

***** AGENDA *****

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

Agenda Amended December 11, 2025

****START TIME 6:30 p.m.****

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest.
2. Committee Reports.
3. Resolution: Adopt the Minutes of the December 2, 2025 Council Meeting.
4. Review: 2025 Budget Update.
5. Resolution: Transfer to reserve for Road Machinery, Building Department, Landfill Equipment and Fire Department.
6. Resolution: Authorize the transfer to reserves of amounts not utilized in 2025 Capital Budget.
7. Resolution: Amend the 2026 Council Meeting Dates.
8. Resolution: Appoint Firefighters to the Township of Nipissing Fire Department.
9. Resolution: Request for Support from the Powassan Lion's Club for Christmas Basket Support.
10. By-Law: Appoint Committee of Adjustment.
11. By-Law: Temporary Borrowing By-Law 2026.
12. Correspondence.
13. Accounts to pay.
14. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held December 16, 2025.
15. Adjournment.

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

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

MINUTES
TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING
Tuesday, December 2, 2025

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, December 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: Mayor Dave Yemm and Councillors Shelly Foote, Stephen Kirkey, and James Scott.

Regrets: Lisa Chalapenko

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None

Committee Reports:

Councillor Stephen Kirkey: Police Services Board, Mayor Dave Yemm: Eastholme Board of Management.

R2025-217 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:

THAT the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held November 18, 2025, be adopted as published. **Carried.**

R2025-218 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

THAT we authorize the use of Traditional Ballots for the 2026 Municipal Election. **Carried.**

R2025-219 S. Foote, J. Scott:

THAT we authorize the submission of a Pothole Prevention and Repair Program Grant **Carried.**

R2025-220 J. Scott, S. Foote:

THAT we authorize the submission of the 2026 Canada Summer Jobs Grant. **Carried.**

R2025-221 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:

THAT we appoint Larry Woodward to the Powassan District Union Public Library Board for the remainder of the Council Term. **Carried.**

R2025-222 J. Scott, S. Foote:

THAT we forward the Winter Walking Program proposal to the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee for endorsement and provision of volunteers; AND THAT should the program be supported by the Recreation Committee, we authorize the insurance requirements for this program. **Carried.**

R2025-223 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

THAT we accept resignation of Harold Elston as Integrity Commissioner. **Carried.**

The next 2 items #10 and #11 were discussed out of order from the agenda.

R2025-224 S. Scott, S. Foote:

THAT we authorize the Mayor and Municipal Administrator to sign the Acknowledgment and Direction regarding Transfer from Reg John Adams PT LT 3 CON 11 & 12 GURD BEING PT 2, PLAN 42R22791; NIPISSING – Part of PIN 52215-0081 (LT) and PT N1/2 LT 2 CON 11 GURD BEING PTS 4 & 5, PLAN 42R22791; NIPISSING – Part of PIN 52215-0085 (LT). **Carried.**

R2025-225 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

THAT we authorize the Mayor and Municipal Administrator to sign the Acknowledgment and Direction regarding Transfer from The Estate of Peter Woolcott Block D, E & F, PL M482; NIPISSING – All PINs 52218-0158, 52218-0159 & 52218-0160. **Carried.**

R2025-226 J. Scott, S. Foote:

That we pass By-Law No. 2025-34, being a by-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the Township of Nipissing.
Read the first, second and third time and passed this 2nd day of December, 2025. **Carried.**

R2025-227 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

That we pass By-Law No. 2025-35, being a by-law to establish the remuneration and payment of expenses to members of Council.
Read the first, second and third time and passed this 2nd day of December, 2025. **Carried.**

R2025-228 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

That we pass By-Law No. 2025-36, being a by-law to amend the Remuneration Schedule in the Township of Nipissing Pay Equity Plan.
Read the first, second and third time and passed this 2nd day of December, 2025. **Carried.**

R2025-229 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:

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

R2025-230 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

That the statement of accounts dated: November 22, 25 and 26, 2025.
Totaling \$111,818.64 be approved. **Carried.**

R2025-231 J. Scott, 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;
(2e) of the Municipal Act, 2001,25, litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.
Time: 7:17 p.m. Carried.

