

MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING
Tuesday, September 2, 2025

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, September 2, 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: Councillors Lisa Chalapenko, Shelly Foote, Stephen Kirkey, and James Scott.

Regrets: Mayor Dave Yemm

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: Councillor Shelly Foote declared a Pecuniary Interest for the Accounts Payable. Her personal business is listed in the accounts listing.

Committee Reports:

None.

R2025-151 J. Scott, L. Chalapenko:

That the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held August 12, 2025, be adopted as published.

Carried.

R2025-152 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities;

AND WHEREAS the funding provided through the NORDS pilot program was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North;

AND WHEREAS the program allowed for the strategic stacking of multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development, health and safety, and economic growth;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Nipissing requests the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure in rural communities, and expand the scope of the program to include these activities. **Carried.**

R2025-153 L. Chalapenko, S. Kirkey:

WHEREAS the municipal taxation and finance software utilized by the Township of Nipissing will no longer be supported after December 31, 2025;

AND WHEREAS transition efforts to TownSuite software have been in process since April 2022 without a successful conversion of data for Township needs;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Township of Nipissing authorizes the termination of service agreement with TownSuite effective December 31, 2025;

AND THAT the Quotation received from MuniSoft be accepted, software cost \$25,860, conversion cost \$10,750, to be supported from the Modernization Grant reserve. **Carried.**

R2025-154 J. Scott, L. Chalapenko:

THAT we accept quote #250808D3AK and #250826K from M&G Fencing Inc. for a combined total of \$46,840.00 before applicable taxes for the provision and installation of single rail steel beam guiderail along the Stone Cutter's Road culvert and South River Road culvert. **Carried.**

R2025-155 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

WHEREAS a request has been received from the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board for the use of the Township of Nipissing Community Centre for one day per month to provide community support services locally;

AND WHEREAS Council passed User Fee By-Law 2024-33 to charge fees for permits and services offered by the Township including rental fees for the Township of Nipissing Community Centre;

AND WHEREAS waiving the fees for the Community Clinic supports Council's Strategic Plan and the Community Well Being Plan of 2024;

NOW THEREFORE the half day rental fee for the Township of Nipissing Community Centre be waived once a month for the District of Parry Sound Social Services Administration Board to offer a community clinic. **Carried.**

R2025-156 L. Chalapenko, J. Scott:

THAT we authorize Councillors Shelly Foote, Lisa Chalapenko and Steve Kirkey; Staff members Kris Croskery-Hodgins and Kristin Linklater to attend the 2025 Northeastern Municipal Council Workshop, October 21st and 22nd, 2025 in Sudbury. **Carried.**

R2025-157 L. Chalapenko, S. Kirkey:

WHEREAS Council supports the initiatives of the Commanda Community Centre and the valuable supports it provides to the community;

AND WHEREAS Council has received a request for funding support from the Commanda Community Centre Board;

NOW THEREFORE Council approves a \$500 donation to the Commanda Community Centre to assist in offsetting operating costs. **Carried.**

R2025-158 S. Kirkey, L. Chalapenko:

WHEREAS a safety concern was submitted to Council from a concerned citizen regarding fishing taking place from public beach areas;

AND WHEREAS Council identifies this activity as a potential safety risk to those utilizing the beach area;

NOW THEREFORE the purchase and placement of "No Fishing in Beach Area" signs are authorized by Council for Link's Beach and Wolfe Lake Beach;

AND THAT a By-Law restricting these activities to appropriate locations be researched and created for review of Council at a future meeting. **Carried.**

R2025-159 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

THAT we Authorize the submission of a Grant Application to the Office of the Fire Marshal for a Fire Department Cancer Prevention, Minor Infrastructure Modernization, Lithium-Ion Incident Response Grant. **Carried.**

R2025-160 L. Chalapenko, J. Scott:

THAT we authorize Councillors James Scott, Steve Kirkey, Shelly Foote and Staff Kris Croskery-Hodgins to attend the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association's Fall Meeting Friday, September 26, 2025. **Carried.**

R2025-161 L. Chalapenko, S. Kirkey:

That we approve the Fall Newsletter 2025 for circulation, as presented. **Carried.**

R2025-162 S. Kirkey, L. Chalapenko:

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

Councillor Foote declared pecuniary interest as her personally owned business is listed in the Accounts Payable. Chair of the meeting was handed to Councillor Stephen Kirkey and Councillor Foote left the room.

R2025-163 L. Chalapenko, J. Scott:

That the statement of accounts dated: August 12, 16, 21 and 27, 2025.

Totaling \$774,558.02 be approved. **Carried.**

Councillor Foote returned to the Council table and assumed Chairperson position of the meeting.

R2025-164 S.Kirkey, J. Scott:

That we pass By-Law 2025-24, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on September 2, 2025.

Read the first, second and third time and passed this 2nd day of September, 2025. **Carried.**

R2025-165 L. Chalapenko, S. Kirkey:

That the meeting be adjourned. Time: 6:53 p.m. Next regular meeting to be held September 16, 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.