUNICIPALITY BUT IS A STUDENT ATTENDING POST-SECONDARY SCHOOL IN ANOTHER MUNICIPALITY ON VOTING DAY, THEY CAN VOTE IN BOTH ELECTIONS BUT CAN ONLY HAVE ONE VOTE FOR ANY SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE.

NO PERMANENT ADDRESS

A PERSON WITHOUT A PERMANENT RESIDENCE MAY ALSO QUALIFY TO BE ADDED TO THE VOTER'S LIST DURING THE REVISION PERIOD BY SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION TO THE CLERK. THE PERSON MAY SWEAR AN AFFIDAVIT STATING THE PLACE TO WHICH THEY FREQUENTLY RETURN TO SLEEP OR EAT DURING THE FIVE WEEKS PRECEDING THE DETERMINATION THE APPLICATION.

B. VOTER'S LIST

THE VOTER'S LIST IS A LIST OF ALL ELIGIBLE ELECTORS KNOWN TO RESIDE OR OWN PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING. TO ENSURE INCLUSION OF ELECTORS ON THE PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS [PLE], WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO VISIT:

<https://vreg.registertovoteon.ca/en/home> ON THE ELECTIONS ONTARIO WEBSITE.

THE VOTER'S LIST IS TO BE DELIVERED TO THE MUNICIPALITY BY SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE ELECTION YEAR.

AFTER SEPTEMBER 1ST THE PERIOD TO REVISE THE VOTER'S LIST IS OPEN UNTIL THE CLOSE OF THE VOTE ON VOTING DAY. PERSONS CAN ATTEND THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, OR THE VOTING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY, AND APPLY¹ TO HAVE THEIR NAME ADDED TO THE LIST OR CORRECT THEIR INFORMATION ON THE LIST. THE APPLICANT CAN MAIL IN AN APPLICATION, APPOINT AN AGENT OR ATTEND IN PERSON TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST BUT PROOF OF ELIGIBLE ADDRESS AND IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED.

ELECTION LISTS ARE PUBLIC DOCUMENTS AND CAN BE INSPECTED BY THE PUBLIC. NO PERSON SHALL USE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THESE LISTS, EXCEPT FOR ELECTION PURPOSES. AN AFFIDAVIT² ACKNOWLEDGING THIS STATEMENT WILL BE REQUIRED PRIOR TO ANY CANDIDATE RECEIVING A COPY OF THE LIST. NO OTHER PERSON OR BODY IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A COPY UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

¹ Form EL15 Application to Amend the Voters List

² Form EL 14 Candidate's Declaration – Proper Use of Voters List

ELECTIONS ONTARIO CREATED VOTER REGISTRATION FOR RESIDENTS AND POTENTIAL ELECTORS TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE ON THE LIST OR NEED TO BE ADDED, OR HAVE INFORMATION AMENDED. PERSONS ADDING THEMSELVES TO registertovoteon.ca WILL BE ADDED TO THE PLE. PERSONS ADDING THEIR NAMES AFTER JULY 31ST, IN AN ELECTION YEAR ARE NOT NECESSARILY ADDED TO THE PLE AND MAY HAVE TO ADD THEMSELVES AT THE VOTING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY.

ELECTORS CAN VISIT [REGISTERTOVOTEON.CA](https://registertovoteon.ca) TO MAKE UPDATES OR CHANGES TO THEIR LISTING UP UNTIL AUGUST 12, 2026. AFTER AUGUST 12TH ELECTORS WILL BE DIRECTED TO THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE FOR REGISTRATION.

VOTER ID AND DECLARATION

ALL ELECTORS AT THE VOTING PLACE MUST SHOW PROOF OF NAME AND QUALIFYING ADDRESS BEFORE RECEIVING A BALLOT. IF THE ELECTOR DOES NOT HAVE IDENTIFICATION WITH THEM, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE DECLARATION OF IDENTITY³ – STATING THEY ARE THE ELECTOR SHOWING ON THE VOTER’S LIST.

VOTERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO SHOW PHOTO IDENTIFICATION, ONLY DOCUMENTATION SHOWING NAME AND ADDRESS. ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION INCLUDES, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:

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| A. ONTARIO DRIVER’S LICENCE | B. ONTARIO HEALTH CARD |
| C. CANCELLED PERSONAL CHEQUE | D. A UTILITY BILL |
| E. PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT | F. A PAY STUB [MUST HAVE ADDRESS] |
| G. LEASE OF LAND/SPACE | H. DOCUMENTATION FROM ANY LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT |

B. Candidates

QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES

A PERSON IS QUALIFIED TO BE ELECTED OR HOLD OFFICE, WHO, AS OF THE DAY THEY FILE FOR NOMINATION IS;

ENTITLED TO BE AN ELECTOR UNDER MEA, S.17

NOT DISQUALIFIED BY ANY ACT

WHEN APPLICABLE HAVE TAKEN AN UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE TO BE CANDIDATE

³ Prescribed Form 9 Declaration of Identify

C. NOMINATIONS

NOMINATION PERIOD IS FROM MAY 1, 2026 TO FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026 FOR THE 2026 MUNICIPAL ELECTION. NOMINATION FORMS⁴ CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

THE CLERK SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF OFFICES FOR WHICH A PERSON MAY BE NOMINATED ALONG WITH THE NOMINATION PERIOD AT LEAST ONCE PRIOR TO NOMINATION DAY. THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING WILL POST ON THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT AS WELL AS CIRCULATE THE INFORMATION IN PRINT WITHIN THE SPRING NEWSLETTER MAILED TO EACH PROPERTY OWNER IN THE TOWNSHIP IN THE MONTH OF APRIL.

IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING, THE OFFICES FOR POTENTIAL ELECTION CANDIDATES ARE:

MUNICIPAL OFFICES

MAYOR [1]

COUNCILLOR [4]

SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE; ONE [1] FOR EACH

NEAR NORTH DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD PUBLIC ENGLISH

CONSEIL SCOLAIRE PUBLIC DU NORD –EST DE L'ONTARIO

CONSEIL SCOLAIRE – CATHOLIQUE FRANCO-NORD

NIPISSING PARRY SOUND CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

NOMINATION FORMS MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE, WITH THE APPLICABLE FEE IN CASH, MONEY ORDER OR BY DEBIT TRANSACTION UNTIL AUGUST 21ST AT 2:00 PM.

THE PRESCRIBED FEE FOR MAYOR SHALL BE \$200.00 AND THE FEE FOR COUNCILLOR OR SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE SHALL BE \$100.00.

FORMS MUST BE SIGNED BY THE CANDIDATE AND INFORMATION ON HOW THEY WANT THEIR NAME TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT MUST BE COMPLETED CLEARLY ON THE FORM.

WHEN SUBMITTING THEIR NOMINATION FORM CANDIDATES MUST HAVE PROOF OF QUALIFICATIONS WITH THEM. THESE DOCUMENTS SHALL INCLUDE THEIR NAME, QUALIFYING ADDRESS, AND SIGNATURE. THE CLERK WILL COMPARE THE QUALIFYING ADDRESS WITH THE MUNICIPAL TAX SYSTEM TO VERIFY ELIGIBILITY. IF THE CANDIDATE IS A TENANT OF PROPERTY, A LEASE AGREEMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED THAT DETAILS THE LEASE IS VALID BEYOND ELECTION DAY AND THE START OF TERM OF OFFICE. IF NECESSARY SUBSEQUENT LEASES SHALL BE SUBMITTED AS CONTINUED PROOF OF

⁴ Prescribed Form 1 Nomination Paper

ELIGIBILITY. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CANDIDATE TO ENSURE PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY IS SUBMITTED WITH THE NOMINATION FORM AND PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE NOMINATION PERIOD.

PERSONS WITH NOMINATION FORMS INSIDE THE OFFICE AT 2:00 PM ON NOMINATION DAY, AUGUST 21, 2026, WILL BE PERMITTED TO STAY IN THE OFFICE TO COMPLETE THE SUBMISSION IN THE ORDER IN WHICH THEY ARRIVED PRIOR TO 2:00 PM. **NO** PERSON MAY SWITCH THEIR PLACE IN LINE. ANY PERSON NOT INSIDE THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE AS OF 2:00 PM WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINATION FORM.

A CANDIDATE OR THEIR AGENT MAY WITHDRAW THEIR NOMINATION BY COMPLETING A PHYSICAL WITHDRAWAL OF NOMINATION⁵ FORM AND FILING IT IN PERSON WITH THE CLERK'S OFFICE BEFORE 2:00 PM, AUGUST 21, 2026.

A CANDIDATE MUST PRESENT IDENTIFICATION WITH THE PROPER FORM TO THE CLERK. IF A FORM IS SUBMITTED BY AN AGENT, THE CLERK SHALL CONTACT THE CANDIDATE TO CONFIRM RECEIPT OF WITHDRAWAL PRIOR TO FINAL ACCEPTANCE.

NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION.

A CANDIDATE THAT FILES A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT NOMINATION PAPER FOR ANOTHER OFFICE WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE DEEMED TO HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE OFFICE SUBMITTED FOR IN THE FIRST SUBMITTED NOMINATION FORM.

A CANDIDATE IS ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A REFUND OF THE NOMINATION FEE IF HE OR SHE FILES THEIR FINANCIAL STATEMENT BY 2:00 PM ON APRIL 29, 2027. IF A CANDIDATE WITHDRAWS THEIR NOMINATION, THEY ARE STILL REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

⁵ Form EL19 Withdrawal of Nomination

CANDIDATE NAMES

THE FOLLOWING RULES SHALL APPLY REGARDING CANDIDATE NAMES:

1. ONLY THE NAMES OF CERTIFIED CANDIDATES SHALL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT.
2. NAMES SHALL APPEAR WHENEVER POSTED BY THE TOWNSHIP IN THE FORMAT OF FIRST NAME THEN LAST NAME IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, BASED ON SURNAME AND IN THE CASE OF IDENTICAL SURNAMES, THEN ALPHABETICALLY BY THEIR FIRST NAME. MIDDLE INITIALS SHALL NOT BE USED UNLESS REQUIRED TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN TWO CANDIDATES WITH IDENTICAL SURNAMES AND FIRST NAMES.
3. IF THE CANDIDATE WISHES, AND THE CLERK AGREES, ANOTHER NAME THAT THE CANDIDATE ALSO USES MAY APPEAR INSTEAD OF THE CANDIDATE'S LEGAL NAME.
4. NO REFERENCE TO THE CANDIDATE'S OCCUPATION, DEGREE, TITLE, HONOUR OR DECORATION SHALL APPEAR.

CERTIFYING NOMINATIONS

THE CLERK IS REQUIRED TO CERTIFY OR REJECT NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES ON OR PRIOR TO AUGUST 24, 2026 AT 4:00 PM. THE CLERK WILL REVIEW EACH NOMINATION FILED TO BE SATISFIED THE PERSON IS QUALIFIED TO BE NOMINATED, NOMINATIONS COMPLY WITH THE MEA, AND ALL DOCUMENTATION IS CORRECTLY RECEIVED; THE CLERK WILL CERTIFY THE NOMINATION PAPER.

THE CLERK MAY CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING IN MAKING THE DECISION TO CERTIFY OR REJECT;

1. THE CANDIDATE HAS REFUSED OR DECLINED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF QUALIFICATION OR IDENTIFICATION SUITABLE TO THE CLERK.
2. THE CANDIDATE DOES NOT SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MEA (NOT ELIGIBLE).
3. THE NOMINATION PAPER IS NOT FULLY COMPLETE, OR SIGNED OR THE PRESCRIBED FILING FEE HAS NOT BEEN PAID.
4. THE CANDIDATE'S NAME DOES NOT APPEAR ON THE VOTER'S LIST.

IF A NOMINATION PAPER IS REJECTED THE CLERK SHALL NOTIFY THE CANDIDATE IN WRITING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE CLERK'S DECISION TO CERTIFY OR REJECT IS FINAL.

ACCLAMATIONS AND ELECTIONS

IF AFTER 4:00PM ON AUGUST 24, 2026 THERE ARE ONLY NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICES TO BE FILLED THAT EQUAL THE NUMBER REQUIRED FOR ELECTION, THOSE OFFICES SHALL BE ACCLAIMED.

IF THERE ARE MORE NOMINATIONS THAN TO BE ELECTED, A NOTICE OF ELECTION⁶ WILL BE ISSUED TO THE ELECTORS AND THE LIST OF CERTIFIED CANDIDATES⁷ WILL BE POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS AND BY POSTER IN THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

IF THERE ARE LESS NOMINATIONS FILED THAN REQUIRED THEN A NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS⁸ WILL BE ISSUED AND THE PRESCRIBED PROCESS WILL BE FOLLOWED. NOMINATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND CERTIFIED WILL BE ACCEPTED AS OF 4:00 PM ON AUGUST 27, 2026.

CANDIDATES WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A CONSENT TO RELEASE PERSONAL INFORMATION⁹ PRIOR TO THE TOWNSHIP RELEASING ANY INFORMATION SUBMITTED ON THE NOMINATION PAPER. IF A CANDIDATE DOES NOT SIGN A CONSENT TO RELEASE INFORMATION FORM, THE TOWNSHIP WILL ONLY RELEASE THEIR NAMES AND/OR PERSONAL INFORMATION AS PRESCRIBED BY THE MEA.

CAMPAIGNING

ONCE A CANDIDATE FILES THE NOMINATION PAPER WITH THE CLERK, THE CANDIDATE MAY BEGIN INCURRING EXPENSES RELATED TO THE ELECTION AND CAMPAIGNING. A LIST OF NON-CERTIFIED NOMINATION PAPERS FILED SHALL BE POSTED ON THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE ELECTION PAGE AND AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER FILING.

THE METHOD IN WHICH A CANDIDATE CAMPAIGNS IS AT THEIR DISCRETION PROVIDED IT FOLLOWS THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF THE ELECTION, THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION ACT AND MUNICIPAL BYLAWS INCLUDING THE SIGN POLICY AND USE OF MUNICIPAL RESOURCES POLICIES.

ON ELECTION DAY, INCLUDING ADVANCED VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS, A CANDIDATE IS NOT PERMITTED TO CAMPAIGN NEAR THE VOTING LOCATIONS. THIS WILL INCLUDE THE PARKING LOT, WALKWAY AND MUNICIPAL PROPERTY LEADING UP TO THE LOCATION, PARKING OF A VEHICLE ALONG ROADWAY WITHIN VIEWING OF THE VOTING PLACE AND INSIDE THE VOTING PLACE. THE CANDIDATE CAN ENTER THE VOTING PLACE TO CAST THEIR VOTE OR TO GET A QUICK REPORT FROM AN APPOINTED SCRUTINEER BUT THEY CANNOT HAVE ANY PROMOTION ITEMS ON THEIR PERSON/DISPLAYED NOR ENCOURAGE AN ELECTOR TO VOTE IN ANY WAY. THE CANDIDATE WILL BE ASKED TO LEAVE THE VOTING PLACE SHOULD THEY NOT COMPLY WITH THE POLICIES AT THE DISCRETION OF AN ELECTION OFFICIAL ON SITE.

⁶ Form EL24 Notice of Election Information

⁷ Form EL07 List of Certified Candidates

⁸ Form EL17B Notice of Additional Nominations

⁹ Form EL52 Consent to Release Personal Information

Campaign Expenses

The Clerk shall provide a certificate to a candidate at the time of filing nomination papers of the preliminary calculation of the maximum amount of the campaign expenses that may be incurred by the candidate. This is based upon the number of electors on the Voter's List of the office on September 15 in the 2022 Elections.

The office of Mayor shall be entitled to expense \$7,500.00 +\$0.85 per Elector
The office of Councillor shall be entitled to expense \$5,000.00 +\$0.85 per Elector
The office of Trustee shall be entitled to expense \$5,000 + \$0.85 per Elector

No later than September 30, 2026, the Clerk shall provide each candidate, via email, with a revised Certificate of Maximum Campaign Expenses¹⁰ based upon the number of electors on the Voter's List as of September 15, 2026.

There are rules in the MEA that detail how much a candidate may contribute to their own campaign, rules on how much one individual can contribute to a candidate and towards the entire election through multiple candidate contributions, rules regarding when to issue receipts and what constitute an expense versus a fundraising effort. There are also new rules on Third Party contributions including from Trade Unions. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CANDIDATE TO ENSURE THEY KNOW THESE RULES AND ADHERE TO THEM. The rules are outlined in the Municipal Election Act, as well as the Ministry of Municipal Affairs Candidate Guideline. Non-compliance with the rules may result in legal action and / or the loss of one's office [seat] they were elected to, and/or prohibit them from running in future elections.

All campaign expenses shall be reported on the candidate's Financial Statement¹¹ which must be submitted by March 30, 2026 to the Clerk. The campaign period in which to incur expenses is from the date the Clerk accepted the Nomination Paper [non-certified] until December 31, 2026. The Clerk shall review the Financial Statements as soon as possible after it is filed. The Financial Statement can be amended after submission up to March 30, 2026. If there are any non-compliance expenses noted by the Clerk, the statements shall be provided to the Election Compliance Audit Committee for further review and any action they deem necessary.

CAMPAIGN SIGNS

ONCE A CANDIDATE HAS FILED THEIR NOMINATION PAPERS, THEY ARE PERMITTED TO INCUR EXPENSES. CAMPAIGN SIGNS ARE AN ELIGIBLE EXPENSE. SIGNS CAN BE DISTRIBUTED TO SUPPORTERS TO BE DISPLAYED IN PRIVATE DWELLING HOMES OR PLACED STRATEGICALLY THROUGHOUT THE MUNICIPALITY.

¹⁰ Form EL37 Certificate of Maximum Expenses - Candidates

¹¹ Prescribed Form 4 Campaign Financial Statement

NO SIGN, POSTER OR SIMILAR CAMPAIGN MATERIAL SHALL CONTAIN THE TOWNSHIP'S LOGO OR ANY LOGO ASSOCIATED WITH THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

NO SIGN, POSTER OR SIMILAR CAMPAIGN MATERIAL SHALL BE PERMITTED TO DISPLAY ON ANY MUNICIPAL PROPERTY WITH THE ONLY EXCEPTION BEING MUNICIPAL ROAD ALLOWANCE, WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING. CANDIDATES SHALL ONLY BE PERMITTED TO CAMPAIGN WITHIN TOWNSHIP BOUNDARIES AND LIKewise, ONLY CANDIDATES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING ELECTION SHALL BE PERMITTED TO CAMPAIGN ON THE TOWNSHIP'S ROAD ALLOWANCE. THE INTENT IS TO AVOID CONFUSION FOR ELECTORS REGARDING WHO WILL APPEAR ON THE BALLOT REPRESENTING THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING.

POSTERS OR SIMILAR CAMPAIGN MATERIAL INCLUDING SIGNS, SHALL BE PERMITTED ALONG MUNICIPAL ROAD ALLOWANCES PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS ARE RESPECTED:

- NO POSTERS OR SIMILAR CAMPAIGN MATERIALS WILL BE PERMITTED ON ROAD ALLOWANCES, MUNICIPAL OR PROVINCIAL, FRONTING VOTING PLACES WITHIN 30 METRES OF THE DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE ON EITHER SIDE OF THE ROAD.
- THAT THE VISIBILITY OF INTERSECTIONS OR PRIVATE ENTRANCES ARE NOT OBSTRUCTED AND DO NOT CREATE A PUBLIC SAFETY CONDITION.
- NO POSTERS OR SIMILAR CAMPAIGN MATERIALS WILL BE PERMITTED WITHIN 30 METRES OF THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE, 45 BEATTY STREET, NIPISSING.
- THE CANDIDATE SHALL ENSURE ALL POSTED CAMPAIGN MATERIALS ARE REMOVED BY OCTOBER 31, 2026. ANY SIGN OR CAMPAIGN MATERIAL LEFT BEYOND THIS DATE WILL BE DISCARDED.

SHOULD ANY POSTERS OR CAMPAIGN MATERIAL BE LOCATED ON MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY OR BE LOCATED ON MUNICIPAL OR PROVINCIAL ROAD ALLOWANCES WHICH DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE SAME SHALL BE REMOVED FORTHWITH AND STORED AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE OR PUBLIC WORKS LOCATIONS LOCATED IN NIPISSING, ONTARIO.

USE OF MUNICIPAL RESOURCES

CANDIDATES SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO USE MUNICIPAL RESOURCES WITHIN THEIR ELECTION CAMPAIGN. MUNICIPAL RESOURCES INCLUDES, THE MUNICIPAL LOGOS OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PHOTOS AND REAL PROPERTY.

THE TOWNSHIP SHALL HAVE ONE GENERAL ELECTION PAGE ON THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE THAT WILL CONTAIN THE LIST OF CERTIFIED CANDIDATES.

THE COUNCIL PAGE ON THE MUNICIPAL WEBSITE PAGE WILL REMAIN AS IS UNTIL THE END OF THE CURRENT TERM, NOVEMBER 14, 2026. THE LISTINGS ON THIS PAGE ARE FOR THE SUCCESSFUL ELECTION OF COUNCIL IN 2022 AND THAT PAGE IS FOR THE CURRENT TERM.

SCRUTINEERS

A CANDIDATE MAY APPOINT SCRUTINEERS TO REPRESENT THEM DURING THE ELECTION PROCESS ON VOTING DAY. ONLY THE CANDIDATE OR THE SCRUTINEER MAY BE WITHIN THE VOTING PLACE AT ONE TIME. A CANDIDATE MAY ATTEND IN ORDER TO VOTE OR TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE SCRUTINEER BUT ONE OF THEM MUST PROMPTLY LEAVE.

THE APPOINTMENT SHALL USE THE APPOINTMENT OF SCRUTINEER BY CANDIDATE¹². THE SCRUTINEER SHALL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE ORAL OATH OF SECRECY¹³ FOR EACH BALLOT BOX AND DEPUTY RETURNING OFFICER [DRO] SPACE INTENT TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CANDIDATE. THE SCRUTINEER WILL BE REQUIRED TO SHOW THE DRO IDENTIFICATION AND THE SIGNED APPOINTMENT FORM. A BADGE WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE SCRUTINEER TO WEAR TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITHIN THE VOTING PLACE.

THE SCRUTINEER MUST UPHOLD THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ACT AND THE ELECTION. THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN ACTIONS AND CANNOT INTERFERE WITH THE VOTING PROCESS. THE CLERK AND THE DRO HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN PEACE. THE SCRUTINEER WILL BE WARNED ONCE AND THEN ASKED TO LEAVE FOR THE FOLLOWING INFRACTIONS TO THE RULES:

1. ATTEMPTING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO INTERFERE WITH HOW AN ELECTOR VOTES, AND ENCOURAGING OR ATTEMPTING TO SWAY HOW AN ELECTOR WOULD VOTE, WEARING ANY PROMOTIONAL ITEMS.
2. ATTEMPTING TO, OR CAUSING A DISTURBANCE IN THE VOTING PLACE OR IMMEDIATE VICINITY INCLUDING PARKING LOT.
3. COMPROMISING THE SECRECY OF THE ELECTION.
4. ATTEMPTING TO OR USING A CELL PHONE OR ELECTRONIC RECORDING DEVICE WITHIN THE VOTING LOCATION.
5. ATTEMPTING TO OR INTERFERING WITH ELECTION STAFF WHILE PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES INCLUDING TOUCHING ELECTION DOCUMENTS.

IF THE CANDIDATE OR THE SCRUTINEER ARE NOT IN THE VOTING PLACE AT 8:00 PM, THE CLOSE OF THE ELECTION ON VOTING DAY, THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER AFTERWARDS.

¹² Form EL12-A Appointment of Scrutineer

¹³Form EL12-B Oral Oath of Secrecy

D. Third Party Advertisers

NEW IN 2018 IS THE THIRD PARTY ADVERTISER [TPA] SECTION OF THE MEA. A CORPORATION OR TRADE UNION CAN NO LONGER CONTRIBUTE TO A CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN DIRECTLY. THEY MUST REGISTER¹⁴ WITH THE CLERK AND CAMPAIGN FOR A CANDIDATE(S) THEMSELVES.

REGISTRATION FOR THIRD PARTY ADVERTISERS BEGINS MAY 1, 2026 AND ENDS OCTOBER 23, 2026. THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD ENDS DECEMBER 31, 2026. ONCE REGISTERED, TPAS CAN PROMOTE OR OPPOSE ANY CANDIDATE THAT THE ELECTORS IN THE MUNICIPALITY CAN VOTE FOR. BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 THE CLERK WILL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE OF MAXIMUM EXPENSES¹⁵ BASED ON THE HIGHER OF THE NUMBER OF ELECTORS ON THE VOTER'S LIST FOR EITHER SEPTEMBER 15, 2022 OR SEPTEMBER 15, 2026.

THERE ARE SPECIFIC RULES ON CONTRIBUTION LIMITS AND CONTRIBUTORS AND DEADLINES FOR FILING AND RECORD KEEPING. TPAS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO REVIEW THE MEA FOR DETAILED INFORMATION.

E. The Vote

IMPORTANT DATES

2026	
MAY 1 TO AUGUST 21	NOMINATION PERIOD OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 8:30 AM TO 4:30 PM WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AUGUST 21 BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM AND ENDING AT 2:00 PM. NOMINATION PAPERS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE CLERK AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE. AN APPOINTMENT IS RECOMMENDED BUT IS NOT REQUIRED. AT LEAST ONCE THE CLERK SHALL ADVERTISE THE NOTICE OF NOMINATION ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE, TOWNSHIP SOCIAL MEDIA PAGE, PAPER COPIES WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE, TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING COMMUNITY CENTRE, BOTH MUNICIPAL FIRE HALLS, THE

¹⁴ Form EL Notice of Registration – Third Party – Form 7

¹⁵ EI 51 A or B Certificate of Maximum Expenses Registered Third Party

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	FITNESS CENTRE AND BOTH LANDFILL LOCATIONS AND BY MAIL TO ALL REGISTERED PROPERTY OWNERS NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2026.
MAY 1	CLERK TO ADVISE OF PRELIMINARY SPENDING LIMIT ESTIMATES CLERK TO NOTIFY CANDIDATE NOTICE OF PENALTIES RELATION TO CAMPAIGN FINANCES (s.33.1)
AUGUST 21 AT 2:00 PM	LAST DAY TO FILE A NOMINATION LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW A NOMINATION
AUGUST 24	CERTIFICATION OF NOMINATION PAPERS – NO LATER THAN 4:00 PM IF NECESSARY, AFTER 4:00 PM DECLARATION OF ACCLAIMED SEATS IF NECESSARY, EXTEND NOMINATION PERIOD First day for an elector to appoint a voting proxy.
AUGUST 14	DEFAULT DATE FOR ELECTIONS ONTARIO TO PROVIDE PRELIMINARY LIST OF ELECTORS TO MUNICIPALITY
SEPTEMBER 1	CLERK TO CERTIFY VOTER'S LIST FIRST DAY TO AMEND VOTER'S LIST WITH PROPER ID. PERIOD CLOSES OCTOBER 26 CANDIDATE MAY REQUEST A COPY OF THE LIST WITH PROPER DOCUMENTATION
SEPTEMBER 30	CLERK TO ISSUE CERTIFICATE OF MAXIMUM CAMPAIGN SPENDING LIMITS
OCTOBER 1	LAST DATE TO ESTABLISH A COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 10	ADVANCE VOTING DAY AT 45 BEATTY STREET, NIPISSING, ON 9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM
OCTOBER 17	ADVANCE VOTING DAY AT COMMANDA COMMUNITY CENTRE, 4009 HWY 522 9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM
OCTOBER 26	ELECTION DAY / VOTING DAY; FROM 10:00AM TO 8:00 PM
OCTOBER 27	ELECTION RESULTS DECLARED RECOUNT IN THE EVENT OF A TIE VOTE A RECOUNT MUST BE HELD WITHIN 15 DAYS OF DECLARATION OF THE RESULTS.
NOVEMBER 15	TERM OF COUNCIL COMMENCES
NOVEMBER 17	INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING @ 6:30 PM
DECEMBER 31	CAMPAIGN PERIOD ENDS

2027	
JANUARY 25	FINAL DAY FOR CLERK TO POST A REPORT ON THE IDENTIFICATION, REMOVAL AND PREVENTION OF BARRIERS THAT AFFECT THE ACCESSIBILITY OF THE ELECTION LAST DAY FOR AN ELECTOR TO COMMENCE AN APPLICATION FOR CONTROVERTED ELECTION
MARCH 30	DEADLINE FOR FILING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 88.25/34/92.1
APRIL 30	LAST DAY FOR CLERK TO REVIEW FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND REPORT ON ANY THAT EXCEEDED THE LIMITS TO THE COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE s.88.34

BALLOT

THE TOWNSHIP USES A COMPOSITE BALLOT FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLOR POSITIONS. THERE IS A SEPARATE BALLOT FOR ANY SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE OFFICE TO BE ELECTED.

A NOTABLE AND SIGNIFICANT MARK MUST BE PLACED INSIDE THE CIRCLE NEXT TO A CANDIDATE'S NAME IN ORDER TO BE A VALID VOTE.

ELECTION OFFICIALS

THE CLERK IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FACILITATING THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION. THE CLERK CONDUCTS AN ELECTION THROUGH THE PROCEDURES, POLICIES AND BYLAWS OF THE OFFICE AND/OR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL. THE CLERK MAY DELEGATE DUTIES OF THE ELECTION THROUGH A FORMAL APPOINTMENT AND OATH OF AN ELECTION OFFICIAL¹⁶. THE CLERK MAY AT ANY TIME PROVIDE FOR A MATTER THAT HAS NOT BEEN ADDRESSED OR AMEND A POLICY OR PROCEDURE IF IN THE CLERK'S OPINION IT IS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE FOR CONDUCTING THE ELECTION AND/OR UPHOLDING THE PRINCIPALS OF THE ACT.

DUTIES THAT MAY BE DELEGATED AND POSITIONS WITH THE TOWNSHIP:

REVISING THE VOTER'S LIST – REVISIONS CLERK, MUNICIPAL STAFF
ADMINISTERING OATHS – REVISIONS CLERK, DRO

¹⁶ Form EI10 – Appointment of DRO or Form EI11 Appoint an Election Official

THERE WILL BE A DRO AND AN ELECTION OFFICIAL HIRED FOR EACH POLL, FOUR (4) DROs AND FOUR (4) EO FOR VOTING DAY. THERE WILL BE ONE DRO AND ONE ELECTION OFFICIAL FOR EACH ADVANCE POLL VOTE. UPON CLOSE OF THE ADVANCED POLLS, THE BALLOT BOX AND PAPERWORK WILL RETURN TO THE CLERK'S OFFICE FOR SAFE KEEPING. A CANDIDATE MAY VISUALLY INSPECT THE BALLOT BOXES DURING THE CLERK'S REGULAR HOURS. THE CLERK WILL ENSURE THE BALLOT BOXES WILL BE COUNTED AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE, 45 BEATTY STREET, ON ELECTION DAY AND THE DRO AND ELECTION OFFICIAL FOR EACH ADVANCED POLL WILL BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE PRIOR TO 8:00 PM ON ELECTION DAY IN ORDER TO PERFORM THE COUNT.

VOTING LOCATION

THE VOTING LOCATIONS AND VOTING PLACES SHALL BE THE COMMANDA COMMUNITY CENTRE, SOUTH SHORE EDUCATION CENTRE, TOWNSHIP OFFICE AND THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING COMMUNITY CENTRE. THE LOCATIONS SHALL INCLUDE THE PARKING LOT AND ANY SIDE STREET PARKING THAT IS IN DIRECT VIEW OF THE VOTING PLACE. IF REQUIRED, A BALLOT BOX MAY BE BROUGHT OUTSIDE TO THE PARKING LOT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE A VOTE.

ELECTION RESULTS

AT 8:00 PM ON ELECTION DAY THE VOTING PLACE SHALL CLOSE AND THE COUNT WILL COMMENCE. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE COUNT THE PRELIMINARY RESULTS WILL BE POSTED AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE.

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION THE CLERK SHALL DECLARE THE CANDIDATES ELECTED AS A RESULT OF THE ELECTION AND CERTIFY THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION. FOR THE FORMS TO BE USED:

EL 32— DECLARATION OF ELECTED CANDIDATES

EL 8 — CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

EL 8 — CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SCHOOL BOARD OFFICES

RECOUNTS

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MEA A RECOUNT SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE ORIGINAL COUNT. ONLY A JUDGE MAY PROVIDE THAT A RECOUNT BE HELD IN A DIFFERENT MANNER.

AN AUTOMATIC RECOUNT WILL OCCUR IN THE EVENT OF A TIE VOTE FOR A DECIDING POSITION.

1. IF IN THE CASE OF THE MAYOR SEAT, IF THERE IS A TIE BETWEEN THE HIGHEST VOTED CANDIDATES THE HIGHEST RECOUNTED VOTED CANDIDATE SHALL TAKE THE SEAT (RESULT IS ONE CANDIDATE WOULD NOT BE ELECTED).
2. IF IN THE CASE OF DECIDING THE FOURTH COUNCILLOR POSITION THE HIGHEST RECOUNTED VOTED CANDIDATE SHALL TAKE THE SEAT
3. IF IN BOTH CASES THE SEAT REMAINS A TIE AFTER THE RECOUNT, THE CANDIDATE NAMES WILL BE DRAWN FROM A HAT WITH THE NAME DRAWN DEEMED THE ELECTED OFFICIAL

AN ELECTOR MAY REQUEST THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE TO GRANT A RECOUNT.

EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE MAYOR DUE TO AN UNFORESEEN EVENT OR ANOTHER SIGNIFICANT EVENT THAT WOULD JEOPARDIZE THE INTEGRITY OF THE ELECTION, THE CLERK SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE ANY ARRANGEMENT DEEMED NECESSARY TO CARRY ON WITH THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2026

SIGNS/ADVERTISING POLICY

NO campaign material or posters shall be permitted on any municipal property owned or rented with the only exception being along municipal road allowances. This includes the following, which is not meant to be a complete and exhaustive list:

“NO campaign material, posters, etc. will be permitted in municipal parks, vacant lands, municipal buildings and structures or designated voting places.”

Posters or similar campaign material shall be permitted along road allowances providing the following conditions are respected:

1. NO posters or similar campaign materials will be permitted on road allowances, Municipal or Provincial, fronting voting places within 30 metres of the driveway entrance on either side of the road.
2. That the visibility of intersections or private entrances are not obstructed and do not create a public safety condition.
3. NO posters or similar campaign materials will be permitted within 30 metres of the Township Office, 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing.
4. NO posters, signs or similar campaign materials will be permitted within 50 metres of a municipally owned building. This is to ensure there is no perceived endorsement of a candidate by the Township.

Should any posters or campaign material be located on municipally owned property or be located on municipal or provincial road allowances which do not comply with the provisions of this section, the same shall be removed forthwith and stored at the Municipal Office or Garage located in Nipissing, Ontario.

Signature of Clerk

Amended April 7, 2026.

Use of Municipal Resources During an Election Campaign Rules and Procedures

Approved by Council – April 7, 2026; Resolution Number R2026-

Authorization

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act 1996 88.8(4) Who Cannot Contribute 5. states the Crown in right of Canada or Ontario, a municipality or local board;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act 1996 88.18 states that before May 1 in the year of a regular election, municipalities and local boards shall establish rules and procedures with respect to the use of municipal and board resources, as the case may be, during the election campaign;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Nipissing establishes the following rules and procedures for the use of municipal resources during an election campaign.

RULES AND PROCEDURES

Purpose:

- To establish guidelines on the appropriate use of municipal resources during an election period to protect the interests of both the Members of Council and the Township of Nipissing.
- These rules and procedures are intended to provide guidance to all Members of Council, including a Member of Council who is acclaimed or a retiring Member regarding the use of municipal resources during an election campaign.
- These rules and procedures are intended to provide a framework assisting the transparency and accountability of municipal operations during a municipal election process.

Rules:

- The use of Township of Nipissing computers, email system, website and municipally owned and issued cell phones to develop, forward or promote any election campaign related materials is not permitted.
- The Township of Nipissing logo and corporate identity must not be used on any campaign related material and Township of Nipissing staff may not assist with any communications activity related to the election campaign.

- Council members shall not use a municipal voice mail system, including the system on a municipally owned and issued cell phone, to record election-related messages.

Procedure:

- Council messages shall not be included in municipal newsletters during an election year to avoid perception of use of municipal resources during a campaign.
- A Councillor should not undertake campaign-related activities on municipal property during regular working hours.
- A Councillor shall not use the services of municipal staff during hours in which those persons receive compensation from the municipality.
- A Councillor shall not use business cards, envelopes or letterhead imprinted with municipal logos for election purposes.
- Candidates cannot develop, print or distribute campaign related materials using municipal funds. This includes any materials which reference or identify a member of Council as a candidate.
- A Councillor shall not use the facilities, equipment, supplies, services or other resources of the Township of Nipissing for any election campaign or campaign-related activities. Resources may include, but not limited to, desktop publishing and graphic services, photocopying, postage or the use of fax machines.

Any questions regarding the implementation of these rules and procedures shall be directed to the Municipal Administrator in writing and all responses shall be provided in writing and circulated to all members of Council including a Member of Council who is acclaimed or a retiring Member of Council.

Kris Croskery-Hodgins

From: Dan MacInnis <roads@nipissingtownship.com>
Sent: March 26, 2026 10:54 AM
To: 'Commanda Museum'
Cc: admin@nipissingtownship.com
Subject: RE: Request for Sanding – Community Centre & Museum Parking Areas

Good morning Jonathan,

I have spoken with the Clerk, and your request will be brought forward to Council for consideration at the April 7 meeting.

We will follow up with you once a decision has been made.

Thank you,

Dan MacInnis

Operations Superintendant
Township of Nipissing 45 Beatty St, Nipissing, Ontario P0H 1W0
P: (705)724-2144 F: (705)724-5385
roads@nipissingtownship.com



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Please consider the environment before printing this email.

From: Commanda Museum <museumincommanda@gmail.com>
Sent: March 25, 2026 3:59 PM
To: roads@nipissingtownship.com
Subject: Request for Sanding – Community Centre & Museum Parking Areas

Hello,

I hope you're doing well. I'm reaching out regarding the parking areas at both the Commanda Museum and the Community Centre.

With the current freeze/thaw conditions, the surfaces have become quite icy.

Both locations have been managing their own snow removal throughout the winter, but we would be very grateful if the Township might be available to spread sand in the parking areas in the coming days to help improve safety for visitors and volunteers.

We understand this is a busy time of year and truly appreciate any consideration you're able to give. Y

our support would go a long way in helping ensure safe access to both spaces.

Please let us know if this might be possible.

Thank you so much,

Jonathan Harris
Director

Gurd & Area Historical Corporation
o/a Commanda Museum
#4077 ON522, Commanda, ON, P0H 1J0
Charitable Registration # 886666197 RR 0001
Donate Here: CanadaHelps - [Gurd & Area Historical Corporation](#)



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: April 7, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing has received a request on behalf of the Commanda Community Centre and the Gurd & Area Historical Corporation (Commanda Museum) for the application of sand to the parking areas during the spring season;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Nipissing authorizes the delivery of an application of sand at each location for this one-time use.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

CORRESPONDENCE

April 7, 2026

- 1.** Ministry of Natural Resources – Inspection of 2026-2027 Annual Work Schedule for the Nipissing Forest.
- 2.** Office of the Mayor City of Ottawa – The Honourable Michael Kerzner Solicitor General – Proposed New Regulation Under the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act.
- 3.** Township of Carling – 2025 Food and Housing Affordability Data.
- 4.** Town of Lincoln – Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties.
- 5.** Avon Maitland District School Board and The Municipality of Blue Water - The Honourable Doug Ford – Request for Provincial Consultation and Transparency Regarding Potential Changes to English Public School Board Governance.
- 6.** Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands (NEMI) – Requests that the Ministry of The Environment Reconsider Decision.
- 7.** The Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation – Board of Directors Meeting Minutes.
- 8.** Ryan – Ontario's Tax Freeze – Costing Jobs, Raising Prices.
- 9.** Inquiry Regarding Resolution R2026-09 and Landfill Electronic Card System Implementation.

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March 15th, 2026

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached a copy of both the English and French versions of the “Inspection of 2026-2027 Annual Work Schedule for the Nipissing Forest” for your review. The Annual Work Schedule (AWS) describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance, and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting, and tending that are scheduled during the year (April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027).

All future Nipissing Forest Annual Work Schedule notices can be sent electronically to clients who request that format.

If you would like future notices sent to you by electronic mail, please send an email indicating this from your preferred email address along with your name/business name and current mailing address to MNR.NorthBay@ontario.ca. In the subject line, please include “Annual Work Schedule Nipissing Forest”.

Should you have any questions regarding your communication preferences or have any updates to your mailing or email address, please feel free to send your updates by email to MNR.NorthBay@ontario.ca or by telephone at (705) 475-5501.

Sincerely,

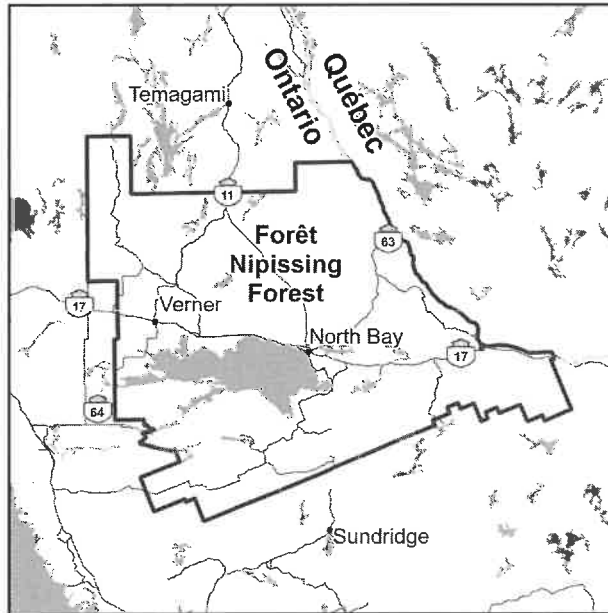
Amy Chadwick, R.P.F.
A/Management Forester – Nipissing Forest
Ministry of Natural Resources
875 Gormanville Road, North Bay, Ontario P1B 8G3

Enclosure

Inspection

Inspection of 2026-2027 Annual Work Schedule for Nipissing Forest

The April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Nipissing Forest** is available for public viewing by contacting the **Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. (NFRM)**, during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at ontario.ca/ForestPlans beginning **March 15, 2026**, and for the one-year duration of the AWS.



Scheduled Forest Management Operations

The AWS describes forest operations such as road construction, maintenance and decommissioning, forestry aggregate pits, harvest, site preparation, tree planting and tending that are scheduled to occur during the year.

More Information

To learn more about the AWS, you can arrange a virtual or in-person meeting, or request AWS summary information by contacting the MNR staff listed below:

For information on the rules for obtaining wood for personal use, please visit: ontario.ca/CrownLandWood. For commercial fuelwood opportunities, please contact the Forest Company listed below.

Amy Chadwick, R.P.F.
Management Forester
Ministry of Natural Resources
North Bay District Office
875 Gormanville Road
North Bay, ON P1B 8G3
tel: 705-491-1024
fax: 705-475-5500
e-mail: amy.chadwick@ontario.ca
Office hours: Monday to Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Ric Hansel, R.P.F.
Operations Forester **OR**
Shelley Straughan, R.P.F.
Planning Forester
Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc.
P.O. Box 179
128 Lansdowne Street East
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tel: 705-752-5430
fax: 705-752-5736
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Stay Involved

Further information on how to get involved in forest management planning and to better understand the stages of public consultation please visit:

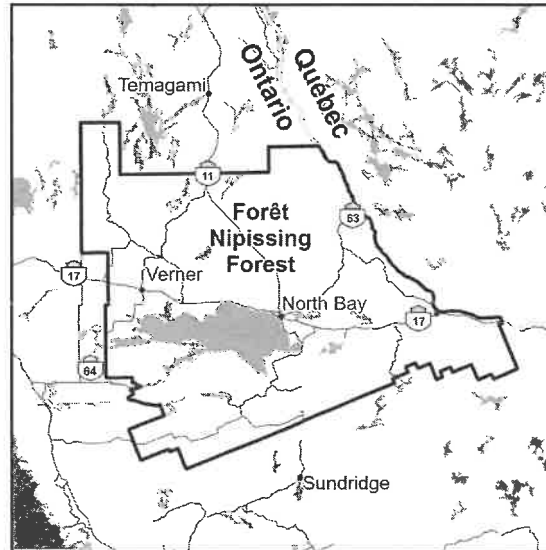
ontario.ca/ForestManagement

Renseignements en français : MNR.NorthBay@ontario.ca

Inspection

Inspection – calendrier de travail annuel 2026-2027 pour la Forêt Nipissing

Le public peut consulter le calendrier de travail annuel du 1^{er} avril 2026 au 31 mars 2027 pour la **forêt Nipissing** en communiquant avec le **Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc. (NFRM)** pendant les heures normales d'ouverture ainsi que sur le Portail d'information sur les richesses naturelles au ontario.ca/plansforestiers à compter du **15 mars 2026**, durant une année.



Opérations d'aménagement forestier prévues

Le calendrier de travail annuel décrit des opérations comme la construction, l'entretien et le déclassement des routes, la gestion des carrières d'agrégats de foresterie, la récolte, la préparation de terrain, la plantation d'arbres et les soins prévus à fournir au cours de l'année.

Renseignements supplémentaires

Pour en savoir davantage sur le calendrier de travail annuel, organiser une réunion virtuelle/en personne avec le personnel du ministère des Richesses naturelles afin d'en discuter ou demander des renseignements sommaires à son sujet, veuillez communiquer avec le personnel ministériel, dont les coordonnées figurent ci-dessous.

Pour en savoir davantage sur les règles d'obtention de bois à des fins personnelles, veuillez consulter le site au ontario.ca/boisdesterresdelacouronne. Pour en savoir davantage sur les possibilités commerciales liées au bois de chauffage, veuillez communiquer avec l'entreprise forestière mentionnée ci-dessous.

Amy Chadwick, F.P.I.

Aménagiste Forestier
Ministère des Richesses naturelles
Le Bureau de district de North Bay
875, chemin Gormanville
North Bay (Ontario) P1B 8G3
tél. : 705 491-1024
téléc. : 705 475-5500
courriel : amy.chadwick@ontario.ca
Heures de bureau : lundi à vendredi - 8:00 à 16:30

Ric Hansel, F.P.I.

Forestier d'opérations ou;
Shelley Straughan, F.P.I.
Forestier de planification
Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc.
C.P. 179
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courriel : rhansel@nipissingforest.com
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Pour poursuivre votre participation

Pour en savoir davantage sur la manière de participer à la planification de l'aménagement forestier et mieux comprendre les étapes de la consultation publique, veuillez consulter la page suivante :

ontario.ca/gestionforestiere

Information in English: MNR.NorthBay@ontario.ca

Ontario





Mark Sutcliffe
Mayor | Maire

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February 26th, 2026

The Honourable Michael Kerzner
Solicitor General
Ministry of the Solicitor General
George Drew Building
25 Grosvenor St. Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6
SOLGEN.Correspondence@ontario.ca

By electronic submission

Re: Proposed New Regulation under the Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act

Dear Solicitor General,

Please be advised that Ottawa City Council, at its meeting of February 25, 2026, considered and approved the following motion:

MOTION

Moved by / Motion de: Councillor S. Plante
Seconded by / Appuyée par: Mayor M. Sutcliffe

WHEREAS the *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, 2025* (RPCISA) was brought into force on June 5, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of the Solicitor General (SOLGEN) is considering regulatory amendments to the RPCISA to prescribe special constables employed by authorized public transit agencies, including OCTranspo special constables for the purpose of the Act, thereby granting them the same enforcement powers as police officers, and is seeking public input on this proposal until March 1st; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa has invested significant resources to improve public safety in the downtown core and the ByWard Market; and

WHEREAS OC Transpo deploys on average approximately 4 special constables in the downtown daily, and 13 deployed across the city-wide transit network, who are already present in high-traffic transit environments, including stations, platforms, and bus stops throughout the downtown core and across the city; and



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WHEREAS public transit riders include workers, students, seniors, people with disabilities, youth, and low-income residents who rely on transit as their primary or only mode of transportation and require a safe environment at all times; and

WHEREAS restoring ridership is essential to the financial sustainability of Ottawa's public transit system, to achieving the City's climate and transportation goals, and to ensuring equitable access to employment, education, healthcare, and community services; and

WHEREAS enabling OCTranspo special constables to enforce the RPCISA would allow for timely, proportionate, and location-specific interventions focused on transit spaces, while reducing reliance on police response for matters that occur primarily within the transit system; and

WHEREAS any extension of authority under the RPCISA would be accompanied by appropriate training and would operate alongside existing public health, outreach, and harm reduction services, recognizing that enforcement alone does not address substance use but that clear rules and safe public spaces remain necessary;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Ottawa endorse the proposed regulatory amendments under the *Restricting Public Consumption of Illegal Substances Act, 2025*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Solicitor General of Ontario in support of the proposal before March 1st, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk share this motion with other Municipalities in Ontario, prior to March 1st, 2026; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor write the Solicitor General of Ontario to renew or extend the funding associated with the Ontario-Ottawa agreement.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Mark Sutcliffe
Mayor
City of Ottawa

cc. All Ontario Municipalities
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)



March 11, 2026

RE: 2025 Food and Housing Affordability Data

At the Township of Carling's Regular Meeting of Council held on March 10, 2026 Council passed the following resolution:

26-020.7

**Moved by Councillor Wing
Seconded by Councillor Doubrough**

WHEREAS improved financial stability allows municipal residents to participate, contribute and invest in their local economies and communities;

AND WHEREAS poverty puts additional pressure on municipalities, who are responsible for delivering necessary public and social services to support residents who are struggling with the consequences of inadequate income;

AND WHEREAS income is an important social determinant of health that greatly impacts on physical and mental health;

AND WHEREAS the 2025 North Bay Parry Sound food affordability results show that households reliant on social assistance do not have enough money for the costs of living;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Carling supports efforts to raise awareness about and work to reduce poverty, homelessness and food insecurity;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Carling endorse the recommendations from the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit and call on the Province of Ontario to increase Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs rates to reflect the costs of living and index Ontario Works rates to inflation going forward;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Carling provide correspondence of these resolutions to the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, neighbouring municipalities, Graydon Smith MPP, Parry Sound –Muskoka, Scott Aitchison MP, Parry Sound –Muskoka, District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB), Associations of

Municipalities of Ontario, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and the Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health

Carried

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 705-342-5856 ext. 9181 or mtaylor@carling.ca

Sincerely



Mackenzie Taylor
Deputy Clerk

CC: North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit

Municipalities in North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit District

Graydon Smith, Minister of Provincial Parliament for Parry Sound –Muskoka

Scott Aitchison, Minister of Parliament for Parry Sound –Muskoka

District of Social Services Administration Board

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

Council of Ontario Medical Officers of Health



4800 SOUTH SERVICE RD.,
BEAMSVILLE, ON L3J 1L3
905-563-2799

March 25, 2026

SENT VIA EMAIL: graham.mcgregor@pc.ola.org

Hon. Graham McGregor
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism
10215 Kennedy Rd. N
Brampton, ON L6Z 0C5

RE: Town of Lincoln Resolution – Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties

Please be advised that Council of the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln at its Committee of the Whole Meeting held on March 23, 2026, passed the following resolution:

Resolution Number: PED-2026-22
Moved by: Councillor Lynn Timmers

WHEREAS amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

WHEREAS municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and

WHEREAS the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and

WHEREAS many municipalities, including the Town of Lincoln, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage Advisory Committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake property evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and

WHEREAS the Town of Lincoln Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of March 12, 2026, recommended that Council advocate to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Council of the Town of Lincoln endorse the recommendation of its Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and
2. The Province consider extending the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and
3. This resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

CARRIED

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,



Julie Kirkelos
Town Clerk

jkirkelos@lincoln.ca

JK/dp

c.c. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Niagara West Member of Provincial Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Community Heritage Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities
Manager of Planning and Development
Chair of the Heritage Advisory Committee



Avon Maitland District School Board

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March 2, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier's Office
Room 281, Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

And

The Honourable Paul Calandra
Minister of Education, Ministry of Education
315 Front Street West, 14th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 0B8

Re: Request for Provincial Consultation and Transparency Regarding Potential Changes to English Public School Board Governance

Dear Premier Doug Ford and Minister Paul Calandra,

On behalf of the Trustees of the Avon Maitland District School Board, I am writing to respectfully request that the Government of Ontario undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process before moving forward with any changes to the governance structure of English public school boards.

Recent public statements indicating that the Ministry is considering eliminating the role of democratically elected English public school trustees have generated significant concern among school boards, families, and communities across the province. Trustees serve as an essential democratic link between local communities and the public education system. Any proposal to fundamentally alter or remove this role would represent a major shift in the governance of education in Ontario and warrants careful study, thoughtful analysis, and open dialogue.

Given the magnitude of this potential change, we respectfully ask the government to clearly demonstrate how it has arrived at its current thinking. Specifically, we request that the Ministry make public the research, evidence, data analysis, policy reviews, stakeholder input, and performance evaluations that have informed its consideration of altering or eliminating the role of elected trustees. Transparency regarding the rationale, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of this proposal is essential to maintaining public trust and ensuring informed dialogue.

The Trustees of the Avon Maitland District School Board believe that decisions of this significance must be supported by transparent research and meaningful engagement with stakeholders. We respectfully request that the government initiate a formal consultation process that includes school boards, parents, educators, students, First Nations representatives, and the broader public. Such a process would help ensure that any future governance model is grounded in evidence and reflects the needs and priorities of Ontario's diverse communities.

As a board serving a large and predominantly rural geographic area, we also wish to emphasize the critical importance of the democratically elected trustee role in ensuring that rural perspectives are represented in education decision-making. Trustees provide an essential local voice for communities whose priorities and challenges may differ significantly from those experienced in larger urban centres. Issues such as student transportation, long travel distances, rural school viability, access to programming, and community connectivity are often best understood by locally elected representatives who live and work in those communities. Preserving avenues for rural representation helps ensure that provincial education policies reflect the realities of students and families across all regions of Ontario.

We are also concerned that removing English public school trustees could have unintended consequences for representation and accountability within the system. In many boards, legislated First Nations representation and student trustees play an important role in ensuring diverse voices are heard in decision-making. The loss of elected trustees could impact these mechanisms that currently provide important perspectives at the governance table.

We are aware that the Waterloo District School Board has written to the Ombudsman's Office to request an investigation into the fairness, transparency, and accountability of the process used to implement changes to the school board governance model, and we are in full support of this request.

The Trustees of the Avon Maitland District School Board remain committed to working collaboratively with the Ontario Ministry of Education and the Government of Ontario to support a strong, transparent, and responsive public education system. We believe that transparency, evidence-based decision-making, and meaningful consultation will best serve students, families, and communities across the province.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We would welcome the opportunity to participate in any consultation process or discussion regarding the future governance of Ontario's public education system.

Sincerely,



Michael Bannerman
Chair, Board of Trustees
Avon Maitland District School Board

cc: AMDSB Trustees
MPP Lisa Thompson
MPP Matthew Rae
Local Municipalities
Local Media Outlets
Ontario Public School Boards' Association and Member Boards
AMDSB Parent Involvement Committee
AMDSB Special Education Advisory Committee
AMDSB Parent Councils Chairs



March 17, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Premier's Office
Room 281, Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

The Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education
5th Floor
438 University Avenue
Toronto, ON M7A 2A5

via email: premier@ontario.ca
minister.edu@ontario.ca

RE: Request for Provincial Consultation and Transparency Regarding Potential Changes to English Public School Board Governance

Dear Premier Ford and Minister Calandra,

At their regular scheduled meeting of March 16, 2026, Council of the Municipality of Bluewater received correspondence from Michael Bannerman, Board of Trustees Chair for the Avon Maitland District School Board regarding the potential changes to the English Public School Board Governance and passed the following resolution:

MOVED: Councillor Harris **SECONDED:** Councillor Walden
THAT Council of the Municipality of Bluewater supports the Avon Maitland District School Board in their request to the Government of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process before moving forward with any changes to the governance structure of English public school boards; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Paul Calandra, Minister of Education, MPP Lisa Thompson all Ontario municipalities. **CARRIED.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alexander".

Chandra Alexander
Acting CAO/Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

Encl: Letter from Avon Maitland District School Board Trustee Chair

cc: Michael Bannerman, Chair, Board of Trustees
MPP Lisa Thompson
All Ontario Municipalities



Box 608, Little Current, POP 1K0
705-368-3500

Please see below a Resolution passed by the Council of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

If your Council supports this motion please share with the appropriate Ministries and Organizations.

Thank You

Resolution No. 75-03-2026

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: P. Aelick

Whereas the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, like many municipalities, utilizes chip-and-tar surface treatment on a significant portion of its road network; and

Whereas the Town has observed a substantial decrease in the length of time these treated roads remain in acceptable condition; and

Whereas the quality and durability of the oil used in the surface treatment appears to be a contributing factor; and

Whereas the Ministry of the Environment amended its regulations several years ago, permitting only lighter-grade oils for environmental considerations; and

Whereas the reduced durability of the lighter-grade product has resulted in more frequent resurfacing cycles and has consequently led to increasing maintenance costs;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands respectfully requests that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider its decision regarding the lighter grade of oil, taking into account the increased number of applications required, as well as the associated additional time, energy, and financial burden placed on municipalities or develops a better alternative oil.

And Further that this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, AMO, Good Roads, FONOM, MPP Bill Rosenberg, and all other municipalities.

Carried

THE GOLDEN SUNSHINE MUNICIPAL NON-PROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Common Room – February 17, 2026

A regular meeting of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation board was held on Tuesday February 17, 2026.

Present: Bernadette Kerr, Mieke Markus, Dave Britton, Dave Yemm, Calvin Young, Amber McIsaac and Lynne Roy. Regrets Leo Patey

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bernadette Kerr

Resolution 2026-10:

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation calls the Board of Directors meeting on February 17, 2026 at: 9:25am.

Moved by: Mieke Seconded by: Lynne Carried.

2. Additions to Agenda

None noted.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Resolution 2026-11

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation hereby approves the agenda for February 17, 2026, board of directors meeting.

Moved by: Dave Y Seconded by: Calvin Carried.

4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure: No conflicts of interest were declared.

5. Approval of the Minutes from January 20, 2026

The minutes from the January 20, 2026 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Resolution 2026-12:

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation hereby approves the minutes of the January 20, 2026.

Moved by: Dave B Seconded by: Mieke Carried.

6. Business Arising

a) COCHI Funding

The financial statements as at February 2, 2026, were presented and reviewed with the Board. The Board discussed DSSAB's suggestion to withdraw funds from capital reserves to cover costs associated with the project under the new funding payment structure.

Resolution 2026-13:

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation hereby approves the redemption of \$75,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to cover costs associated with the elevator repair project, with the understanding that these funds are expected to be returned to the Capital Reserve Fund once the

project funding is received through the COCHI program.

Moved by: Dave Y Seconded by: Dave B Carried.

b) Letters Patent

The Letters Patent document was presented to the Board. It confirms that following each municipal election, the Property Manager will confirm Board representation as follows: one representative from Nipissing, two representatives from Powassan, and one representative from Chisholm.

The Member-at-large position currently held by Calvin will be subject to replacement after a four-year term. Tenant representatives Mieke and Lynne will also be subject to replacement after four-year terms

c) Contract Clarification

As requested at the previous meeting, Amber confirmed to the Board that DSSAB will provide additional subsidy for increases in energy, insurance, winter road maintenance, municipal taxes, and utility costs, benchmarked to 2024.

c) Hydro VS Natural Gas Costs

As requested 2025 costs were shared with the board and a discussion took place.

7. Correspondence

a/b) Financials

The Board reviewed and accepted all financial documents as presented.

Resolution 2026-14:

The Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation has received and approved the January 2026 financial transaction reports, and income statement as presented.

Moved by: Dave Y. Seconded by: Calvin. Carried.

8. Closed Session

Resolution 2026-15:

That the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation moved into closed session at 9:45.

Moved by: Dave B Seconded by: Calvin Carried.

Resolution 2026-16:

The Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation has approved as of February 17, 2026, the minimum age requirement for all applicants to The Pines Apartments shall be at minimum sixty-five (65) years of age.

Moved by: Dave Y Seconded by: Lynne Carried.

Resolution 2026-17:

That the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation moved out of closed session at 10:10.

Moved by: Dave Y Seconded by: Mieke Carried.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for March 17, 2026 @ 9:30am.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Resolution 2026-18:

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors meeting of February 17, 2026 is hereby adjourned

Moved by: Dave Y Seconded by: Lynne Carried.



Bernadette Kerr, President



Amber McIsaac, Secretary



Ontario's Tax Freeze: Costing Jobs, Raising Prices

Unfair property tax policies are placing a hidden tariff on consumers, driving up the cost of goods and putting immense pressure on small businesses. Local retailers, the backbone of our communities, are overtaxed, threatening jobs and economic stability across Ontario.

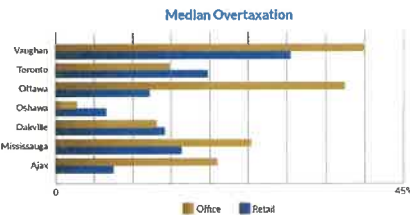


Who's Bearing the Hidden Consumer Tariff in Ontario?

Local Businesses, Unfairly Taxed

Unfair taxation is placing a hidden burden on local communities across Ontario. Independent businesses are overtaxed, driving up prices for consumers and putting jobs and livelihoods at risk. Residents are paying the price while trying to support their local retailers.

Residents want to support local businesses but are facing higher prices due to an outdated tax system that favors large properties. This province-wide issue is putting undue pressure on communities and demands immediate action.



Retail and Office Tenants Overpay While Others Get a Pass

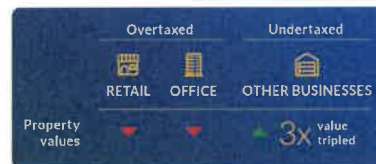
Ontario's outdated assessed values are putting jobs and local businesses at risk. Retail and office tenants are taxed based on inflated values, while other businesses get a pass—leaving everyday residents to make up the difference through higher prices.

It's time to reassess and restore fairness.



Property Taxes Out of Sync with Reality

Ontario's property tax system is out of sync with market reality. Retail and office properties have declined in value, yet remain overtaxed, while other businesses—whose values have tripled—are undertaxed.



Without reassessment, struggling retail and office sectors face rising costs, lower occupancy, and mounting pressure.

The Only Province Without Reassessment Since the Pandemic

Ontario is the only province that hasn't reassessed property values since the pandemic. As of January 1st 2025, Ontario taxes were based on values that are 108 months in the past, while in the rest of Canada assessed values are 6-24 months in the past.

Regular reassessments give businesses the stability to plan and invest. Without it, struggling sectors like retail and office face uncertainty and discouraging costs.

How out of date are Ontario assessments?



It's Time to Reassess and Restore Fairness

Reassess Ontario's Properties:
Support Local Jobs and Economic Balance

Learn more at ryan.com



We kindly request that that Council call on the Government of Ontario to promptly move to update property assessments in the Province.

The following resolution has been drafted for Council's consideration at its next meeting:

- **WHEREAS** a well-functioning and up-to-date assessment system supports strong communities and makes the province an attractive place to invest; and
- **WHEREAS** property assessments in Ontario have not been updated in over a decade, making them the most outdated in Canada, while provinces such as Alberta and British Columbia update assessments annually to reflect current market conditions; and
- **WHEREAS** the prolonged pause in the reassessment cycle has created significant distortions in assessed values, resulting in inequities among property classes; and
- **WHEREAS** outdated assessments negatively impact investment decisions, economic competitiveness, municipal planning, and disproportionately affect independent small businesses; and
- **WHEREAS** reassessments are designed to be revenue neutral for the municipality, ensure fairness in taxation, maintain public confidence in the property tax system, and support long-term municipal financial planning; and
- **WHEREAS** a coalition of municipalities, chambers of commerce, tourism organizations, small businesses, and major property owners have called upon the Government of Ontario to update property assessments;
- **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of **[Name of Municipality]** hereby calls upon the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Finance to direct the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to promptly resume the regular property assessment cycle; and
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance; the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation for their consideration and timely action.

Kris Croskery-Hodgins

From: Chris Johnston
Sent: March 28, 2026 2:46 PM
To: dyemm@nipissingtownship.com; foote@nipissingtownship.com;
chalapenko@nipissingtownship.com; kirkey@nipissingtownship.com;
scott@nipissingtownship.com
Cc: admin@nipissingtownship.com
Subject: Inquiry Regarding Resolution R2026-09 and Landfill Electronic Card System Implementation

Dear Mayor and Councilors,

I am writing to you regarding **Resolution R2026-09**, which mandated the implementation of an electronic card use system for our Township Landfill Sites with an effective date of April 1, 2026.

I want to begin by acknowledging the significant time and effort you all dedicate to our community. Serving as a councilor is often a thankless role, and I truly appreciate the work you do to navigate the complex needs of the Township of Nipissing.

However, after speaking with landfill staff recently, I was informed that this project has been delayed until September. Given the importance of modernizing our infrastructure, I would appreciate clarity on the following:

- **Status Verification:** Is it accurate that the April 1st effective date has been postponed to September?
- **Timeline Expansion:** Since this was presented as a three-month project, why is a five-month extension necessary? How did the complexity and timeframe nearly triple in scope? Will this add additional costs to the taxpayers, given the selling point of moving to this system was less work (ie. cost savings) by the staff?
- **Project Governance & Lessons Learned:** My concern stems from our history with technology projects. Specifically, **Resolution R2022-92** initiated a software transition that, according to **Resolution R2025-153**, ultimately failed after three years of effort and was terminated in late 2025.
 - What specific "lessons learned" from the TownSuite experience are being applied to the current landfill project?
 - What structural changes are being made to project governance to ensure that future technology initiatives are scoped and delivered more reliably?
- **Communication & Transparency:** Since the original resolution named a specific start date, why has a formal update not yet returned to a public Council meeting? It is concerning that residents must rely on informal conversations with staff to receive updates on Council-mandated resolutions.

I believe that firm resolve regarding project deadlines and transparent communication are essential for maintaining public trust. To be quite frank, if this level of incompetence was repeatedly shown in the private sector, jobs would be lost. Yet, here, I feel like it goes unnoticed. As the representatives of our community, I encourage you to follow up and seek answers to why these projects consistently are not

completed within the expected timelines, or not completed at all. I request diligence in ensuring that communication is proactive when projects do require timeline shifts or other changes in scope. I look forward to your response and to seeing our municipal initiatives cross the finish line successfully.

Thank you for your time and for your continued service to our Township.

Sincerely,

Chris Johnston



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: April 7, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

**That the statement of accounts dated:
March 13, 14, 25, 26, 28 and 31, 2026.**

Totaling \$577,400.75 be approved.

For Against

**YEMM
CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT**

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: April 7, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by:

Seconded by:

That this part of our meeting will be closed to the public as authorized by Section 239.(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Purpose of this Closed Session:

1. Council to review updated Employment Agreements for the Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer; Operations Superintendent and Fire Chief-MLEO-CEMC.
2. Council to review information regarding a staffing position.

Time: p.m.

For Against

**CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM**

Carried

Mayor: DAVE YEMM