

**\*\*\* AGENDA \*\*\***  
**Tuesday, April 8, 2025**  
**\*\*\*START TIME 6:30 p.m.\*\*\***

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest.
2. Public Input on the Draft 2025 Budget.
3. Committee Reports.
4. Resolution: Adopt the Minutes of the March 18, 2025 Council Meeting.
5. Resolution: Appoint a member to the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee.
6. Resolution: Confirm appointments to the Township of Nipissing Fire Department.
7. Resolution: Support for the Northern Highway Safety Plan.
8. Resolution: Approve donation to the 2025 Powassan Maple Syrup Festival.
9. Resolution: Approve donation to the 2025 Powassan Agricultural Society Fall Fair.
10. Resolution: Approve the Spring 2025 Newsletter for circulation.
11. 2025 Budget discussion.
12. By-Law: Tax Rate and 2025 Budget.
13. By-Law: Tax Ratios 2025.
14. Correspondence.
15. Accounts to pay.
16. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held April 8, 2025.
17. 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>

# **Township of Nipissing Fire, CEMC, Municipal By-Law Officer Staff Report**

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Date: April 01.2025

Subject: Additional Fire Protection Grant Funding Available

Dear Council,

The Ontario Fire Marshal has reached out regarding additional funding available for Year 1 (FY24-25) of the Fire Protection Grant program. Our Township is eligible to receive an additional \$361.73 in funding.

If we choose to accept these funds, I will sign and return the required Letter of Intent before the deadline of Monday, April 14, 2025, at noon. Accepting or declining this additional amount will not impact our standing for currently approved Fire Protection Grant projects and funding.

This item will be included in our next council meeting for resolution.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Will Bateman, Fire Chief, CEMC, Municipal By-Law Officer

# MINUTES

## TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, 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 Lisa Chalapenko, Shelly Foote, Stephen Kirkey, and James Scott.

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

**Disclosure of pecuniary interest:** None.

### **Committee Reports:**

Councillor Steve Kirkey: Nipissing Township Museum Board; Powassan and District Union Public Library Board.

Mayor Dave Yemm: Sturgeon, Nipissing, French River Advisory Board; Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation.

### **R2025-051 C. Foote, L. Chalapenko:**

That the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held March 4, 2025, be adopted as published.

**Carried.**

### **R2025-052 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:**

That we accept the resignation of Leanne MacKenzie from the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee. **Carried.**

### **R2025-053 L. Chalapenko, C. Foote:**

That we appoint Kassie Mulder to the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee. **Carried.**

### **R2025-054 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:**

THAT we approve "in principle" the application received for Use of Unopened Municipal Road Allowance at Con 2, Lot 29, GURD by Rowan Thompson, Owner of 5009117 Ontario Inc, registered property owner.

The purpose of the application is to provide access to property located at PCL 9384 Sec NS, Con 2 Lt 29 GURD over the Township owned unopened road allowance between Concession 2 and 3 at Lot 29.

That this application is subject to the following conditions:

1. Approval be granted by the Ministry of Transportation for use of the Crown property located between Highway 522 through Con 3, Lot 29, and that this approval be provided in writing to the Township of Nipissing.
2. All procedures are completed as provided in By-Law Number 2021-57 for use of an unopened road allowance. **Carried.**

Council was provided with a request to reconsider items on the previously approved Capital Budget 2025-2035 Forecast, passed by Resolution R2024-217, during the March 4, 2025 meeting.

**R2025-055 S. Kirkey, L. Chalapenko:**

WHEREAS amendments were made to the previously approved Capital Budget and Asset Management Forecast 2025-2035, approved by R2024-217;

NOW THEREFORE Council approves the amendments to the Forecast and accepts the changes as presented. **Carried.**

Council reviewed the previously presented draft 2025 Budget.

Adjustments requested:

Capital – amend the amount for Fire Department Capital – removal of 2 dry hydrant installations.

Appreciation event – budget to be moved to \$5,000.

The changes will be represented at the April 8, 2025 Council meeting.

**R2025-056 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:**

That we pass By-Law Number 2025-11, being a By-Law to appoint an Area Weed Inspector for the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.

**R2025-057 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:**

That we accept the correspondence as presented. **Carried.**

**R2025-058 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:**

That the statement of accounts dated: March 1, 5, 7, and 18, 2025 totaling \$201,736.67 be approved. **Carried.**

**R2025-059 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:**

That this part of our meeting will be closed to the public as authorized by Section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act, 2001, c. 25, for consideration of the following subject matter:

(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality.

1. Council to receive an update on an ongoing legal matter and provide direction.

Time: 7:13 p.m. **Carried.**

Will Bateman, Kim Turnbull and Kristin Linklater left the meeting.

**R2025-060 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:**

That we resume to an open public meeting. Time: 7:39 p.m. **Carried.**

Will Bateman returned to the meeting.

**R2025-061 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:**

That we pass By-Law 2025-12, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on March 18, 2025.

Read the first, second and third time and passed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025. **Carried.**

**R2025-062 S. Foote, J. Scott:**

That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:43 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held April 8, 2025.

**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 8, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

That we appoint Kirsty McGuigan-Vandermeulen to the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee.

For	Against
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CHALAPENKO	
FOOTE	
KIRKEY	
SCOTT	
YEMM	

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



## TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

### RESOLUTION

DATE: April 8, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

That we confirm the appointment of members of the Township of Nipissing Fire Department, per the attached roster.

For      Against

CHALAPENKO  
FOOTE  
KIRKEY  
SCOTT  
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



## TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

### RESOLUTION

DATE: April 8, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT the Council of the Township of Nipissing supports the Northern Highway Safety Plan presented by MPP Guy Bourgouin; MPP Lise Vaugeois and MPP John Vanthof;

AND THAT Council requests the Province implement the immediate action of requiring all drivers be tested by MTO certified inspectors.

For      Against

CHALAPENKO  
FOOTE  
KIRKEY  
SCOTT  
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm





## TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

### RESOLUTION

DATE: April 8, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we donate \$100 to the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival toward the 2025 event.

For      Against

CHALAPENKO  
FOOTE  
KIRKEY  
SCOTT  
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



## TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

### RESOLUTION

DATE: April 8, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we donate \$100 to the Powassan Agricultural Society in support of the 2025 Powassan Fall Fair.

For      Against

CHALAPENKO  
FOOTE  
KIRKEY  
SCOTT  
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: April 8, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we approve the Spring 2025 Newsletter for circulation, as presented.

For      Against

CHALAPENKO  
FOOTE  
KIRKEY  
SCOTT  
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



## TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

### RESOLUTION

DATE: April 8, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

That we pass By-Law Number 2025-13, being a By-Law to adopt the estimates for all sums required for the year, to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2025.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

For      Against

CHALAPENKO  
FOOTE  
KIRKEY  
SCOTT  
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



## TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

### RESOLUTION

DATE: April 8, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

That we pass By-Law Number 2025-14, being a By-Law to set tax ratios for municipal purposes for the Year 2025.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

For	Against
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CHALAPENKO	
FOOTE	
KIRKEY	
SCOTT	
YEMM	

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

# **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING**

## **BY-LAW NUMBER 2025-14**

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### **A By-law to Set Tax Ratios for Municipal Purposes for the Year 2025**

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Whereas the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 308 (4) requires Councils to establish tax ratios;

And whereas the tax ratios determine the relative amount of taxation to be borne by each property class;

Now therefore the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing enacts as follows:

1. That for the taxation year 2025, the tax ratio for property in:

- (A) the residential/farm property class is 1.000
- (B) the new multi-residential class is 1.000
- (C) the multi-residential class is 0.2500
- (D) the commercial occupied property class is 0.9083
- (E) the commercial exc. Land property class is 0.635810
- (F) the commercial vacant land property class is 0.635810
- (G) the farmlands property class is 0.2500
- (H) the managed forest property class is 0.2500
- (I) the industrial occupied property class is 0.2698
- (J) the industrial exc. Land property class is .0175370
- (K) the industrial vacant land property class is 0.175370
- (L) the landfill property class is 0.862195
- (M) the Aggregate Extraction property class is 0.219538;

2. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing.

Read the first, second and third time and passed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF  
NIPISSING

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Dave Yemm, Mayor

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Kris Croskery-Hodgins,  
Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer



## **TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING**

### **RESOLUTION**

**DATE: April 8, 2025**

**NUMBER: R2025-**

**Moved by**

**Seconded by**

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

	<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>
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<b>YEMM</b>		
<b>CHALAPENKO</b>		
<b>FOOTE</b>		
<b>KIRKEY</b>		
<b>SCOTT</b>		

**Carried**

**Mayor: Dave Yemm**

# TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

## CORRESPONDENCE

**April 8, 2025**

- 1.** Ministry of Natural Resources – 2025-2026 Annual work schedule for Nipissing Forest.
- 2.** City of North Bay – Council of the City of North Bay formally nominates Victor Fedeli for the 2025 FONOM Executive Award.
- 3.** Municipality of East Ferris – Council of the Municipality of East Ferris requesting support for declaration of sovereignty of Canada.
- 4.** The Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board Meeting Minutes held February 18, 2025.
- 5.** Minutes of the East Nipissing North Parry Sound Vet Services Committee Meeting held March 20, 2025.
- 6.** Trout Creek Agricultural Society – requesting support in upcoming 2025 Fall Fair to be held August 22, 23, and 24<sup>th</sup>.



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March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached a copy of both the English and French versions of the “Inspection of 2025-2026 Annual Work Schedule for the Nipissing Forest” for your review. 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 during the year (April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026).

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](mailto: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](mailto:MNR.NorthBay@ontario.ca) or by telephone at (705) 475-5501.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brianna Dumas".

Brianna Dumas, R.P.F.

Management Forester – Nipissing Forest  
Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry  
875 Gormanville Road, North Bay, Ontario P1B 8G3

Enclosure

# Inspection

## Inspection of 2025 – 2026 Annual Work Schedule for Nipissing Forest

The April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026 Annual Work Schedule (AWS) for the **Nipissing Forest** is available for public viewing by contacting the **Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc.**, during normal business hours and on the Natural Resources Information Portal at <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online> beginning **March 15, 2025** 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

For more information on the AWS, to arrange a virtual/in-person meeting with MNR staff to discuss the AWS or to request AWS summary information, please contact the MNR staff listed below:

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

#### Brianna Dumas, R.P.F.

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Ministry of Natural Resources  
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Office hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### Ric Hansel, R.P.F.

Operations Forester OR

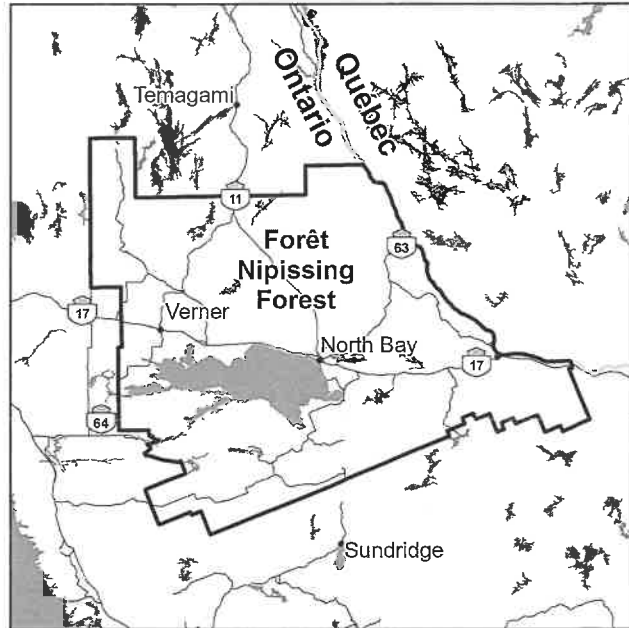
#### Shelley Straughan, R.P.F.

Planning Forester  
Nipissing Forest Resource Management Inc.  
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Callander, ON P0H 1H0  
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Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



### 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](http://ontario.ca/ForestManagement)

Renseignements en français : [MNR.NorthBay@ontario.ca](mailto:MNR.NorthBay@ontario.ca)

# Inspection

## Inspection – calendrier de travail annuel 2025-2026 pour la forêt Nipissing

Le public peut consulter le calendrier de travail annuel du 1<sup>er</sup> avril 2025 au 31 mars 2026 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 <https://nrip.mnr.gov.on.ca/s/fmp-online?language=fr> à compter du **15 mars 2025**, 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.

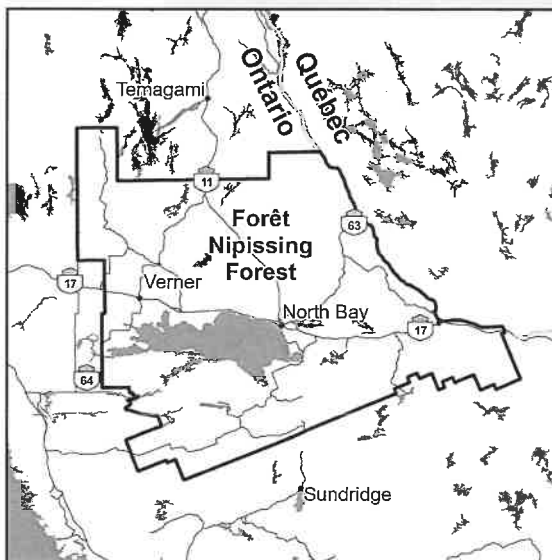
Pour en savoir davantage sur les règles d'obtention de bois à des fins personnelles, veuillez consulter le site [ontario.ca/boisdesterresdelacouronne](http://ontario.ca/boisdesterresdelacouronne). Pour en savoir davantage sur les possibilités commerciales liées au bois de chauffage, veuillez communiquer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

#### Brianna Dumas, F.P.I.

Aménagiste Forestier  
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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  
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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](http://ontario.ca/gestionforestiere)

Information in English: [MNR.NorthBay@ontario.ca](mailto:MNR.NorthBay@ontario.ca)



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April 1, 2025

Via Email Only: [fonom.info@gmail.com](mailto:fonom.info@gmail.com)

The Federation of Northern  
Ontario Municipalities  
306-665 Oak Street East  
NORTH BAY ON P1B 9E5

Attention: Mr. Mac Bain

Dear Sir:

This is Resolution No. 2025-108 which was passed by Council at its Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

Resolution No. 2025-108:

Whereas the mission of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is to enhance the economic and social quality of life for all Northerners and to ensure a prosperous future for our youth;

And Whereas the FONOM Executive Award is presented annually at its conference to recognize an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication and tireless efforts in enriching the lives of Northern Ontarians while advancing the objectives of FONOM;

And Whereas Victor Fedeli has made significant contributions to Northern Ontario through his service as Mayor of the City of North Bay (2003–2010), as a Member of Provincial Parliament, and as a Minister in the Government of Ontario, consistently advocating for the well-being and prosperity of North Bay, Nipissing, and the broader Northern Ontario region.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that the Council of the City of North Bay formally nominates Victor Fedeli for the 2025 FONOM Executive Award, recognizing his exceptional and enduring contributions to the enrichment and betterment of the lives of Northern Ontario residents and his unwavering commitment to promoting the mission and objectives of FONOM at both regional and provincial levels.

Further be it Resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to FONOM and the Municipalities in the Nipissing Electoral District.

*Karen McIsaac*

Karen McIsaac  
City Clerk

KM/ck

cc: Municipality of Callander  
Municipality of Powassan  
Town of Mattawa  
Township of Bonfield  
Township of Calvin  
Township of Chisholm  
Township of East Ferris  
Township of Mattawan  
Township of Nipissing  
Township of Papineau-Cameron



## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

HELD  
March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**2025-76**

**Moved by** Councillor Trahan

**Seconded by** Councillor Kelly

WHEREAS Canada and the United States have a shared history of friendship, respect and neighbourly relations;

AND WHEREAS Canada is a sovereign nation with a peaceful history of self-governance dating to its Confederation in 1867;

AND WHEREAS the Canadian identity is marked by a deep-rooted pride in its heritage and culture founded by French and British settlement, enriched by Indigenous culture and traditions and by more than a century and a half of multi-cultural immigration;

AND WHEREAS Canada has significant global standing, consistently supporting its allies, including the United States, in global conflicts such as two world wars, and wars in Korea and Afghanistan; and in international coalitions and in being consistently recognized as among the top countries in the world for quality of life;

AND WHEREAS newly elected President Donald Trump has suggested that with the use of economic force such as tariffs, Canada should become the 51st state of the United States;

AND WHEREAS President Trump, has now imposed tariffs on imports from Canada that will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic stability in both countries;

AND WHEREAS federal and provincial leaders are encouraging Canadians to buy Canadian, at the same time as it seeks to remove inter-provincial trade barriers within Canada;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs and can assist in the effort to combat tariffs and support Canadian businesses by their procurement of Canadian products and services;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have traditionally been prevented by trade agreements and legislation from giving preference to the purchase of Canadian products and services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of East Ferris categorically rejects any efforts by President Trump or any others to undermine the sovereignty of Canada, and we stand united with our provincial and federal leaders for a Canada that remains strong, free, independent, and characterized by peace, order, and good government;

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**E: [municipality@eastferris.ca](mailto:municipality@eastferris.ca)**

**25 Taillefer Road, Corbeil, ON. P0H 1K0**

**[eastferris.ca](http://eastferris.ca)**

AND FURTHERMORE that Council endorses the federal and provincial call to action to buy Canadian and therefore remove any impediments to municipalities preferring to engage Canadian companies for products and services when appropriate and feasible;

AND FURTHERMORE that Council encourages the provincial and federal governments to remove trade barriers between provinces in support of Canadian businesses;

AND FURTHERMORE that the CAO be directed to prepare a report detailing a temporary purchasing policy that integrates and addresses these concerns;

AND FURTHERMORE that this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Ontario Premier Doug Ford, Nipissing-Timiskaming MP Anthony Rota, Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Ontario Good Roads Association, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and all Ontario municipalities.

**Carried Mayor Rochefort**

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of  
Resolution No. 2025-76 passed by the  
Council of the Municipality of East Ferris  
on the 11th day of March, 2025.



Kari Hanselman, Dipl. M.A.  
Clerk

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**The Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation  
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting  
2025- 02**

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**February 18, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation board was held on Tuesday February 18, 2025

**Present:** Bernadette Kerr, Mieke Markus, Dave Yemm, Calvin Young, Dave Britton, Nancy McFadden & Amber McIsaac

**Regrets:** Leo Patey

**1. Call to order**

**Resolution No. 2025-06–** Moved by Calvin, seconded by Nancy that the meeting was called to order at 9:29 am. Carried

**2. Additions to Agenda – none**

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**Resolution No. 2025-07** Moved by Nancy, seconded by Calvin that the agenda be adopted as Presented.

**4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure – none**

**5. Approval of the Minutes from the January 21, 2025 board meeting**

**Resolution No. 2025-08–** Moved by Dave Yemm, seconded by Dave Britton, that the minutes from the board meeting on January 21, 2025 were adopted as presented.

**6. Business arising**

**a) Service Agreement**

Terms of the Service Agreement with the DSSAB were discussed.

**Resolution No. 2025-09** Moved by Dave Yemm, seconded by Nancy, that the Golden Sunshine Non- Profit Housing Corporation has reviewed the terms and conditions of the 2025-2035 Service Agreement with the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board, dated Feb 18, 2025, and hereby approves and agrees to implement the terms outlined in the agreement.



## **b) OPHI Funding**

Trevor Kitchen and Jim Kroesen from HSC discussed the proposed patio upgrades for the premises with the board members. MJA fees to be adjusted based on no changes to the plans as presented.

**Resolution No. 2025-10** Moved by Dave Yemm, seconded by Dave Britton, that the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation has reviewed and discussed the proposed scope of upgrades for the tenant patios, as outlined by HSC Project Management, and approves the full scope of the patio upgrades and authorizes HSC Project Management to execute all necessary contracts and agreements required for the commencement and completion of Phase 2 of the patio upgrade project.

## **c) Budget**

Final draft of the 2025 budget presented and a discussion took place.

**Resolution No. 2025-11** Moved by Calvin, seconded by Mieke, that the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation has reviewed the proposed operating budget for the fiscal year 2025, and hereby approves the operating budget for the fiscal year 2025, as presented.

## **7. Correspondences**

### **a.2) Financials –**

**Resolution No. 2025-12** Moved by Dave Yemm, seconded by Nancy that the board approves the January financial statement, income statement and capital account statement as presented.  
Carried

## **8. Next Board Meeting – March 18, 2025 at 9:30am**

  
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President, Bernadette Kerr

  
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Secretary, Amber McIsaac

# EAST NIPISSING NORTH PARRY SOUND VET SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes Meeting March 20, 2025, Powassan United Church 7p.m.

Attendance: (in alphabetical order of townships)

Dan MacInnis, council rep., Township of Bonfield

Pauline Carmichael, council appointed farmer rep., Municipality of Calvin,  
(Secretary- Treasurer)

David Dockendorff, council appointed farmer rep., Township of Chisholm

Michel Champagne, council appointed farmer rep., Township of East Ferris.  
(Chairperson)

James Scott, Council Rep., Township of Nipissing

Lana Reading, OFA rep., (unorganized townships)

Melanie Chenier, council rep., Township of Papineau-Cameron

Markus Wand, council rep., Municipality of Powassan

Dr.Olivia Stone, Springer Animal Hospital

With regrets:

Verzijlenberg Veterinary Hospital, not present, sent short email.

Meeting starts 7:05 p.m.

Chairperson Michel Champagne welcomes everyone.

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Motion 01-03/20/25. Agenda was reviewed and the motion is included with discussion.

Motion 02-03/20/25. The Financial Statement was reviewed and the motion is included with discussion.

There was a discussion about Northern Producer Animal Health Network's busy year. The Ministry of Northern Development is reviewing The Veterinary Assistance Program, which hasn't been reviewed since 2004 despite multiple recommendations. The review started in Feb./24 and there has not been any results by March 2025. NPAHN's directors were on the first info taking session and we were told we could not speak on the VAP budget (which tied our hands) They have met with all the different interest groups like OFA, Beef Farmers of Ontario, Sheep groups and were supposed to interview individual farmers. NPAHN suggested interviewing farmers in areas that had no vets or shortage, and their reply was they had to go off the lists the contracted vets send in. None of the farmers that were at this meeting received a VAP Review phone call. Some farmers noted that clearer vet service audit letters would result in more responses.

Even though the review questions could not be about the budget NPAHN has sent several letters to MND, the MND minister, the Ministry of Agriculture and Food and Agri-business, and the Ag. Ministers (both for 2024) about what we think has to be revamped with the program. The mileage rate should be increased to \$2.40 from the longstanding \$1.20. That is 50% of the recommended mileage rate from the College of Veterinaries of Ontario. The first 10 km from the clinic should be included in the paid mileage. The 70 km. limit should be extended so the vet does not have to claim some clients as remote clients. The veterinaries say the new reporting system is difficult and needs to be steam lined. The further education rate should go up.

The Veterinary Act of Ontario was reviewed in 2023, and it was suggested that Registered Vet Techs, that were properly trained in large animal care, should be able to do more animal care under the guidance of a Vet clinic, and NPAHN agrees fully with that. Of course, the total budget would have to go up. The Designated Vets would like to see the changes but at the same time are

worried that the ministry will get rid of the program totally. They also believe if OMAFA took the program over it would be province wide and then there would be no extra incentive for vets in the North.

There is another sheet included with the minutes about NPAHN activities for your information.

### Vet Reports

The e-mail from Dr. Fritz Verzijlenberg was read. He says that the large animal part of his business is only 10%. He is looking for another large animal vet because he could do more.

Dr. Olivia Stone gave a report. Unfortunately, the two new vets that were hired in 2023 both left in the late fall of 2024. Dr. Olivia and Dr. Christine have been very busy covering the areas, but the good news is that they have a vet that is taking the Ontario/Canadian accreditation through Springer. The vet cannot go out by himself yet, but he goes on calls with Dr. Olivia or Dr. Christine. Springer also has a new vet coming in April. He has a lot of experience with horses, and he will get "broke into other animals".

Springer clinic used \$44,000.00 plus on the 2024 contract, according to the report that was received at the Nov. NPAHN meeting. Verzijlenberg clinic uses \$1387.20 according to the report. The MND paid out \$747,025.00 out of the possible \$830,000.00. Fewer vets, less animals.

Motion 03-03/20/25 for two contracts the motion with discussion is included.

Chairperson Michel Champagne suggested that we had a good amount in the bank account and a conversation about what we could do with some money followed. Dr. Olivia was asked what she felt would be a good investment. She had said that their ultrasound machine will need replacing soon. Then she said that further education for RVT would be good. Motion 04-03/20/25 was made for funding toward RVT large animal training, with discussion and is included.

Chairperson and vise-chairperson selection.

Michel Champagne would like to set down as Chairperson and Mark Kunkle is no longer the vise-chairperson so nominations can be taken for a new Chair and vise.

Melanie Chenier nominated Lana Reading as Chairperson.

No Other nominations. Lana Reading accepted the position.

David Dockendorff nominated Michel Champagne as Vise- Chairperson.

No other nominations. Michel accepted the position.

Motion 05-03/20/25 for the signing authorities at the Caisse Alliance in Bonfield. Included.

Motion 06-03/20/25

Moved by: David Dockendorff that we now adjourn.

8:50 p.m.

### What's NPAHN been up to in 2023-2024

- 1) In the last several years we sought the expertise of Gabe Fergusson of Rural Ontario Institute, who has been able to set up the Zoom AGM's; though a few of us would like to have an in-person AGM – we all agree that the Zoom Platform allows VSC members from across our large program area that stretches from Renfrew to Thunder Bay, Rainey River District and Dryden - then to Haliburton County, District of Muskoka and the County of Bruce. It has been great to welcome to see so many VSC committee members to participate in our AGM's.
- 2) Ministry of Northern Development (MND) had told us for several years that they were going to do a review of VAP – finally in early 2024 the notice came that they were doing the review this year. We spent a good block of time putting our letter to the Ministry and discussing with directors and VSC's about detail's that they would probably like to discuss. They interviewed NPAHN, VSC chairs and individual program users. They gave us a series of questions and told us that we could not talk about the VAP budget. Following the Zoom interviews – they welcomed our thoughts, and we sent in our detailed thoughts.
- 3) Temple Grandin – a world-renowned livestock management specialist came to the Earlton area – NOFIA was the host agency – they sought funding support – as she would be speaking on our livestock handling needs – the directors moved a special motion to donate \$2,000 – so that our program users would not be charged a cover charge as they entered the presentation. Charles Regele will review some of the highlights that he remembers. Go on the you tube on the internet; type in her name – there are many videos on livestock handling and autism as she suffers from this issue and ands works hard to tell the rest of us about this human issue. (2022-2023 - MONEY WENT TOWARDS TRAINING FIRST RESPONDERS FOR LIVESTOCK TRAILERS ACCIDENTS)
- 4) Biweekly zoom calls we have continued then in the winter – an opportunity to talk; to learn about a subject; a change to ask for help on a subject - then we seek out a speaker. These are well received – 45 minutes on a Monday night – a great way to keep up to date – all you do is to click on the Zoom link on your cell phone, tablet or computer - and listen and talk.
- 5) We continue to support the summer externship students from the OVC -as they come out to clinics to learn how to do the job of a vet. We also take the opportunity to promote our areas with hopes that they will return to work after graduation. (11 STUDENTS THAT ARE INTERESTED IN MIXED OR LARGE ANIMALS)
- 6) We continue to support funding for VSC meetings (\$500) and large livestock veterinary equipment (50% paid over 3 years)
- 7) Succession planning – we elect directors every year but what about the poor sod who does all the clerical works and keeps the books. Maybe he would like to slow down after 25 years – we need to set up a plan when Gord Mitchell would like to retire. A couple of committees he's on say that he is in for life!!

NPAHN - HAS KEPT THE CONTRACT FEE AT \$1000.00 / CONTRACT

MOTION : 01- 03/20/25

Moved by: David Dockendorff

Seconded by: Markus wand

That the agenda be amended and/ or items added to agenda.

Discussion.

The Sec.-Treas. pointed out that the agenda that she emailed out was <sup>the</sup> on she had made for the Feb.13 meeting, that was cancelled, and that the numbers on the motions has to be changed. She asked if there was any thing that should be added and the chair person, Michel Champagne, asked to add that he wishes to resign as chairperson and that was added to the agenda. With this motion we can add to agenda later.

Carried

## MOTION 02-03/20/25

Moved by: Dan MacInnis

Seconded by: James Scott

That we accept the financial report as presented.

Discussion. The Sec.-Treas. Reviewed the statement that showed the account from Jan.1,2023 to Dec.31,2024 and a partial report showing the Jan.1, 2025 to present March 20,2025.

Carried

## MOTION 03-03/20/25

Moved by: David Dockendorff

Seconded by: Markus Wand

That the ENNPSVSC award one-and one-half contracts to Springer Animal Hospital and one-half contract to Verzijlenberg Veterinary Hospital for the contract year of April 1 2025 to March 31 2026. These contracts are \$1000.00 each and a cheque for the contract fee is sent to NPAHN.

Discussion. David Dockendorff suggested that the contract for Dr.Fritz be reduced to one quarter of a contract and Springers contract be increased. Dr.Stone said that the clinic still has room with the one and one half contact. The sec.-treas. suggested that until the VAP review is finalized the contracts can stay as is and if with the final review the milage is increased we can look over the contacts again. The motion remains as presented.

Carried



MOTION: 04-03/20/25

Moved by: Lana Reading

Seconded: Dan MacInnis

That we offer \$3000.00 to the contracted vet clinics for their Registered Vet Techs for further education in large animal care. The clinics must pay for the courses first and will be reimbursed upon showing of a receipt.

### Discussion.

After reviewing the financial statements, the chairperson thought we had enough monies in the account to be able to offer the contracted vets help with some kind of project.

The secretary reminded him that we need a cushion, encase we lose Springer Vet Clinic, for looking for new vets. It was the belief that there is enough to give something. Dr.Stone was asked what she thought a good project would be. She said the ultrasound machine will need replacing soon. She suggested that further education for Reg. Vet. Techs. in large Animal care would benefit the vet services. A couple of amounts were discussed and the \$3000.00 was decided on. First come first serve and if both clinics send a tech for training the \$3000.00 would be split after showing that the clinic paid for the large animal care training.

Motion Carried as stated

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MOTION 05 -03/20/25

Moved by: David Dockendorff

Seconded by: Markus Wand

That signing authority for the ENNPSVSC account at the Caisse Alliance in Bonfield be granted to the :

Chair person : Lana Reading

Vise Chair person : Michel Champagne

Secretary -Treasurer : Pauline Carmichael

Any two signatures must be on any bank withdrawals/cheques.

Discussion.

Carried

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**TROUT CREEK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**P.O. BOX 52**

**Trout Creek, ONT.**

**POH 2L0**

**March 10, 2025**

Township of Nipissing  
45 Beatty Street  
Nipissing, Ontario  
P0H 1W0

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re: 2025 Trout Creek Fall Fair

The Trout Creek Agricultural Society is preparing for its 2025 Fall Fair to be held on August 22, 23, and 24<sup>th</sup>.

We plan to have many events and are asking for your help in making it a great success.

The Agricultural Society runs solely on a volunteer basis, and as such needs assistance from outside sources.

Any donation you can offer towards this will be greatly appreciated. A charitable donations receipt can be given if requested.

We invite you to attend the fair and enjoy what we have to offer. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Sincerely,



Linda Pugh

Trout Creek Agricultural  
Society Secretary



**TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING**

**RESOLUTION**

**DATE: April 8, 2025**

**NUMBER: R2025-**

**Moved by**

**Seconded by**

**That the statement of accounts dated:  
March 15, 20, 25, 31, and April 3, 2025**

**Totaling \$517,688.45 be approved.**

**For      Against**

**YEMM  
CHALAPENKO  
FOOTE  
KIRKEY  
SCOTT**

**Carried**

**Mayor: Dave Yemm**