R2025-232 S. Foote, J. Scott:

That we resume to an open public meeting. Time: 8:12 p.m. **Carried.**

R2025-233 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

THAT we pass By-Law No. 2025-37, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on December 2, 2025. Read the first, second and third time passed this 2nd day of December 2025. **Carried.**

R2025-234 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

THAT the meeting be adjourned. Time: 8:14 p.m. **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: December 16, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

That we transfer the machine credit for the Road Equipment, Landfill Equipment, Fire Apparatus to reserve at the end of 2025;

That we transfer the surplus revenue in the Building Services Department to a designated reserve for this purpose;

That we transfer the revenue collected from the Bottle Drive, into a designated Recreation Department reserve;

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 16, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

Whereas two projects budgeted in the 2025 Capital programs were not able to be completed, being:

- a) Municipal Software Conversion to TownSuite, budgeted amount \$71,885.00;
- b) Alsace Cemetery Expansion, survey to be completed, budgeted amount \$15,000;

And whereas these projects are expected to be completed or updated in 2026, being:

- a) Municipal Software Conversion to Munisoft;
- b) Alsace Cemetery Expansion, survey;

Therefore we authorize the return of these amounts to the municipal operating reserve for pending use in the 2026 Budget.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 16, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

The 2026 Amended Council Meeting Schedule will be as follows:

January 6, 2026	January 20, 2026
February 3, 2026	February 17, 2026
March 3, 2026	March 17, 2026
April 7, 2026	April 21, 2026
May 5, 2026	May 19, 2026
June 2, 2026	June 16, 2026
July 14, 2026	
August 11, 2026	
September 1, 2026	September 15, 2026
October 6, 2026	October 20, 2026
November 17, 2026	
December 1, 2026	December 15, 2026

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 16, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we appoint Firefighters to the Township of Nipissing Fire Department as provided on Appendix A to this Resolution.

For	Against
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CHALAPENKO	
FOOTE	
KIRKEY	
SCOTT	
YEMM	

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 16, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we donate \$100 to the Powassan Lion's Christmas Basket Campaign.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 16, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2025-38, being a By-Law to confirm the appointment of members to the Township of Nipissing Committee of Adjustment.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 16th day of December, 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 2025-38

Being a By-Law to confirm the appointment of members to the Township of Nipissing Committee of Adjustment.

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing has passed a by-law under section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Nipissing may by by-law constitute and appoint a committee of adjustment for the municipality composed of such persons, not fewer than three, as the council considers advisable under section c. P. 13, s. 44(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O.

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Nipissing enacts as follows:

That the following persons shall constitute and are hereby appointed as members of the Committee of Adjustment:

1. Dave Yemm to hold office until November 17, 2026.
2. Lisa Chalapenko to hold office until November 17, 2026.
3. Shelly Foote to hold office until November 17, 2026.
4. Stephen Kirkey to hold office until November 17, 2026.
5. James Scott to hold office until November 17, 2026.
6. Penelope Wallace to hold office until December 1, 2026.
7. Paul Lafrance to hold office until December 1, 2026.

By-Law Number 2025-01 is hereby rescinded.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF NIPISSING

Dave Yemm, Mayor

Kris Croskery-Hodgins,
Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: December 16, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2025-39, being a By-Law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 16th day of December, 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 2025-39

Being a By-Law to authorize temporary borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026.

WHEREAS Section 407 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides authority for a council, by by-law, to authorize the head of council or the treasurer or both to borrow from time to time, such sums as the council considers necessary to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, the current expenditures of the Municipality for the year; and

WHEREAS the total amount which may be borrowed from all sources at any one time to meet the current expenditures of the Municipality, except with the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board, is limited by Section 407 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing enacts as follows:

1. The head of council or the treasurer or both are hereby authorized to borrow from time to time during the fiscal year (hereinafter referred to as the current year) such sums as may be necessary to meet, until taxes are collected and other revenues are received, the current expenditures of the Municipality for the current year.
2. The lender(s) from whom amounts may be borrowed under authority of this by-law shall be Royal Bank of Canada and such other lender(s) as may be determined from time to time by by-law of council.
3. The total amount which may be borrowed at any one time under this by-law plus any outstanding amounts of principal borrowed and accrued interest under Section 407 together with the total of any similar borrowings that have not been repaid, shall not exceed from January 1st to September 30th of the current year, 50 percent of the total estimated revenues of the Municipality as set out in the budget adopted for the current year, and from October 1st to December 31st of the current year, 25 percent of the total of the estimated revenues of the Municipality as set out in the budget adopted for the current year.
4. The treasurer shall, at the time when any amount is borrowed under this by-law ensure that the lender is or has been furnished with a certified copy of this by-law, (a certified copy of the resolution mentioned in section 2 determining the lender,) if applicable, and a statement showing the nature and amount of the estimated revenues for the current year and also showing the total of any other amounts borrowed from any and all sources under authority of section 407 of the *Municipal Act* that have not been repaid.
5.
 - a) If the budget for the current year has not been adopted at the time an amount is borrowed under this by-law, the statement furnished under section 4 shall show the nature and amount of the estimated revenues of the Municipality as set forth in the budget adopted for the previous year and the nature and amount of the revenues received for and on account of the current year.
 - b) If the budget for the current year has not been adopted at the time an amount is borrowed under this by-law, the statement furnished under section 4 shall show the nature and amount of the estimated revenues of the Municipality as set forth in the budget adopted for the previous year and the nature and amount of the revenues received for and on account of the current year.

6. For purposes of this by-law the estimated revenues referred to in section 3,4, and 5 do not include revenues derivable or derived from, a) any borrowing, including through any issue of debentures; b) a surplus, including arrears of taxes, fees or charges; or c) a transfer from the capital fund, reserve funds or reserves.
7. The treasurer be and is hereby authorized and directed to apply in payment of all or, any sums borrowed under this by-law, together with interest thereon, all or any of the moneys hereafter collected or received, either on account of or realized in respect of the taxes levied for the current year and previous years or from any other source, that may be lawfully applied for such purpose.
8. Evidences of indebtedness in respect of borrowings made under section 1 shall be signed by the head of the council or conform to the treasurer or both of them.
9. The Bank shall not be responsible for establishing the necessity of temporary borrowing under this by-law or the manner in which the borrowing is used.
10. This by-law shall take effect on the final day of passing.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF NIPISSING

Dave Yemm, Mayor

Kris Croskery-Hodgins,
Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

CORRESPONDENCE

December 16, 2025

- 1.** Associations of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – Policy Update – Build Canada Homes Project Call, Poverty Reduction Strategy & New Development Charge Guidance.
- 2.** Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – Welcomes Federal Support for Steel and Lumber Sectors Impacted by U.S. Tariffs.
- 3.** Municipal Services Office- North Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – 2025 Northern Municipal Council Workshop – Virtual Learning Series.
- 4.** Corporation of Welland – A Call to Action: Standing Together for Justice and the Protection of Canada's Children.
- 5.** Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes held November 17, 2025.

From: AMO Policy <policy@amo.on.ca>
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Subject: AMO Policy Update – Build Canada Homes Project Call, Poverty Reduction Strategy & New Development Charge Guidance



AMO Policy Update - Build Canada Homes Project Call, Poverty Reduction Strategy & New Development Charge Guidance

Top Insights

- New details released on opportunities for municipalities and District Social Service Administration Boards to work with Build Canada Homes to unlock new affordable housing for their communities.
- AMO provided input into the province on its next 5-year Poverty Reduction Strategy, advocating for a comprehensive human services approach to reducing poverty.
- New development charges payment deferral guidance from the province.

Build Canada Homes: Call for Project Proposals Open

The federal government's [Build Canada Homes \(BCH\)](#) is set-up to focus primarily on developing non-market housing, supporting a mix of income needs as part of a national effort to double housing construction, restore affordability, and reduce homelessness.

BCH [released](#) an [Investment Policy Framework \(IPF\)](#) to guide investment decisions and development activities. Calls for project proposals can be

submitted on the BCH portal on a continuous intake basis. BCH is prioritizing proposals with these considerations in mind:

- Ready to build
- Affordability
- Innovation and speed
- Strong partnership
- Made in Canada

AMO is continuing to engage with BCH on [program design advice](#) to ensure it works well in the Ontario context and provides opportunities for all areas of the province to leverage opportunities to unlock affordable housing.

Poverty Reduction Strategy Submission

AMO and the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) have jointly submitted a proposal to the province seeking support to increase municipal capacity to address the impacts of poverty on people and communities. It is outlined in the submission [Partnering for Impact: Human Services as Essential Social Infrastructure for Poverty Reduction](#).

AMO and OMSSA outlined how a comprehensive human services response for those living in poverty makes both good social and economic sense for the government, workers, and employers. The government is urged to address the root causes of poverty with measurable outcomes, and undertake targeted actions on an urgent basis to alleviate poverty in Ontario including:

1. Expand the supply of deeply affordable non-market housing
2. Improve social assistance and employment programs
3. Continue investments in child care
4. Invest in transportation

AMO has also signed an [open letter](#) with Maytree and broad range of sector partners to encourage the province to take significant action to reduce poverty.

Development Charge (DC) Deferral to Occupancy: Guidelines for Implementation

Bill 17 introduced new amendments to the Development Charges Act (DCA) this year. AMO developed new [key messages](#) for members on these changes and the value of DCs more broadly.

One significant change defers the municipal collection of DCs at the building permit stage of development to the issuance of an occupancy permit, effective November 3, 2025.

AMO previously explained the DC payment deferral in a [Policy Update](#) and has since received additional implementation guidance [from the province in a letter from Minister Flack](#). New guidance on the interaction between the payment deferral with freeze provisions and interest charges states, in summary that:

- No changes have been made to the DC freeze provisions in the DCA.
- Municipalities cannot charge interest on deferred DCs to occupancy.
- For any DCs deferred prior to November 3, 2025, interest accrued before this date will continue to be payable to the municipality, but municipalities are not able to charge additional interest on the deferral on or after November 3, 2025.
- Developers do not need to enter into [section 27](#) agreements with municipalities for early payment of DCs. Developers have the discretion to pay DCs any time before occupancy permit issuance without a formal agreement.
- Section 27 agreements for alternative deferral arrangements, continue to not be subject to the rules regarding the legislative deferral (including the prohibition on new interest).

An online version of this Policy Update is also available on the [AMO Website](#).

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 26, 2025

FONOM Welcomes Federal Support for Steel and Lumber Sectors Impacted by U.S. Tariffs

Northeastern Ontario – The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) welcomes today's announcement by Prime Minister Mark Carney outlining new federal measures to support Canada's steel and softwood lumber industries, which continue to face unprecedented challenges due to aggressive U.S. tariff actions.

The federal plan includes strengthened protections for domestic producers, expanded financial supports for companies facing liquidity pressures, and new incentives to increase the use of Canadian steel and lumber in national infrastructure and housing projects. These measures aim to stabilize sectors vital to the economies of many Northern Ontario communities.

Prime Minister Carney announced that Canada will significantly tighten tariff-rate quotas on foreign steel imports, opening an estimated **\$850 million in domestic demand** for Canadian producers. In addition, the federal government is allocating **\$500 million in new financing** for softwood lumber firms, paired with a further **\$500 million expansion** of the Business Development Bank of Canada's softwood guarantee program.

FONOM is encouraged by the federal government's recognition of the pressures facing Northern resource-based communities, where steel and lumber operations support thousands of jobs and anchor local economies.

"These measures acknowledge what Northern Ontario has long understood — that our steel and lumber sectors are national economic pillars," said FONOM President Dave Plourde **"U.S. tariffs continue to destabilize communities across the North, and today's announcement provides needed tools to help our workers and industries adapt, compete, and grow."**

FONOM also welcomes the federal commitment to **reduce interprovincial freight rates by 50 per cent** for steel and lumber shipments beginning next spring. Lower transportation costs will help Northern producers access new domestic markets and move product efficiently while north-south trade remains constrained.

As part of the plan, the federal government will also advance the **Buy Canadian Policy**, ensuring that major defence, construction, and infrastructure projects prioritize Canadian steel, aluminum,

and wood products. This aligns strongly with FONOM's longstanding advocacy for procurement policies that support Canadian jobs and supply chains.

"Keeping Canadian dollars working in Canada is essential," added the President. "These steps will create new demand for made-in-Canada materials while helping stabilize communities affected by unpredictable U.S. trade actions."

FONOM looks forward to continued collaboration with federal officials to ensure the timely rollout of these programs, and to ensure that Northern Ontario municipalities and industries can fully benefit from the measures announced today.

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SAVE THE DATE

Municipal Services Office - North
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

2025 Northern Municipal Council Workshop - Virtual Learning Series

Date: Please see schedule below for all virtual learning series.

Location: Microsoft teams

Agenda:

The Municipal Services Office – North is pleased to invite you to a virtual workshop series where members of council from across Northern Ontario will come together to engage with experts and one another on timely and relevant topics. These sessions will offer essential learning opportunities in key areas such as municipal governance and finance. We encourage you to mark your calendar and take part in this valuable series—you won't want to miss it.

Who Should Attend:

All virtual sessions delivered by seasoned speakers will be of interest to both experienced municipal council and staff and those who are newer to municipal governance and operations.

Why attend:

We are arranging an impressive list of guest speakers with significant municipal knowledge and leading practices to share. Participants will engage with and hear about experiences and approaches to common challenges. Attendees will leave the workshop with a greater understanding of how to tackle current municipal issues and govern effectively and democratically.

Virtual series details and registration links:

Note: To facilitate the registration process, please ensure you register for each session individually using the link beside each session. Kindly note that each participant is required to complete the registration on their own behalf.

1. Navigating Complaints and Community Engagement Challenges

Date and time: December 4, 2025, from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM EST

Agenda:

Time	Presentation	Speakers	Registration
4:30 PM to 4:40 PM	Welcoming Remarks	Brandon Portelance, Municipal Advisor, MMAH, MSO-N Sudbury	Click here to register
4:40 PM to 5:40 PM	Resolution-Ready Councils - Local Complaint Policies and Procedures: Clear complaint policies are key to accountability and trust between councils and residents. This session outlines the importance of effective pathways for managing public concerns and resolving complaints locally.	Lauren Chee-Hing, Counsel, Ontario Ombudsman	
5:40 PM to 6:40 PM	Mitigating Challenges in Citizen Engagement: Hear about the City of Timmins' R-Zone Program and how it can help municipalities manage difficult interactions while safeguarding staff and maintaining respectful, effective communication with ratepayers.	City of Timmins	
6:40 PM to 6:50 PM	Closing Remarks	Leisel Edwards, Municipal Advisor MMAH, MSO-N Sudbury	

2. Social Media Communications and Conducting Effective Council Meetings

Date and time: December 11, 2025, from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM EST

Agenda:

Time	Presentation	Speakers	Registration
4:30 PM to 4:40 PM	Welcoming Remarks	Sarah Cormier, Municipal Advisor, MMAH, MSO-N Sudbury.	Click here to register
4:40 PM to 5:40 PM	Social Media and Official Communication Policies: Explore how social media and official communication policies intersect with Codes of Conduct, open meeting rules, and council-staff relations, and what this means for effective governance.	Redbrick Communications	
5:40 PM to 6:40 PM	Conducting Effective Council Meetings:	Malcolm White, Consultant, Ironside consulting.	

	<i>The objective of this session is to equip council members with strategies and best practices to ensure meetings are productive, focused on informed deliberation and sound decision-making. Participants will learn how to foster collaboration, maintain order, and create an environment that supports transparent governance.</i>		
6:40 PM to 6:50 PM	Closing Remarks	Ellen Beaudry, Municipal Advisor, MMAH, MSO-N Sudbury	

3. Building Effective Engagement Relationships with Indigenous Communities

Date and time: January 29, 2025, from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM EST

Agenda:

Time	Presentation	Speakers	Registration
4:30 PM to 4:40 PM	Welcoming Remarks	Sarah Cormier, Senior Municipal Advisor, MMAH, MSO-N Sudbury	Registration details for this series will be shared closer to the date. Please add to your calendars and stay tuned for updates.
4:40 PM to 5:40 PM	Stronger Together: Building First Nation–Municipal Partnerships: Hear about practical tools, resources, and knowledge products that can support collaboration between First Nations and municipalities. The goal is to foster understanding and encourage partnerships that drive mutual economic benefits through learning, capacity building, and shared development.	First Nation–Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI)	
5:40 PM to 6:40 PM	Indigenous Voices in Municipal Councils: <i>This panel features Indigenous representatives who serve on municipal councils. They will share their perspectives on strengthening Indigenous–municipal relationships and their experiences representing their communities at the local level.</i>	-Sheryl Fort, Township of Hornepayne, Mayor -Susan Nelson, Township of Cochrane, Councillor -Wendy Landry, Municipality of Shuniah, Mayor	
6:40 PM to 6:45 PM	Closing Remarks	Leisel Edwards, Municipal Advisor, Local Government and Housing, MSO-N Sudbury	

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December 2, 2025

Subject: A Call to Action: Standing Together for Justice and the Protection of Canada's Children

Dear Fellow Mayors,

I write to you today not only as the Mayor of Welland, but as a member of a community that has been deeply shaken by an unthinkable act in August 2025: the brutal sexual assault of a three-year-old child. This tragedy has horrified our residents, leaving families in grief and disbelief, and compelling us as leaders to confront the uncomfortable truth that our justice system is failing to adequately protect our most vulnerable.

While no policy can erase the trauma this child and their family will endure, we have a moral obligation to act. This moment demands leadership from all of us, to raise our collective voices and ensure that meaningful reform takes place.

I urge you to join me in calling on provincial and federal governments to take immediate and decisive action by advancing the following measures:

- The full and expedited implementation of recent federal bail and sentencing reforms, so that new provisions designed to protect the public—particularly victims of violent sexual crimes—are applied swiftly and consistently across all jurisdictions.
- Strengthening bail and sentencing provisions so that individuals charged with, or convicted of, violent sexual crimes face the strictest possible conditions, including limits on early release in cases of extreme brutality.
- That parole eligibility for sexual offences against children reflects the full gravity of these crimes, limiting conditional or early release for offenders who pose ongoing risks to community safety.
- Strengthening the National Sex Offender Registry, providing communities and police with timely, accurate information and effective tools to safeguard residents.

Canadians must be able to trust that our justice system prioritizes public safety—especially the safety of children—above all else. Communities like ours cannot bear the weight of knowing that legislative gaps may allow dangerous offenders to harm again.

I am calling on you, my colleagues in municipalities across Canada, to:

1. Pass council resolutions urging your respective provincial governments to review and strengthen laws protecting children from violent offenders.
2. Collaborate through FCM and provincial municipal associations to bring a united municipal voice to Ottawa and all legislatures across the country, advocating for the timely implementation and continued enhancement of justice reforms.
3. Engage your local MPs, MPPs/MLAs, and their governments to advocate for continued legislative and judicial reform.

4. Support awareness and prevention efforts within your communities to reinforce the safety and well-being of every child.

Together, we can create a wave of leadership that demands justice and refuses complacency. The protection of children transcends politics and geography; it is a shared duty that defines who we are as a nation.

Thank you for standing with us in this urgent cause. I would welcome the opportunity to coordinate efforts with you and your councils to move this national call forward.

With respect and solidarity,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Campion".

Frank Campion
Mayor of Welland

MINUTES

Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee November 17, 2025

A meeting of the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee was held on Monday, November 17, 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: Chair Lisa Chalapenko, Councillor Shelly Foote, Calista Bateman, Margaret Hughes, Kathy Shaw, Tom Piper, Jennifer Bonnell and Kirsty Vandermeulen.

Staff: Kristin Linklater, Deputy Clerk, Secretary.

Zoom: Julie Mahoney, Will Bateman, Fire Chief, CEMC, Municipal By-law Officer

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None.

MOTION NUMBER 2025-29

Moved by: Shelly Foote

Seconded by: Jennifer Bonnell

THAT the Minutes of the October 6, 2025 Recreation Committee Meeting are approved as circulated. **Carried.**

Discussion:

Bottle Drive: collection collected for the month of November 2025.

- Wolfe Lake & Bear Creek Landfill: \$798.10
- Donations: \$14.40
- Total: \$812.50

Thank you to everyone for your assistance. Empties have been collected at both landfills.

Teen Dance – Wrap-up

- Successful event, with 28 teens in attendance.
- DJ's music was well received, requests were taken from the teens at the dance.
- \$60.00 was raised from canteen sales, water and freezes were provided for free.
- Prizes were awarded for best costume for male and female.
- Discussion about hosting 1 dance for an age group of 11-15 instead of 2 different times for different age groups.

Halloween – Wrap-up

- Station 1 had 56 attendees and Station 2 had 49 attendees for Halloween.

Baking/Craft Event – December 6, 2025

- Holiday Centerpieces.
- \$15.00/person
- Preregistration, event filled up quickly and a waitlist has been added in case of cancellations.
- Greenery, ornament's, fresh flowers, ribbon and bows will be used.

2026 Budget – Discussion

- Proposed Budget Discussion for 2026 for Events and Programming.

Proposed Budget for 2025

Event	Budget
Chair Yoga	\$ 1,100.00
Cards	\$ 0
Corn Hole	\$ 200.00
Family Skate	\$ 1,700.00
Spaghetti Dinner*	\$ 950.00
Trivia Night* - 2	\$ 1,500.00
Easter	\$ 250.00
Teen Dance - 2	\$ 1,000.00
Mother's Day Craft*	\$ 500.00
Youth Soccer*	\$ 2,500.00
Movie in the Park	\$ 3,500.00
Trunk Sale	\$ 0
Roast Beef Dinner*	\$ 1,500.00
Christmas Urn's*	\$ 800.00
<i>*Cost Neutral Events- participation cost to cover expenses.</i>	
Total 2026 Estimated Budget	\$ 15,500.00
Recreation Programming	
Canada Day**	\$ 5,000.00
** Taxation Supported Event	

- A motion to be brought forward at the December Recreation Committee Meeting to request the 2026 proposed Budget be forwarded to Council for inclusion in the 2026 Municipal Budget.

MOTION NUMBER 2025-30

Moved by: Shelly Foote

Seconded by: Calista Bateman

Motion to approve a donation in the amount of \$500.00 from the Recreation Event Programming Budget for the 2025 Christmas Run being held December 13th, 2025 by

the Township of Nipissing Fire Department.

MOTION NUMBER 2025-31

Moved by: Tom Piper

Seconded by: Calista Bateman

That the Meeting is hereby adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Next Meeting to be held December 15th, 2025 **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: December 16, 2025

NUMBER: R2025-

Moved by

Seconded by

**That the statement of accounts dated:
December 6, 9, and 10, 2025.**

Totaling \$429,063.52 be approved.

For	Against
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YEMM	
CHALAPENKO	
FOOTE	
KIRKEY	
SCOTT	

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm