

***** AGENDA *****
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
****START TIME 6:30 p.m.****

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest.
2. Staff and Committee Reports.
3. Resolution: Adopt the Minutes of the February 3, 2026 Council Meeting.
4. Resolution: Support for Nation Building Improvements to Highways 11/17 and Enhanced Safety Programming for Competent Driving Practices and Road Safety.
5. Discussion: Information regarding the Powassan District Union Public Library Agreement between the Municipality of Powassan, Township of Chisholm and the Township of Nipissing.
6. Resolution: Support for the Powassan District Union Public Library Agreement Cost Sharing Formula.
7. Resolution: Award Tender NIP-PW-2026-01, Grader.
8. Staff Report: Review of the Township of Nipissing Fire Department Activities for 2025.
9. Staff Report: Review of the Township of Nipissing Public Works Activities for 2025.
10. Presentation: Draft 10 Year Capital Forecast, 2026-2036.
11. Correspondence.
12. Accounts to pay.
13. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held February 17, 2026.
14. 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.

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MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING
Tuesday, February 3, 2026

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, February 3, 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 Shelly Foote, Stephen Kirkey, James Scott and Lisa Chalapenko.

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None

Committee Reports:

Councillor Shelly Foote: Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee.

Councillor Stephen Kirkey: OPP Police Services Board.

Mayor Dave Yemm: Eastholme, Home for the Aged Board of Management.

R2026-25 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

THAT the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held January 20, 2026, be adopted as published.
Carried.

R2026-26 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Nipissing acknowledges the current challenges with extending the lives of Ontario landfills while protecting the environment and quality of life for future generations;

AND WHEREAS we support the Resolutions put forward by the Town of Prescott; Municipality of Tweed; Municipality of South Huron and Tay Valley Township regarding waste incineration and a more Robust Recycling Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing supports investigating the possibility of working together with Ontario Municipalities, Provincial and Federal Governments and manufacturing partners to form a working group to ensure that waste disposal issues can be resolved quickly, efficiently and effectively with the use of incineration, more robust recycling programs and sustainable practices. **Carried.**

R2026-27 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing applied for and was granted \$38,000 under the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program;

NOW THEREFORE we authorize the Mayor and the Land Planning Administrator to sign an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program. **Carried.**

R2026-28 J. Scott, S. Kirkey

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing received \$38,000 under the Pothole Prevention and Repair Program;

AND WHEREAS funds under this program were used for two 2025 surface rehabilitation projects leaving \$11,768.40 for use;

NOW THEREFORE Council for the Township of Nipissing authorizes the use of the remaining amount towards the Rocky Shore Drive Rehabilitation Project in 2026, prior to the 2026 Budget approval.

Carried.

R2026-29 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:

WHEREAS the replacement of the multiplate culvert located on Bear Creek Road has been identified for the 2026 work schedule;

NOW THEREFORE we accept the proposal provided by Englobe for the Geotechnical Report required to proceed with the project preparation and planning;

AND THAT the fee of \$18,920.00, excluding applicable taxes, be accepted before the passage of the 2026 municipal budget. **Carried.**

R2026-30 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

That we pass By-Law Number 2026-04, being a By-Law to amend Consolidated By-Law Number 2021-50, to regulate the parking of vehicles within the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 3rd day of February, 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-31 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

That we pass By-Law Number 2026-06, being a By-Law to enter into a Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement.

Read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 3rd day of February, 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-32 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

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

R2026-33 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

That the statement of accounts dated: January 18, 27, and 28, 2026.

Totaling \$118,856.18 be approved. **Carried.**

R2026-34 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:

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 a request from a staff member.
2. Council to receive information from a property owner regarding a land inquiry.

Time: 7:01 p.m. **Carried.**

R2026-35 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

That we resume to an open public meeting. Time: 7:38 p.m. **Carried.**

R2026-36 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

THAT we pass By-Law No. 2026-07, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on February 3, 2026.

Read the first, second and third time passed this 3rd day of February, 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-37 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

THAT the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:40 p.m. **Carried.**

Next regular Council meeting to be held February 17, 2026.

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: February 17, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Nipissing strongly supports Resolution Number 2026-009 from the Municipality of St. Charles regarding Nation Building Improvements to Highways 11 and 17;

AND WHEREAS the drastic increases in fatalities and serious collisions along Highways 11 and 17 demands serious attention and immediate corrective actions;

AND WHEREAS enhanced safety programming is required including competent and extensive driver education and qualifications for commercial and passenger vehicles; increased enforcement of road safety laws; and a full review of the systemic issues leading to these dangerous driving conditions;

NOW THEREFORE we, the Council of the Township of Nipissing urge the Province of Ontario to research, implement and enforce these programming measures;

AND THAT the Federal and Provincial governments work together to bring the "2+1" highway design to Highways 11 and 17 to improve the safety, strengthen supply-chain availability, enhance emergency response capabilities and reduce road closures and life-altering incidents.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

**The Corporation of the Municipality of St. Charles
RESOLUTION PAGE**



Regular Meeting of Council

Agenda Number: 4.4.1.
Resolution Number 2026-009
Title: Nation Building Improvements to Highways 11 / 17 (2+1 & Four-Lane Options)
Date: January 21, 2026

Moved by: Councillor Laframboise
Seconded by: Councillor Loftus

WHEREAS Canada's east-west trade and national mobility rely on the Trans-Canada Highway system, including Highways 17 and 11 across Northern and Eastern Ontario, which carry significant freight volumes but remain predominantly two-lane corridors;

AND WHEREAS four-laning the entirety of Highway 17 is the ultimate goal of the communities along the corridor;

AND WHEREAS the proven "2+1" highway design - alternating passing lanes with a continuous median barrier - delivers safety outcomes comparable to full twinning at substantially lower cost, land, and environmental impact, and can be scaled or converted to four lanes (2+2) as volumes grow;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced a 2+1 pilot between North Bay and Temagami and a further extension toward Cochrane, creating a near-term implementation pathway;

AND WHEREAS modernizing Highways 17 and 11 will improve safety, reduce closures, strengthen supply-chain reliability for mining, forestry, agriculture, tourism and manufacturing, and enhance national resilience and emergency response capacity;

AND WHEREAS a phased 2+1 build - prioritizing Highway 11 (North Bay → Cochrane, then Cochrane → Nipigon) and key sections of Highway 17 (western border of County of Renfrew → Sudbury; Sault Ste. Marie → Sudbury; Thunder Bay → Kenora) - aligns with nation-building criteria, supports economic reconciliation with Indigenous partners, and enables integrated EV charging and low-carbon construction practices;

AND WHEREAS analysis summarized by the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, (FONOM) demonstrates high freight demand on these routes and strong safety / economic rationale for a 2+1 program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of St.-Charles formally endorses the adoption and phased implementation of a 2+1 highway program on Highways 17 and 11 as a nation-building project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada be urged to designate this initiative as a project of national interest under the Building Canada Act and to partner with Ontario to co-fund and accelerate planning, design, procurement, and construction;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario be urged to expand the announced pilot to a corridor-wide program, sequencing works according to readiness, safety benefit and economic importance;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario prioritize these projects into the Ministry of Transportation's Major Projects Division;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT both governments ensure early, ongoing, and capacity-supported engagement with affected Indigenous Nations, with opportunities for Indigenous training, contracting, and equity participation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the program incorporate corridor-wide safety features (barrier-separated 2+1 cross-sections, controlled passing frequency, wildlife considerations), resilience measures (closure mitigation, climate adaptation), and clean-growth elements (EV charging readiness, recycled aggregates, lower-carbon materials);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transport (Canada), the Minister of Infrastructure (Canada), the Ontario Minister of Transportation, our local MP and MPP, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) for support, and the County of Renfrew for information.

CARRIED


MAYOR

The Mayors and Clerks for the Municipality of Powassan, Township of Chisholm and the Township of Nipissing, met on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 to discuss the Agreement for the Powassan District Union Public Library.

Items discussed:

- Municipal cost sharing formula.
- Future capital requirements of the facility.
- The proposed 2026 Budget of the Library.

Municipal Cost Sharing Formula

The current municipal cost sharing formula is:

Powassan 60%

Chisholm 20%

Nipissing 20%

Comparables:

	Powassan	Chisholm	Nipissing
Population (2021 census)	3,346	1,312	1,769
Assessment Totals	\$354,321,824 (2024 FIR DATA)	\$154,712,600 (2023 FIR DATA)	\$408,588,493 (2024 FIR DATA)

The Township of Chisholm has requested that the Township of Nipissing assume 2 – 4% more of the levy requirement based on Assessment data, population and Library usage stats.

Library 2026 Budget Levy amount: \$232,133.96

	2026 Levy	Proposed Change	2025 Levy	Increase
20%	\$46,426.79		\$41,554.92	\$ 4,871.87
21%	\$48,748.13	\$2,321.34	\$41,554.92	\$ 7,193.21
22%	\$51,069.47	\$4,642.68	\$41,554.92	\$ 9,514.55
23%	\$53,390.81	\$6,964.02	\$41,554.92	\$11,835.89
24%	\$55,712.15	\$9,285.36	\$41,554.92	\$14,157.23

Future Capital Requirements

The Library will require elevator repairs/replacement within the next 10 years.

Funding options were discussed. Questions regarding the planning of this work will be given to the Council member representatives on the Library Board for clarity.

2026 Proposed Budget for Library

Potential cost saving measures were discussed after a brief review of the 2026 Library Budget.

These included municipal support from all three member municipalities for administration tasks and property maintenance tasks. Further discussions will take place with Council representatives to the Library Board to bring forward.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: February 17, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing, Township of Chisholm and the Municipality of Powassan are members in the Powassan District Union Public Library;

AND WHEREAS the Library Agreement states the municipal levy costs be apportioned as Powassan 60%, Chisholm 20% and Nipissing 20% and a request has been received from the Township of Chisholm for the Township of Nipissing to assume an additional 4% of the library levy based on the usage information provided by the library and the proportionate population and assessment base of the Township of Nipissing;

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Nipissing agrees to assume the additional _____% of the levy and move that the levy costs be apportioned as:

Powassan 60%

Nipissing ____%

Chisholm ____%

AND THAT this Resolution be circulated to the Municipality of Powassan, Township of Chisholm and the Powassan District Union Public Library for consideration.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

**Township of Nipissing
Tender Opening
Opened: Friday February 13, 2026 beginning at 1:00 p.m.**

Present: Dan MacInnis, Operations Superintendent and Kim Turnbull Deputy Treasurer
Zoom: Dale Alkins, Brandt Tractor LTD and Jon Ball, Toromont Industries LTD

Company Name	NIP-PW-2026-01 One (1) New 2026 Wheeled Grader		
Brandt Tractor LTD John Deere 870 P *Delivery Date 90-110 days after receipt of purchase order	Bid Summary ☒ Specification & Confirmation ☒ Addendum #1 ☒ Loaner Grader ☒ Available April 2, 2026 Closest Dealer or Mobile Tech in KM 35 km	Tender Price 2010 John Deere 870GP Trade-in Value Subtotal HST Total Tender Price Finance Rate: Optional Purchases with HST: Extended Warranty	\$557,000.00 \$52,000.00 \$505,000.00 \$65,650.00 \$570.650.00 5.10% /39 months \$35,737.87 60m/5,000 hrs
Toromont Industries LTD. CAT 160 *Delivery Date June 26, 2026 – depending on inventory	Bid Summary ☒ Specification & Confirmation ☒ Addendum #1 ☒ Loaner Grader ☒ April 2, 2026 Closest Dealer or Mobile Tech in KM 33 km	Tender Price 2010 John Deere 870GP Trade-in Value Subtotal HST Total Tender Price Finance Rate: Optional Purchases with HST: Extended Warranty Machine will be supplied with 84 month 7,000 hr warranty	\$674,785.75 \$53,000.00 \$621,785.75 \$80,832.15 \$702,617.90 5.99%/84 months

Toromont Industries LTD. CAT 150AWD *Delivery Date 42 days depending on inventory after receipt of purchase confirmation	Bid Summary ☐ Specification & Confirmation ☐ Addendum #1 ☒ Loaner Grader ☒ April 2, 2026 Closest Dealer or Mobile Tech in KM 33km	Tender Price 2010 John Deere 870GP Trade-in Value Subtotal HST Total Tender Price Finance Rate: Optional Purchases with HST: Extended Warranty Machine will be supplied with 84 month 7,000 hr warranty	\$656,371.84 \$53,000.00 \$603,371.84 \$78,438.34 \$681,810.18 5.99%/84 months
Staff Recommendation: Brandt Tractor LTD – John Deere 870 P			

**Township of Nipissing
Fire Department, CEMC, Municipal By-Law Officer**

Staff Report

To: Council
From: Will Bateman, Fire Chief, CEMC, Municipal By-Law Officer
Date: February 10, 2026
Subject: 2025 Activity Report

1. Calls

The Fire Department responded to a total of 113 incidents in 2025. These incidents included medical responses (accidents or illness, alcohol- or drug-related incidents, respiratory emergencies, chest pain, and suspected heart attacks), alarm system activations, smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, structure fires, grass and bush fires, gas leaks, open-air burning (both unauthorized and controlled), public hazards, other pre-fire conditions, hydro-related incidents (lines down and trees on power lines), and motor vehicle collisions.

Total firefighter response time for the year was 674 hours.

Cost recovery was applied where applicable for MTO-related incidents on Highways 654, 534, and 522, hydro-related responses, and unauthorized open-air burning in accordance with the Township Fire By-Law. Total costs recovered in 2025 \$21,679.00.

2. Fire Prevention

The Fire Department attended a variety of community events throughout the year, including school visits, Township public events, and door-to-door smoke and carbon monoxide alarm education, reaching around 53 homes.

Public education and outreach were supported through Township newsletters, signage at Station 1, Station 2, and the Commanda Tower Site (new sign board), as well as regular updates to the Department's Facebook page and website.

The Annual Children's Christmas Run continues to be a major event for the Fire Department. In addition to delivering gifts, members provide up-to-date fire safety messages and information. Firefighters also take the opportunity to speak directly with parents and caregivers to answer questions and address any fire safety concerns.

3. Maintenance (Equipment, Stations & Apparatus)

Regular maintenance has been completed on all fire apparatus, including the annual MTO safety inspections.

- Pumper 1 (Ford F-550): New rear tires and rear brakes installed.
- Pumper 2 (Freightliner): Rear tire leaks repaired; fuel tank replaced due to leakage.
- Rescue 2 (Ford F-550): Batteries replaced. The ambient air sensor continues to experience issues; however, this does not pose a safety concern at this time.
- Tanker 1 (International): Starter solenoid replaced.
- ERT Trailer: Regular maintenance completed.
- UTV (Polaris): Regular maintenance completed; tracks installed in the fall and removed in the spring.

All firefighting equipment continues to receive regular maintenance and required testing, including pumps, ladders, auto extrication tools, gas detection equipment, SCBA, and AEDs.

Fire stations remain in good condition, with ongoing routine maintenance and upkeep contributing to their overall state.

At the Tower Site (Highway 522), a Genalink has been installed to provide backup power to the repeater during extended power outages.

4. Budget

The Ministry of the Solicitor General approved the 2024/2025 Fire Grant, which supports cancer prevention initiatives within the Fire Department. This funding allowed the Department to upgrade personal protective equipment, including bunker gear, gloves, hoods, and decontamination kits. The grant will continue to be available for the next three years.

The Fire Department operated within the 2025 approved budget, with the majority of planned projects completed and operational targets met. One project not fully completed was the dry hydrant program, due to challenges related to water source availability and permit timelines. Supplies have been procured to install several dry hydrants within the Township. These installations will be completed and evaluated for effectiveness before proceeding with additional hydrants.

5. Training

In 2025, the Fire Department conducted 66 regular training sessions, 9 additional training sessions, and 2 officer meetings. Regular training is held weekly, with the exception of weeks following long weekends. Training sessions typically last 2.5 to 3 hours and cover a wide range of operational and safety-related topics. Total firefighter training hours for the year were 1,682 hours.

Mandatory, standardized, and legislated firefighter training requirements will come into effect on July 1, 2026. Firefighters who joined the Department prior to July 1, 2022 have until July 1, 2026 to meet these standards, while firefighters who joined after that date have three years from their start date to complete certification. The majority of firefighters within this group are fully certified, with several others currently completing their final requirements. The Department also has support personnel who are not required to be fully certified firefighters but continue to play a critical role within the organization. To support certification completion, the Department is booking in-house AS&E testing, allowing members to obtain certification locally.

Four firefighters attended the North Eastern Fire Education Conference (NEFEC) in Huntsville. One member attended Officer 1 training, while three attended the main conference. Knowledge and best practices gained from this training were shared with the rest of the Department.

The Fire Chief attended Labour Relations training in January, which focused on managing within a volunteer/composite fire service. Topics included employment standards, agreements, vacation pay, OMERS, mandatory retirement, supervisory responsibilities, officer development, and recruitment and retention.

The Fire Chief also attended the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs (O AFC) Annual General Meeting in November 2025. Topics included the Respiratory Protection Program and quantitative fit testing, Section 21 updates, NFPA standards and their impacts, Ministry of Labour updates, the Chief Officer Peer Support Program, safety officer roles, WSIB, mental health, roundtable discussions, and overall health and safety.

6. Miscellaneous

Local Fire Chiefs continue to meet regularly to collaborate on training, operating guidelines, staffing, and to provide mutual support across departments.

The Fire Chief attended the Mutual Aid Conference as the alternate coordinator. This conference provides an opportunity to meet with other coordinators, learn about new developments, and prepare for emerging operational needs.

Operating guidelines and departmental policies are being reviewed and updated to ensure they align with current standards and continue to meet the Department's operational requirements.

FirePro software is now being used full-time to record incidents, track training, manage fire prevention activities, monitor smoke and carbon monoxide alarm programs, log firefighter hours, and manage inventory. Inventory updates are underway and are expected to be completed by late 2026, including integration with the Township's fire by-law.

Starlink has been installed on Car 1, providing reliable Wi-Fi connectivity for calling, texting, and inputting data across the Township.

7. CEMC (Emergency Management)

Emergency Preparedness Week was from May 4–10, 2025, with public awareness supported through Facebook posts.

All 2025 compliance requirements were completed and submitted for final approval.

8. Municipal By-Law

Responding to written complaints and enforced the Township's parking by-law, issuing 35 tickets in 2025.

Dog complaints were addressed as they arose, and 2025 was also focused on educating residents about the Township's Trailer and Sea Container By-Laws. Education was provided through social media, newsletters, property visits, and phone or in-person discussions.

By-law reviews have been initiated and will continue on a regular basis to ensure they remain current and effective.

9. Health & Safety for the Township

On December 10, 2025, all staff participated in a Health & Safety Training Day. Training covered a wide range of topics, including:

- Violence and harassment
- New WHMIS standards
- Customer service standards refresher
- Human rights
- Review of operating guidelines
- Confidentiality of information
- Code of ethics
- Smoke-free workplaces
- Substance abuse awareness
- Roundtable discussions

Additional updates were provided on cell phone boosters for all vehicles, winter safety wear, new recycling procedures, and employee benefits.

The annual fire extinguisher inspection was completed to meet regulatory standards.

Water quality monitoring continues with monthly and quarterly samples conducted at Public Works and the Community Centre. Work is underway to improve the water system that supplies Public Works, Office, Rink Building, and Museum, addressing areas with previously low testing results.

2025 Public Works Summary

Projects Completed:

Use of Contractor:

Surface treatment re-seal of 7.4 km Birchgrove Road.
Surface dig out and treatment, Ruth Lake Road.
Repair and resurface intersection of Muskeg and Birchgrove Roads.
Replacement of multi-plate culvert at Stone Cutters Road.

Use of Own Resources:

Replacement and improvement of South River Road Culvert.
Rye Road reconstruction and installation of culverts.
Outdoor rink repairs including removal of boards, installation of new boards, setting new posts in concrete and leveling the ice surface area.
Preparation of the Museum foundation wall including excavation of soil and replacement of soil with water barrier.
Provided own source asphalt patching and repairs.
Landfill modifications including removing walkways and preparing the site for new recycling program bins and accommodating current waste diversion programs efficiently.

Maintenance Projects:

Brushing: 160 hours spent brushing with equipment
140 hours cutting trees/brush by hand

Ditching: 330 hours spent ditching

Grading: 427 hours spent grading
4,037.48 Kms graded

Other duties performed:

Thawing culverts
Tree removal for downed trees on roads
Cemetery operation including burials; lawn maintenance and foundation preparation for monument installations.
Grounds maintenance of parks and beaches.
Landfill compaction and maintenance.
Grounds maintenance of museum and community centre.

February 17, 2026

Asset Management Plan 2025 – Levels of Service Review

3.2 Roads:

Community Levels of Service:

2 formal written complaints received regarding winter maintenance of the Alsace Road during 2025. These issues were dealt with directly with the complainant.

Results: Maintenance is being performed within the Minimum Maintenance Standards for the Township of Nipissing roads, service level adjustments are not required.

Target: No more than 10 formal complaints per year. Target achieved for 2025.

Technical Levels of Service:

Road Closures – closure of hills due to significant weather events: 0 in 2025.

Maintenance – unplanned road closures: 1 unplanned closure in 2025, Rye Road.

Preventative maintenance and culvert repairs have been completed to address this risk.

Target: Less than 2 unplanned closures per year. Target achieved for 2025.

4.2 Bridges and Culverts:

Community Levels of Service:

Table 4.3, Quality – regular inspections – OSIM Bridge and Culvert Inspections is due in 2026.

Table 4.5, Major Works:

Priority #1, Bear Creek Culvert – funding for project secured January 2026.

Table 4.7, Funding Needs – 2026 – met.

To be completed in 2026.

5.2 Facilities:

Technical Levels of Service:

Unplanned incidents closing a facility – None in 2025.

Target: Less than one per year. Target achieved for 2025.

2026 Priorities have been added to the 10 Year Capital Forecast 2026-2036



CAPITAL BUDGET AND ASSET MANAGEMENT FORECAST 2026-2036



This Budget Forecasting document is a financial planning tool for use in budgeting and under the requirements of the Infrastructure for *Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015*, Ontario Regulation 588/17, Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure.

When adopted, this plan shall be used for the current year. Future forecasts will be utilized as a guide for financial planning.

Each year individual projects will be reviewed for relevance and may be modified, moved and re-scheduled according to the requirements of the asset including state of repair, lifecycle and levels of service in the Township. Where feasible, the 2025 Asset Management Plan direction will be followed and included in this forecast.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
YEAR	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE	METHOD
2026	2 Laptops and programming – Admin	\$10,000	Taxation/Reserves
2027	Replace Township Vehicle with an SUV to be shared between all departments as required.	\$45,000	Taxation
2028			
2029			
2030			
2031			
2032			
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2034			
2035			
2036			

GENERAL GOVERNMENT RESERVES PLAN			
YEAR	RESERVE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	FOR USE
2026	Computer server/replacements	\$3,000	2026
2027	Computer server/replacements Municipal Election	\$4,000 \$3,000	
2028	Computer server/replacements Municipal Election	\$4,000 \$3,000	
2029	Computer server/replacements Municipal Election	\$4,000 \$3,000	2030
2030	Computer server/replacements	\$5,000	
2031	Computer server/replacements Municipal Election	\$5,000 \$3,500	2031
2032	Computer server/replacements Municipal Election	\$5,000 \$3,500	
2033	Computer server/replacements Municipal Election	\$5,000 \$3,500	2034
2034	Computer server/replacements	\$5,000	
2035	Computer server/replacements Municipal Election	\$5,000 \$3,500	2035
2036	Computer Server/replacements Municipal Election	\$5,000 \$3,500	

FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL PROJECT FORECAST			
YEAR	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE	METHOD
2026	Auto Extrication Tools	\$80,000	Reserves/Taxation
2027			
2028	Pump 2 year 1 of 5 Station 1/Comm Centre Exterior ***may be repainted, lowering estimate depending on building condition.	\$700,000 \$87,500 (1/2 w/ Rec)	Financing Taxation/Reserves AMP Table 5.5
2029	Pump 2 Year 2 of 5 Pick Up Truck Year 1 of 5	\$75,000	Reserves Purchase/Reserves
2030	Pump 2 Year 3 of 5 Pick Up Truck Year 2 of 5		Reserves Reserves
2031	Pump 2 Year 4 of 5 Pick Up Truck Year 3 of 5		Reserves Reserves
2032	Pump 2 Year 5 of 5 Pick Up Truck Year 4 of 5 Rescue 2 Year 1 of 5	\$500,000	Reserves Reserves Financing
2033	Pump 2 Final Payments Pick Up Truck Year 5 of 5 Rescue 2 Year 2 of 5		Reserves Reserves Reserves
2034	Pick Up Truck Year Final payments Rescue 2 Year 3 of 5 Mini-Pumper Truck Year 1 of 5	\$525,000	Reserves Reserves Financing
2035	Rescue 2 Year 4 of 5 Mini-Pumper Truck Year 2 of 5		Reserves Reserves
2036	Rescue 2 Year 5 of 5 Mini-Pumper Truck Year 3 of 5		Reserves Reserves

Dry Hydrant Projects to be installed over 2026 and monitored for successful operation.
Future sites to be considered at a future date depending on outcomes.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RESERVES PLAN			
YEAR	RESERVE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	FOR USE
2026	Large Equipment Reserve Communications Reserve Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$5000.00 \$5000.00 \$20,000.00	2031
2027	Large Equipment Reserve Communications Reserve Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$5000.00 \$5000.00 \$20,000.00	2031
2028	Large Equipment Reserve Communications Reserve Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$5000.00 \$5000.00 \$20,000.00	2032
2029	Large Equipment Reserve Communications Reserve Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$5000.00 \$5000.00 \$22,500.00	2032
2030	Large Equipment Reserve Communications Reserve Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$5000.00 \$5000.00 \$25,000.00	2033
2031	Large Equipment Reserve Communications Reserve Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$5000.00 \$5000.00 \$25,000.00	2033
2032	Large Equipment Reserve Communications Reserve Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$5000.00 \$5000.00 \$27,500.00	2034
2033	Large Equipment Reserve Communications Reserve Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$5000.00 \$5000.00 \$30,000.00	2035
2034	Large Equipment Reserve Communications Reserve Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$5000.00 \$5000.00 \$30,500.00	
2035	Large Equipment Reserve Communications Reserve Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$5000.00 \$5000.00 \$31,000.00	
2036	Large Equipment Reserve Communications Reserve Fire Apparatus Reserve	\$5000.00 \$5000.00 \$31,000.00	2038

FIRE DEPARTMENT FLEET PLAN:

Pump 2 – 2011 – acquired in 2012

Rescue 2 – 2012

Pump 1 – 2015

Tanker 1 – 2018

Pick Up Truck – 2020

UTV & Trailer – 2020

Replace 2029 with 2,000 gallon tanker

Replace 2032 with mini-pumper

Replace 2035 with mini-pumper

Replace 2038 with 2,000 gallon tanker

Replace 2030

Replace 2050

LANDFILL CAPITAL FORECAST			
YEAR	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE	METHOD
2026			
2027			
2028			
2029			
2030	Bear Creek Landfill * Closure or Rehabilitation	\$609,045.59 closure costs \$625,770 Post closure costs	Reserves/Taxation
2031			
2032			
2033			
2034			
2035			
2036			

LANDFILL RESERVES PLAN			
YEAR	RESERVE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	FOR USE
2026	Closure/Rehabilitation Reserve	\$25,000	
2027	Closure/Rehabilitation Reserve	\$30,000	
2028	Closure/Rehabilitation Reserve	\$30,000	
2029	Closure/Rehabilitation Reserve	\$30,000	
2030	Closure/Rehabilitation Reserve	\$30,000	
2031	Closure/Rehabilitation Reserve	\$30,000	
2032	Closure/Rehabilitation Reserve	\$35,000	
2033	Closure/Rehabilitation Reserve	\$35,000	
2034	Closure/Rehabilitation Reserve	\$35,000	
2035	Closure/Rehabilitation Reserve	\$35,000	
2036	Closure/Rehabilitation Reserve	\$35,000	

PUBLIC WORKS			
YEAR	PROJECT DESCRIPTION (FLEET)	ESTIMATE	METHOD
2026	Tandem Truck (replace 2005) Year 4 of 5		
	Tandem Truck (replace 2010) Year 5 of 5		
	Backhoe Year 2 of 5		
	Pick Up Truck Year 3 of 5 (3/4 Tonne)	\$70,000	Purchase/Reserves
	Pick Up Truck (1/2 Ton)	\$600,000	Financing AMP Table 6.5
	Grader Year 1 of 5		
	Back Blade for Tandem Truck	\$30,000	Purchase/Reserves
	2 Radar Speed Signs w Tracking	\$13,000	Taxation
2027	Tandem Truck (replace 2005) Year 5 of 5		
	Backhoe Year 3 of 5		
	Pick Up Truck Year 4 of 5 (3/4 Tonne)		
2028	Backhoe Year 4 of 5		
	Grader Year 2 of 5		
	Pick Up Truck Year 5 of 5 (3/4 Tonne)		
	One Ton Truck W Plow Year 1 of 5	\$110,000	Financing SELF
2029	Backhoe Year 5 of 5		
	Grader Year 3 of 5		
	One Ton Truck W Plow Year 2 of 5		
2030	Tandem Truck (replace 2021) Year 1 of 5	\$380,000	Financing
	Grader Year 4 of 5		
	One Ton Truck W Plow Year 3 of 5		
2031	Grader Year 5 of 5		
	Tandem Truck Year 2 of 5		
	One Ton Truck W Plow Year 4 of 5		
2032	Tandem Truck Year 3 of 5		
	One Ton Truck W Plow Year 5 of 5		
2033	Tandem Truck Year 4 of 5		
	Tandem Truck (replace FLiner Year1 of 5		
2034	Tandem Truck Year 5 of 5		
	Tandem Truck Year 2 of 5		
2035	Tandem Truck (Replace 2024) Year 1 of 5		
	Tandem Truck Year 3 of 5		
2036	Tandem Truck (Replace 2024) Year 2 of 5		
	Tandem Truck Year 4 of 5		

PUBLIC WORKS			
YEAR	PROJECT DESCRIPTION (WORK PROJECTS)	ESTIMATE	METHOD
2026	Alsace Road (2 km) Phase 1 (reconstruction/pulverize/double surface treatment)	\$500,000	Grant/Reserves/Taxation AMP Table 3.6
	Engineer, Dig and Replace *culvert Bear Creek Road (Moved from 2024)	\$1,000,000	Grant/Reserves/Taxation AMP Table 4.5
	Reseal 4 km Sunset Cove Road Run F	\$152,000	OCIF/BCCF Grant
	Roof Repairs – Garage	\$167,500	Taxation AMP Table 5.5
2027	Alsace Road (2 km) Phase 2 (reconstruction/pulverize/double surface treatment)	\$300,000	Grant/Reserves/Taxation AMP Table 3.6
	Reseal Phase 1 Alsace (2 km)	\$50,000	Grant
	Reseal 4.1 km Hinchberger Bay, Bear Creek Road, Pine Drive, Westview Drive Run G	\$155,800	Grant AMP Table 3.6
	GRAVEL RUN C	\$285,000	Taxation/Reserve
2028	Reseal 3 km Jones Road, Waltonian, Ski Hill Road Run H	\$114,000	Grant/Taxation
	Alsace Road (2 km) Phase 3 (reconstruction/pulverize/double surface treatment)	\$300,000	Grant/Reserves/Taxation AMP Table 3.6
	Reseal Phase 2 Alsace (2 km)	\$50,000	Grant
2029	Ruth Haven Drive dig out/double surface 350 m	\$200,000	Grant AMP Table 3.6
	Reseal Phase 3 Alsace (2 km)	\$50,000	Taxation/Reserve
	GRAVEL RUN D	\$300,000	
2030	Rocky Shore Drive (2 km)	\$400,000	Grant AMP Table 3.6

2031	Pulverize/Double Surface Treatment (northern roads as required)	\$300,000	Grant
	GRAVEL RUN A	\$310,000	Taxation/Reserve
2032	Pulverize/Double Surface Treatment (northern roads as required)	\$300,000	Grant
2033	Chipseal the last 1.5 of Ski Hill	\$200,000	Grant
2034	Surface Treat	\$300,000	Grant
2035	Replace Public Works Garage/Office If funding available**	\$4,000,000	Financing/Grant/Reserves AMP Table 5.5
2036			

For Future Considerations:

Replace/Repair/Close Hummel Bridge

*decision pending on project – wait on grant opportunities

Surface Treat 2 km Alsace Road Boundary

*decision pending on Municipality of Powassan

\$3,000,000

½ Powassan

½ Financing

(grant)

½ Powassan

½ Nipissing

PUBLIC WORKS RESERVES PLAN			
YEAR	RESERVE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	FOR USE
2026	Garage Reserve Bridge Reserve Gravel Reserve	\$25,000 \$25,000 \$85,000	2027
2027	Garage Reserve Bridge Reserve Gravel Reserve	\$25,000 \$30,000 \$85,000	2027
2028	Garage Reserve Bridge Reserve Gravel Reserve	\$25,000 \$30,000 \$90,000	2029
2029	Bridge Reserve Gravel Reserve	\$30,000 \$90,000	2029
2030	Bridge Reserve Gravel Reserve	\$30,000 \$95,000	2031
2031	Bridge Reserve Gravel Reserve	\$30,000 \$95,000	2031
2032	Bridge Reserve Gravel Reserve	\$35,000 \$100,000	2033
2033	Bridge Reserve Gravel Reserve	\$35,000 \$100,000	2033
2034	Bridge Reserve Gravel Reserve	\$35,000 \$105,000	2035
2035	Bridge Reserve Gravel Reserve	\$35,000 \$105,000	2035
2036	Bridge Reserve Gravel Reserve	\$35,000 \$110,000	2037

PUBLIC WORKS FLEET PLAN:

FLiner Tandem Truck	Replace in 2033
2024 Tandem Truck	Replace in 2035
2021 Tandem Truck	Replace in 2030
2022 Excavator	Replace in 2037
Backhoe	Replace in 2045
Grader	Replace in 2026

CEMETERY CAPITAL FORECAST			
YEAR	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE	METHOD
2026	Fencing – Nipissing Union Cemetery-finalize	\$15,000	Reserves/Taxation
	Survey Alsace Cemetery - expansion	\$20,000	Cemetery C&M
2027	½ lawnmower *if not required in 2024, place into reserve for actual need	\$7,500	Taxation
	Licence, clear and survey Alsace expansion for burial lots	\$20,000	Cemetery C&M
2028			
2029			
2030			
2031			
2032			
2033			
2034	Clear next section of Nipissing Union	\$20,000	Cemetery C&M
2035	Fencing along new section Nipissing Union	\$25,000	Taxation/Cemetery C&M/Reserves
2036			

CEMETERY RESERVES PLAN			
YEAR	RESERVE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	FOR USE
2026	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	2035
2027	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2028	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2029	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2030	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2031	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2032	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2033	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2034	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2035	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2036	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	

RECREATION CAPITAL FORECAST			
YEAR	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE	METHOD
2026	½ lawnmower *if not required in 2024, place into reserve for actual need	\$7,500	Taxation
	Ground maintenance/new chips for playground	\$7,500	Taxation
	Chapman's Landing Dock – replace decking, investigate piers and structure	\$70,000	Taxation/Reserves AMP Table 5.5
2027			
2028	Station 1/Comm Centre Exterior ***may be repainted, lowering estimate depending on building condition.	\$87,500 (1/2 w/ FD)	Taxation/Reserves AMP Table 5.5
2029			
2030	Boat Launch at McQuaby Lake replacement	\$250,000	Taxation/Reserves AMP Table 5.5
2031			
2032			
2033			
2034			
2035			
2036			

RECREATION RESERVES PLAN			
YEAR	RESERVE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	FOR USE
2026	Dock/Boat Launch Reserve	\$2,500	
	Community Centre Building Reserve	\$7,500	
	Fitness Centre Reserve	\$2,500	
	Rink/Playground – Heritage Park Reserve	\$3,000	
2027	Dock/Boat Launch Reserve	\$2,500	
	Community Centre Building Reserve	\$7,500	
	Fitness Centre Reserve	\$2,500	
	Rink/Playground – Heritage Park Reserve	\$3,000	
2028	Dock/Boat Launch Reserve	\$2,500	
	Community Centre Building Reserve	\$7,500	
	Fitness Centre Reserve	\$2,500	
	Rink/Playground – Heritage Park Reserve	\$3,000	
2029	Dock/Boat Launch Reserve	\$2,500	
	Community Centre Building Reserve	\$8,500	
	Fitness Centre Reserve	\$2,500	
	Rink/Playground – Heritage Park Reserve	\$3,000	
2030	Dock/Boat Launch Reserve	\$2,500	
	Community Centre Building Reserve	\$8,500	
	Fitness Centre Reserve	\$2,500	
	Rink/Playground – Heritage Park Reserve	\$3,500	
2031	Dock/Boat Launch Reserve	\$2,500	
	Community Centre Building Reserve	\$8,500	
	Fitness Centre Reserve	\$2,500	
	Rink/Playground – Heritage Park Reserve	\$3,500	
2032	Dock/Boat Launch Reserve	\$2,500	
	Community Centre Building Reserve	\$9,000	
	Fitness Centre Reserve	\$2,500	
	Rink/Playground – Heritage Park Reserve	\$3,500	
2033	Dock/Boat Launch Reserve	\$2,500	
	Community Centre Building Reserve	\$9,000	
	Fitness Centre Reserve	\$2,500	
	Rink/Playground – Heritage Park Reserve	\$4,000	
2034	Dock/Boat Launch Reserve	\$2,500	
	Community Centre Building Reserve	\$9,000	
	Fitness Centre Reserve	\$2,500	
	Rink/Playground – Heritage Park Reserve	\$4,000	
2035	Dock/Boat Launch Reserve	\$2,500	
	Community Centre Building Reserve	\$9,000	
	Fitness Centre Reserve	\$2,500	
	Rink/Playground – Heritage Park Reserve	\$4,000	
2036	Dock/Boat Launch Reserve	\$2,500	
	Community Centre Building Reserve	\$9,000	
	Fitness Centre Reserve	\$2,500	
	Rink/Playground – Heritage Park Reserve	\$4,000	

MUSEUM CAPITAL FORECAST			
YEAR	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE	METHOD
2026			
2027	Heritage Window Repair – Church	\$20,000	Grant/Taxation
2028			
2029			
2030			
2031			
2032			
2033			
2034			
2035			
2036			

MUSEUM RESERVES PLAN			
YEAR	RESERVE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	FOR USE
2026	Building reserve	\$3500.00	
2027	Building reserve	\$4000.00	
2028	Building reserve	\$4000.00	
2029	Building reserve	\$4000.00	
2030	Building reserve	\$4000.00	
2031	Building reserve	\$4500.00	
2032	Building reserve	\$4500.00	
2033	Building reserve	\$4500.00	
2034	Building reserve	\$4500.00	
2035	Building reserve	\$4500.00	
2036	Building reserve	\$5000.00	

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

CORRESPONDENCE

February 17, 2026

- 1.** Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – Strengthening Ontario's Blue Box Program, Extending Producer Responsibility to the ICI Sector.
- 2.** Powassan Maple Syrup Festival – Donations and Sponsorships.
- 3.** The County – Prince Edward County – Resolution regarding support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025.
- 4.** The Municipality of Magnetawan – Resolution regarding broadband infrastructure costs.
- 5.** Minutes of the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee meeting held February 2, 2026.

To: Delegation during the ROMA Conference, January 2026

From: FONOM Board

Date: January 19, 2026

Subject: Strengthening Ontario's Blue Box Program
Extending Producer Responsibility to the ICI Sector

ISSUE

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is calling on the Province of Ontario to amend **Ontario Regulation 391/21: Blue Box** to ensure producers are fully responsible for the end-of-life management of their products and packaging **from all sources**, including the **Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI)** sectors.

While the current regulation requires producers to manage recyclable materials from designated “*eligible*” residential sources, it excludes significant waste streams generated in ICI settings such as municipal facilities, provincial government buildings, schools, hospitals, and other public institutions. As a result, these sectors must either absorb the cost of recycling or divert materials to landfill—placing additional strain on Ontario’s already limited landfill capacity.

This regulatory gap undermines the principles of Extended Producer Responsibility and creates inequitable outcomes. For example, a beverage container recycled at home falls under producer responsibility, while the same container consumed at a government facility does not—shifting costs directly onto municipalities and taxpayers.

WHY THIS MATTERS FOR NORTHERN ONTARIO

- **Limited landfill capacity:** Northern communities face higher transportation costs and fewer disposal options.
- **Public-sector cost pressure:** Municipalities and public institutions must fund recycling programs for materials identical to those covered in residential systems.
- **Inconsistent policy outcomes:** The point of consumption—not the product—determines responsibility, creating inefficiencies and inequities.

With new landfill siting increasingly costly, complex, and time-consuming, Ontario must prioritize **waste reduction and diversion** through a strengthened EPR framework.

Amending Ontario Regulation 391/21 to include ICI sources is a **policy-consistent, fiscally responsible, and environmentally sound** step that supports municipalities, protects landfill capacity, and strengthens Ontario's leadership in waste reduction.

FONOM represents 110 municipalities across Northern Ontario and remains committed to working collaboratively with the Province to build fair, sustainable, and practical environmental policy.



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If you would like to put your business sign adjacent to the event you are sponsoring, please contact Kim at 705 724 2813, ext. 238 to discuss. **Please also send us a pdf of your business logo for our website.** Please send to kbester@powassan.net

Please return this form and your donation to:
250 Clark St., Powassan Ontario

(Donations can also be put in our drop box either outside or inside at 250 Clark). Please do not provide cash this way. Cheques should be made out to **THE MUNICIPALITY OF POWASSAN.**

PLEASE RESPOND BY MARCH 1ST if possible.

BUSINESS NAME:

CONTACT PERSON:

EMAIL:

ADDRESS:

CHOICE	EVENT	APPROXIMATE COST	DONATION AMOUNT
	GREAT CANADIAN LUMBERJACK SHOW	\$5,300.00	
	KIDZ ZONE – PUPPET AND REPTILE SHOWS	\$2,500.00	
	LIVE MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT	\$2,000.00	
	GENERAL FUNDS		

Thanks to our 2025 Sponsors! * 2170641 Ontario Ltd o/a Evan Hughes Excavating * AM Paul Funeral Home * Bella Hill Maple Syrup * Best Western – North Bay * Burns 5 Star Construction Ltd. * City of North Bay * Coldwell Banker * Dr. Scott D. Houghton * Golden Treasure Maple Syrup Products * Gomoll's Tim-BR-Mart * J.K. (Jim) Moore Petroleum * K & T Port a Johns * Long's Maple Syrup * Matthews Maple Syrup * Moore Propane Limited * Municipality of Powassan * NECO * Nipissing Forest Resource Management * Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation * Ontario Woodlot Association * Penney & Company Inc. * Powassan Agricultural Society * Powassan Girl Guides * Powassan Home Hardware Building Centre * Quality Hardwoods * Reality Executive Local Group Inc. Brokerage – Great White North Team * Scotiabank * Spire Advisors of Assante Capital Management * Sugarstone Farms * TLC Consulting * The Carriage House Market * The Decal Shop * The Gibbings Family Band * Trout Creek Feed and Tack * Township of Chisholm * Township of Nipissing * VB Steel *

February 6, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of January 29, 2026 the following resolution regarding support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-32

DATE: January 29, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Prinzen

SECONDED BY: Councillor MacNaughton

WHEREAS arable land is a critical finite resource; and

WHEREAS Ontario has lost 2.8 million acres of farmland in the last three decades; and

WHEREAS Ontario loses as much as 319 acres of farmland a day; and

WHEREAS Ontario's farmland provides food, fiber and fuel to all of Ontario and beyond;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Prince Edward support Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and strongly urges the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario; the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks; Guelph MPP Mike Schreiner, Haldimand-Norfolk MPP Bobbi Ann Brady, Bay of Quinte MPP Tyler Allsopp, the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all Municipalities in Ontario.

CARRIED

Yours truly,



Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Prinzen, Councillor Branderhorst



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-20

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Moved by:

Seconded by:

WHEREAS reliable, high-speed internet access is essential infrastructure that supports economic development, housing construction, healthcare, education, municipal operations, and overall community well-being;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has recognized the importance of digital infrastructure through the *Accelerating Access to Broadband for Ontario Act, 2021*, which seeks to expand broadband access to all Ontarians, particularly in underserved and rural communities;

AND WHEREAS access to affordable high-speed internet is a necessary precondition to achieving provincial and federal housing, economic development, and population growth targets;

AND WHEREAS Bell Canada currently offers dedicated fibre internet services at the following indicative rates under a five (5) year term within a regulated area: 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps \$1,010 per month, 500 Mbps / 500 Mbps \$3,090 per month and 1 Gbps / 1 Gbps \$3,250 per month.

AND WHEREAS such pricing structures place dedicated fibre services beyond the financial reach of many municipalities, small businesses, housing developments, non-profit organizations, and community facilities;

AND WHEREAS unaffordable broadband infrastructure costs undermine the intent of provincial and federal legislation aimed at universal access to high-speed internet, including federal programs administered by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) and regulatory oversight by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC);

AND WHEREAS affordable, high-speed internet access is essential infrastructure and a foundational requirement for inclusive growth, housing delivery, and community resilience and municipalities are required to plan for growth, housing, and economic competitiveness, yet have no say in telecommunications pricing and market structures;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan calls upon the CRTC to examine the affordability of dedicated fibre pricing and its impact on municipal infrastructure, housing development, and equitable internet access;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan calls upon the Government of Ontario to work with telecommunications providers to ensure that broadband infrastructure costs do not impede the objectives of the *Accelerating Access to Broadband for Ontario Act, 2021* and the *Building Faster Homes and More Choice Act, 2022*;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan calls upon Bell Canada to review and revise its dedicated fibre pricing models to ensure they are affordable, transparent, and scaled appropriately for municipalities, community institutions, and local development projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Magnetawan calls upon the Government of Canada, including ISED, to strengthen affordability requirements tied to federal broadband funding and universal access programs;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Prime Minister of Canada Mark Carney, the Honourable Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, the Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, the Honourable Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Bell Canada, the CRTC, FONOM, AMO, NOMA, and all Ontario municipalities through AMCTO.

Carried ☒ Defeated ☐ Deferred ☐

Sam Dunnett, Mayor

Recorded Vote Called by: _____

Recorded Vote

Member of Council	Yea	Nay	Absent
Bishop, Bill			
Hetherington, John			
Hind, Jon			
Kneller, Brad			
Mayor: Dunnett, Sam			

MINUTES

Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee February 2, 2026

A meeting of the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee was held on Monday, February 2, 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: Calista Bateman Chair, Councillor Shelly Foote, Tom Piper, Julie Mahoney, Jennifer Bonnell, Margaret Hughes, Kathy Shaw and Kirsty Vandermeulen.

Staff: Will Bateman, Fire Chief, CEMC, Municipal By-law Officer and Kristin Linklater, Deputy Clerk – Administrative Assistant, Secretary.

Regrets: Councillor Lisa Chalapenko

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None.

MOTION NUMBER 2026-06

Moved by: Shelly Foote

Seconded by: Julie Mahoney

THAT the Minutes of the January 19, 2026 Recreation Committee Meeting are approved as circulated. **Carried.**

MOTION NUMBER 2026-07

Moved by: Julie Mahoney

Seconded by: Shelly Foote

THAT the 2026 Recreation Meeting Schedule will be as follows:

January 19, 2026

February 2, 2026

March 2, 2026

April 2026 – No Meeting

May 4, 2026

June 1, 2026

July 2026 – No Meeting

August 2026 – No Meeting

September 14, 2026

October 5, 2026

November 23, 2026

December 2026 – No Meeting **Carried.**

MOTION NUMBER 2025-08

Moved by: Julie Mahoney

Seconded by: Tom Piper

That we authorize the submission of the 2026 Kal's Replay Fund Grant Application. **Carried.**

Discussion:

Family Skate:

Updates were provided on Community Centre Advertising including:

- Recreation Advertising Signs at Both Landfills
- Rink Shack
- Community Centre
- Fitness Centre
- Brief discussion on where to find the rental fees on our website and how residents can contact the Township Office with questions.

MOTION NUMBER 2025-09

Moved by: Julie Mahoney

Seconded by: Jennifer Bonnell

That the Meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:53 p.m. Next Meeting to be held March 2, 2026.

Carried.

Chairperson:

Secretary:

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 the Board at the next scheduled Board Meeting.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: February 17, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

**That the statement of accounts dated:
January 29, February 1, 6, and 11, 2026.**

Totaling \$225,232.30 be approved.

For	Against
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YEMM	
CHALAPENKO	
FOOTE	
KIRKEY	
SCOTT	

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm