

***** AGENDA *****

Tuesday, March 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 March 3, 2026 Council Meeting.
4. Public Input on the Draft 2026 Budget.
5. Presentation: Final Draft 2026 Budget.
6. By-Law: To adopt the 2026 Budget and Tax Rates.
7. By-Law: To adopt the 2026 Tax Ratios.
8. Resolution: Support for the expansion of enrollment capacity at the Ontario Veterinary College.
9. Resolution: Support of Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO) agencies and the development of a coordinated Provincial Bail Notification Program.
10. Resolution: Support for the retention of a laboratory providing essential diagnostic services within Northern Ontario.
11. Correspondence.
12. Accounts to pay.
13. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held March 3, 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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Township of Nipissing Report to Council

Subject: Lake Nipissing Water Levels and 2026 Spring Outlook
Date: March 17, 2026
Prepared by: SNF Committee Representative
Attendance: Dave Yemm, Tom Piper, and John-Paul Negrinotti

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a summary of the recent update provided by Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) and the Sturgeon–Nipissing–French (SNF) Water Management Committee regarding Lake Nipissing water levels, recent conditions, and the outlook for the upcoming 2026 spring freshet.

Summary of 2025 Water Conditions

The 2025 spring freshet experienced two distinct peak inflow periods. The first occurred in mid-March due to warm temperatures and rainfall which initiated early snowmelt. A second, larger peak occurred toward the end of April as temperatures increased again and additional precipitation occurred. Overall, the snowpack entering the freshet period was close to average.

During this time, dam operators managed discharge from Lake Nipissing carefully to balance inflows while minimizing downstream flooding impacts along the French River system. Discharge levels were progressively increased through April as inflows rose, with peak discharge reaching approximately **380 cubic metres per second (m³/s)**. Despite the high flows, operators were able to keep the French River near, but generally within, historical flood thresholds.

Following the freshet, summer conditions were relatively stable. Early summer precipitation was slightly above average; however, August experienced significantly drier conditions with rainfall totals well below normal. As a result, lake levels declined through the late summer period and briefly fell below the minimum navigation level in early August.

Fall 2025 Conditions

The fall period saw a significant precipitation deficit, with approximately **150 mm less rainfall than average** between August and mid-October. These dry conditions required careful management of lake outflows to conserve water storage heading into the winter season. The fall drawdown of Lake Nipissing occurred later than usual as operators attempted to balance storage levels while maintaining downstream flows.

Current Lake Operations

Lake Nipissing is currently in its annual winter drawdown period. Water levels are gradually being lowered through dam operations along the French River until approximately **April 1**, at which time the dam gates are closed to allow the lake to refill during the spring freshet and return to normal seasonal operating levels.

At the time of writing this report, the overall trend indicates that lake levels are beginning to rise, with approximately **200 m³/s** of water currently passing through the **Dry Pine Bay** monitoring location. The average water level on Lake Nipissing was measured at **194.67 metres** as of midnight on March 9, 2026.

The watershed is presently under a **Watershed Conditions Statement – Water Safety / Flood Outlook**. The next escalation stage would be a Flood Watch (potential flooding), followed by the highest level, a Flood Warning (flooding imminent or already occurring).

Current Conditions and 2026 Spring Outlook

Heading into the 2026 spring season, water management planning is focused on several key factors that will influence lake levels and potential flooding risk:

- Snowpack accumulation across the watershed
- Spring rainfall amounts
- Temperature trends affecting the rate of snowmelt
- Base flows entering the lake system

At this time, there remains uncertainty regarding the magnitude of the upcoming spring freshet. Water managers must balance two competing risks:

1. **Potential spring flooding** if rapid snowmelt and heavy rainfall occur; and
2. **The possibility of the lake not fully refilling** if the dry conditions experienced in fall 2025 continue into the spring.

Improvements to Water Management

Several improvements to forecasting and monitoring systems have recently been completed to assist with water management decisions, including updated operational guidelines for the Lake Nipissing–French River system, an improved inflow forecasting model, additional hydrometric monitoring stations, automated snow and weather monitoring stations, and improved public information through the **PSPC French River dams website**.

Conclusion

Water levels on Lake Nipissing are closely managed through the SNF Water Management Committee and dam operations along the French River. While last year's conditions included both high spring inflows and very dry late-season conditions, the outlook for 2026 remains dependent on snowpack, precipitation, and spring temperatures. Monitoring will continue throughout the spring freshet period, and further updates will be provided to Council as conditions evolve.

John-Paul Negrinotti
Land Planning and Technology Administrator

MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, March 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; Operations Superintendent Dan MacInnis; 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.

Guests via Zoom: Oscar Poloni, KPMG; Sara Lingenfelter, KPMG.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None

Presentation: Oscar Poloni, KPMG presented the Year-End Audit Report and Financial Indicators for the 2025 Audited Financial Statements.

R2026-46 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:

That we adopt the 2025 Audited Financial Statements for the Township of Nipissing, as presented.

Carried.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Shelly Foote: EMS – Land Ambulance Advisory Board, Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee.

Councillor James Scott: East Parry Sound Veterinary Committee.

Councillor Stephen Kirkey: Powassan & District Union Public Library Board; OPP Police Services Board.

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

R2026-47 S. Foote, J. Scott:

THAT the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held February 17, 2026, be adopted as published.

Carried.

Presentation: 2026 Draft Municipal Budget – Operating and Capital was presented. Proposed Tax Levy increase: 3.4%; Tax Rate increase 2.9%.

R2026-48 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:

THAT we authorize the preparation and circulation of a Tender for the Bear Creek Road Culvert Project;

AND THAT we seek pricing for the culvert replacement with a pre-fabricated bridge. **Carried.**

R2026-49 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

That we adopt the 2026-2036 Capital Forecast as presented. **Carried.**

R2026-50 S. Foote, J. Scott:

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing has been successful in a grant application for the Health and Safety Water Stream (HSWS) Grant for the Culvert Replacement Bear Creek Road and South River Road;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the township of Nipissing authorizes the Mayor and the Municipal Administrator to sign the Health and Safety Water Stream – Transfer Payment Agreement. **Carried.**

R2026-51 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

THAT we donate \$100 to the Powassan Maple Syrup Festival 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-52 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

THAT the Council of the Township of Nipissing authorizes the Mayor to sign a Letter of Support for the Powassan & District Union Public Library Ontario Trillium Foundation 2026 Capital Grant Application. **Carried.**

R2026-53 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

That we receive the 2025 Mayor and Council Expenses and Remuneration Summary, as required by Section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001. **Carried.**

R2026-54 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

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

R2026-55 S. Foote, J. Scott:

That the statement of accounts dated: February 14, 25, and 26, 2026. Totaling \$90,837.73 be approved. **Carried.**

R2026-56 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:

THAT we pass By-Law No. 2026-09, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on March 3, 2026.

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

R2026-57 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

THAT the meeting be adjourned. Time: 8:27 p.m.

Next regular Council meeting to be held March 17, 2026. **Carried.**

Mayor:

Municipal Administrator:

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

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

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

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

BY-LAW NUMBER 2026-10

BEING A BY-LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE CURRENT ESTIMATES AND TAX RATES, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST IN DEFAULT PAYMENT THEREOF AND FOR THE LEVY OF OTHER CHARGES FOR 2026

WHEREAS Section 290 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, provides that a local municipality shall, in each year, prepare and adopt a budget including estimates of all sums required during the year for the purposes of the Municipality;

AND WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing has considered the estimates of the Township and boards thereof, and has determined the necessary sums to be raised by means of taxation for the year 2026;

AND WHEREAS all property assessment rolls on which the 2026 taxes are to be levied have been returned and revised pursuant to the provisions of the *Assessment Act*, R.S.O. 1990, C.A. 31, as amended, subject to appeals;

AND WHEREAS the property assessment has been determined on the basis of the aforementioned property assessment rolls;

AND WHEREAS Section 312 (2) OF THE *Municipal Act*, 2001, as amended, provides that Council for the local municipality shall, each year, pass a By-Law levying a separate tax rate, as specified in the By-Law, on the assessment in each property class in the local municipality rateable for local municipal purposes;

AND WHEREAS Sections 307 and 308 of the said Act require tax rates to be established in the same proportion to tax ratios;

AND WHEREAS Section 345 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, provides that the Council of a local municipality, in accordance with this section, may pass By-Laws to impose late payment charges for the non-payment of taxes or any instalment by the due date;

NOW THEREFORE, the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing hereby enacts as follows:

1.0 ADOPTION OF ANNUAL ESTIMATES

THAT the following sums to be raised by means of taxation for the year 2025;

Municipal purposes *excluding PIL (Payment in Lieu)	\$3,771,555.00
Education purposes *excluding PIL (Payment in Lieu)	\$657,741.00
TOTAL	\$4,429,296.00

1.1 THAT the 2026 levy for all purposes be set at \$4,459,534.00, including Payment In Lieu amounts (PILS).

2.0 TAX RATES

2.1 THAT the tax rates as set out in Columns 2, 3 and 4 are hereby adopted to be applied against the whole of the assessment of real property classes as set out in assessment roll:

Property Class	Municipal Tax Rate	Education Tax Rate	Total Tax Rate
Residential	0.00918403	0.00153000	0.01071403
Commercial (Occupied)	0.00834185	0.00880000	0.01714185
Commercial (Excess Land)	0.00583930	0.00880000	0.01463930
Commercial (Vacant Land)	0.00583930	0.00880000	0.01463930
Industrial (Occupied)	0.00247785	0.00247459	0.00495244
Industrial (Excess Land)	0.00161060	0.00247459	0.00408519
Industrial (Vacant Land)	0.00161060	0.00247459	0.00408519
Aggregate Extraction	0.00201624	0.00511000	0.00712624
Landfills	0.00791842	0.00684276	0.01476118
Farm	0.00229601	0.00038250	0.00267851
Managed Forests	0.00229601	0.00038250	0.00267851

2.2 A copy of the current year Tax Tools, Tax Impact Summary from the Online Property Tax Analysis website is attached to this By-Law as Schedule 1.

3.0 DUE DATES

3.1 THAT every owner of land for the Residential/Farm, Multi-Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Aggregate Extraction, Landfills, Farm and Managed Forest classes shall be taxed according to the tax rates in this by-law and such tax shall become due and payable in (2) two installments as follows:

3.1.1 March 31st Interim Tax Bill:
 50% of the final levy of the previous year – authorized by a separate By-Law. This amount will be deducted from the final tax amount calculation and the remainder shall be due as the Final Tax Installment.

September 30th Final Tax Bill:
 Total assessed property value multiplied by the appropriate tax rate to provide a Final Tax amount. The Interim Tax amount will be deducted from this total, leaving the remainder to be billed as the Final Tax Bill.

4.0 NOTICE TO TAXES

4.1 The Treasurer shall, no later than twenty-one (21) days prior to the due date of the bill, mail or cause to be mailed to the address of the residence or place of business of such person indicated on the last revised assessment roll, a written or printed notice setting out the rates used in calculating the taxes, the respective dates by which they are to be paid to avoid penalty, and the particulars of the penalties imposed by this By-Law for default.

5.0 PAYMENT AND COLLECTION

5.1 Immediately after the due dates stated in Section 3.0 of this By-Law, the Treasurer shall:

- Apply interest and penalties as permitted under s.345 of the *Municipal Act*.
- Issue monthly reminder notices to the taxpayer until such time as the taxpayer's account is fully paid.

- 5.2 The Treasurer is hereby authorized to accept part payment from time to time on account of any taxes due, and to give a receipt for such part payment provided that acceptance of any such part payment shall not affect the collection of any percentage penalty charge imposed and collectable under this By-Law with respect to non-payment of taxes or of any installment thereof.

6.0 METHOD OF PAYMENT

- 6.1 Taxes shall be payable to the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing and are payable:
- 6.1.1 at the Township Office in person, 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing, Ontario utilizing cash, cheque or debit payment methods;
- 6.1.2 at the Township Office drop box, 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing, Ontario for cheques only.
- 6.1.3 by First class mail to 45 Beatty Street, Nipissing, Ontario utilizing cheque;
- 6.1.4 by Internet banking;

7.0 DEFAULT ON PAYMENT

- 7.1 Non-payment of any part of this installment, due by the dates stated in Section 3.0, shall constitute a default.
- 7.2 In default of payment or any part of the installments shall forthwith become due and payable.

8.0 PENTALTY AND INTEREST CHARGES

- 8.1 On all taxes of the Interim Levy, which are due and payable on March 31st, a penalty of 1.25% shall be added on April 1st and on the 1st day of the month thereafter that the taxes remain in default until December 31st of the current year.
- 8.2 On all taxes of the Final Levy which are due and payable on September 30th, a penalty of 1.25% shall be added on October 1st, and on the 1st day of every month thereafter that the taxes remain in default until December 31st.
- 8.3 Interest charges, not to exceed 1.25% each month of the amount of taxes due and unpaid, will be imposed for the non-payment of taxes on January 1st of the year following that in which the taxes were due.
- 8.4 Penalties and interest added on all taxes of the final tax levy in default shall become due and payable and shall be collected forthwith as if the same had originally been imposed and formed part of such unpaid final tax levy.

9.0 ADDITIONAL TAXES

- 9.1 If any land liable to assessment has been in whole or in part omitted from the tax roll for the current year or for any part or all or either or both of the next two (2) preceding years, and no taxes have been levied for the assessment omitted, the assessor shall make any assessment necessary to rectify the omission and the Treasurer of the municipality upon notification of thereof shall enter the assessment on the tax roll and the taxes that would have been payable if the assessment had not been omitted shall be levied and collected.

- 9.2 If, after Notices of Assessment have been given under the *Assessment Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. A.31 and before the last day of the taxation year for which taxes are levied on the assessment referred to in the notices, the assessor may make the further assessment that may be necessary to reflect the change, and the Treasurer of the municipality upon notification thereof shall enter a supplementary assessment on the tax roll and the amount of taxes to be levied thereon shall be amount of taxes that would have been levied for the portion of the taxation year left remaining after the change occurred of the assessment had been made in the usual way.

That this By-Law shall come into effect on the day it is passed.

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

Dave Yemm, Mayor

Kris Croskery-Hodgins,
Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

SCHEDULE 1 TO BY-LAW NUMBER 2026-10

Nipissing Township, 4971

Using OPTA calculated rates on March 5, 2026 11:53AM EST.

Active parameter set: Current Parameters (Unsaved)

Assessment Data Filter Option Used: Decrease Limit: 25% Increase Limit: 100%, Include PIL Properties, Tax Ratios Used: 2026 Tax Ratios

Class	2026 Estimated Total Taxation (\$)			CVAs Used to determine municipal general levy	
	Municipal	Education	Total 2026	CVA	Tax Ratio
Taxable					
Residential	3,715,641	619,003	4,334,644	404,576,360	1.000000
Multi-residential	0	0	0	0	0.250000
Com. Occupied	31,519	33,250	64,769	3,778,400	0.908300
Com. Exc. Land	401	605	1,006	68,700	0.635810
Com. Vac. Land	0	0	0	0	0.635810
Ind. Occupied	679	678	1,357	274,000	0.269800
Ind. Exc. Land	0	0	0	0	0.175370
Ind. Vac. Land	21	32	54	13,100	0.175370
Aggregate Extraction	123	313	436	61,200	0.219538
Landfills	0	0	0	0	0.862195
Pipelines	0	0	0	0	0.250000
Farm	17,747	2,957	20,704	7,729,533	0.250000
Managed Forests	5,423	903	6,326	2,361,900	0.250000
Total Taxable	3,771,555	657,741	4,429,295	418,863,193	

Payment in Lieu					
Residential	2,958	351	3,309	322,100	1.000000
Multi-residential	0	0	0	0	0.250000
Com. Occupied	25,237	1,515	26,752	3,025,300	0.908300
Com. Exc. Land	0	0	0	0	0.635810
Com. Vac. Land	0	0	0	0	0.635810
Ind. Occupied	0	0	0	0	0.269800
Ind. Exc. Land	0	0	0	0	0.175370
Ind. Vac. Land	0	0	0	0	0.175370
Aggregate Extraction	0	0	0	0	0.219538
Landfills	95	82	177	12,000	0.862195
Pipelines	0	0	0	0	0.250000
Farm	0	0	0	0	0.250000
Managed Forests	0	0	0	0	0.250000
Total PIL	28,290	1,948	30,238	3,359,400	
Grand Total	3,799,844	659,689	4,459,533	422,222,593	

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

BY-LAW NUMBER 2026-11

A By-law to Set Tax Ratios for Municipal Purposes for the Year 2026

WHEREAS the *Municipal Act*, 2001, Section 308 (4) provides that a single-tier municipality shall pass a by-law in each year to establish the tax ratios for that year;

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 2026, 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;

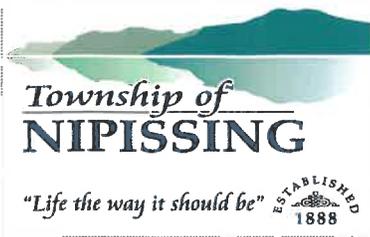
2. That this by-law shall come into force and take effect on the day of the final passing.

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

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
NIPISSING

Dave Yemm, Mayor

Kris Croskery-Hodgins,
Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: March 17, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

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

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

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON

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Website: www.papineaucameron.ca

DATE: February 24, 2026 **RESOLUTION NUMBER:** 2026-50

MOVED BY: *Shelley Belanger* **SECONDED BY:** *M Chenier*

WHEREAS large animal livestock owners in Northern Ontario have extremely limited access to large animal veterinary services;

AND WHEREAS the cost of large animal veterinary services in Northern Ontario is significantly higher due to long travel distances and the limited number of large animal veterinarians available to service the region;

AND WHEREAS it has come to the attention of the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township that three qualified individuals within our community have applied to the Ontario Veterinary College for large animal veterinary, but were denied admission due to limited enrollment capacity;

THAT the Council of Papineau-Cameron Township formally requests that the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association consider expanding enrollment capacity at the Ontario Veterinary College to allow more qualified applicants to pursue certification as large animal veterinarians.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association, the Hon. Victor Fedeli MPP Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, the Hon. Trevor Jones MPP Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Hon. Nolan Quinn MPP Minister of Colleges, Universities, Research Excellence and Security, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and Ontario Municipalities for their consideration and support.

CARRIED: *Robert Corriveau* **NOT CARRIED:** _____
(Mayor)

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Recorded Vote (Upon Request of Councillor _____) Act

RECORDED DIVISION VOTE	YES Signature	NO Signature	ABSTAIN Signature
Mayor Robert Corriveau			
Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger			
Councillor Keith Dillabough			
Councillor Jason Bélanger			
Councillor Mélanie Chenier			



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: March 17, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

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

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

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

OPP DETACHMENT BOARD-JAMES BAY EAST

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER OPP DETACHMENT BOARD-JAMES BAY EAST

February 20, 2026

VIA EMAIL

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Ministry of the Solicitor General
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The Honourable Zee Hamid
Associate Solicitor General for Auto Theft and Bail Reform
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MPP John Vanthof
Pinewood Centre, Unit 5
247 Whitewood Avenue
New Liskeard, ON P0J 1P0

Dear Leaders,

On behalf of the OPP Detachment Board – James Bay East I am pleased to offer this letter in strong support of Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO) agencies across the province and the development of a coordinated Provincial Bail Notification Program.

VCAO organizations are essential partners in community safety and well-being. They provide immediate, trauma-informed support to individuals and families affected by crime and tragic circumstances, often at the most vulnerable moments in their lives. Their staff and volunteers work closely with police services to ensure survivors receive timely safety planning, crisis intervention, and connections to critical supports. This partnership enhances our ability to respond effectively, reduces risk, and strengthens trust with those we serve.

Timely and reliable bail notification is a vital component of victim safety. The current system is inconsistent across jurisdictions and leaves survivors at risk when they are not informed of release conditions or bail decisions that may impact their safety planning. A province-wide bail notification program, led in partnership with VCAO agencies, will ensure victims receive clear, coordinated, and rapid notification, regardless of where the offence occurred or where the accused is released. This is not only a matter of safety but also an essential part of ensuring victims' rights, dignity, and confidence in the justice system.

The OPP Detachment Board- James Bay East fully supports:

1. Strengthened investment in VCAO agencies, recognizing them as critical frontline partners in community safety and in supporting survivors of crime.

2. A standardized, province-wide bail notification system, designed in partnership with police services, VCAOs, and justice partners to promote timely communication, reduce risk, and improve outcomes for victims.
3. Ongoing collaboration between police and VCAO, including shared training, coordinated response models, and information pathways that improve both public safety and victim care.

VCAO agencies deliver high-quality services that directly complement police response. A provincial bail notification program will further enhance our collective ability to keep communities safe and uphold the rights of survivors. We urge the Government of Ontario to move forward with the development, implementation, and sustainable funding of this program.

Thank you for your consideration. The OPP Detachment Board-James Bay East is committed to working collaboratively and constructively with our VCAO partners and with provincial ministries to support this important and urgently needed initiative.

Yours truly,

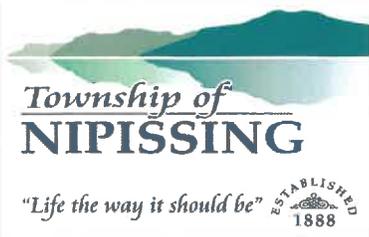
OPP DETACHMENT BOARD-JAMES BAY EAST



Cassandra Child, AOMC, Dipl.M.A.
Secretary/Treasurer

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TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

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Moved by

Seconded by

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

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

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

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

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

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

February 12, 2026

France Gélinas – MPP Nickel Belt
Hanmer Valley Shopping Centre
Unit 15, 5085 Hwy. 69 N
Hanmer, ON P3P 1P7
gelinas-co@ndp.on.ca

Sent Via Email

Re: Planned Closure of Lifelabs Laboratory in Greater Sudbury

The following resolution was ratified by Council of the City of Greater Sudbury on February 10, 2026:

WHEREAS LifeLabs has announced its intention to close its Greater Sudbury laboratory, and the transfer of medical specimen processing from Northern Ontario to laboratories in southern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Greater Sudbury laboratory provides essential diagnostic services to communities across Northern Ontario, including urban, rural, and remote municipalities, and plays a critical role in ensuring timely and reliable medical testing for Northern residents;

AND WHEREAS patients with chronic illness, newborns, long-term care residents, and individuals on time-sensitive medications depend on predictable laboratory turnaround times to support clinical decision-making;

AND WHEREAS transporting medical specimens long distances to southern Ontario increases the risk of delays, specimen degradation, and retesting, particularly during frequent winter highway closures, potentially jeopardizing patient outcomes;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario is already experiencing shortages of health-care professionals, and the closure of this laboratory further undermines regional workforce stability, training capacity, and recruitment and retention efforts;

AND WHEREAS the City of Greater Sudbury continues to experience sustained population growth, an expanding housing supply, and a strong job market, all factors that collectively increase demand for accessible, reliable, and locally delivered health care services, including timely medical laboratory testing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Greater Sudbury calls on the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Health to take immediate action to ensure that essential medical laboratory services remain accessible within Northern Ontario, including maintaining local laboratory processing capacity in Greater Sudbury;

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

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

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Honourable Vijay Thanigasalam, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Growth, the Honourable George Pirie, Member of Provincial Parliament Jamie West and Member of Provincial Parliament France Gélinas, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA).

Yours truly,



Brigitte Sobush
Manager of Clerk's Services/Deputy City Clerk

c. Members of City Council



February 19, 2026

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor and other representatives,

As you probably already know, *LifeLabs*, an American owned company, has decided to close their Sudbury testing facility this spring.

For years, Sudbury's *LifeLabs* facility has played an important role in ensuring northerners have equitable access to community-based lab services. Closing this facility will cause delays, as blood samples and specimens will now be shipped to Mississauga for analysis. We know you understand the serious threat to patient care that this will cause across all northern municipalities. It will also result in the loss of approximately 40 laboratory technologists and technicians' jobs in Sudbury, placement opportunities for students and so much more.

That is why we are writing to you today – to work together in requesting that the Ministry of Health take immediate action to keep these health services in Northern Ontario. The Ontario Government has a \$600 million contract with *LifeLabs* – they hold a lot of power.

We have already heard from numerous individuals regarding this matter, including patients needing quick lab results, medical professionals as well as the Mayor of Sudbury, who wrote to the Minister of Health. We encourage you, as a leader for your community, to also send a letter to the Minister of Health to show solidarity on this important issue.

This issue is non-partisan. It will greatly impact citizens across our communities. We all want the same thing: to have equitable access to health care services in Northern Ontario. The closure of this medical laboratory facility is unacceptable, directly impacts northerners' health, and we hope you'll make your voice heard against it. **Your letter can be sent to:**

Hon. Sylvia Jones
Minister of Health
777 Bay St. 5th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3
Sylvia.Jones@ontario.ca

Please CC our offices in your correspondence. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. West'.

Jamie West
MPP/Député Sudbury

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'France Gélinas'.

France Gélinas
MPP/Députée Nickel Belt



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

CORRESPONDENCE

March 17, 2026

- 1.** Request from the Municipality of East Ferris for support to construct a new fire hall that will also serve as a regional fire training centre.
- 2.** Request from Bernie Morin to waive Landfill Tipping Fees for Lake Nipissing clean up materials.
- 3.** The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) – Calls for Urgent Action Following Another Fatal Collision on Northern Highways.
- 4.** The Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes held January 20, 2026.
- 5.** Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes held March 2, 2026
- 6.** Township of Nipissing Museum Board of Management Meeting Minutes held March 4, 2026.
- 7.** Powassan and District Food Bank – Thank You Note.
- 8.** Callander and District Food Bank – Thank You Note.



March 5, 2026

Dear Municipal Council,

Re: Support for East Ferris Regional Fire and Emergency Services Training Centre

The Municipality of East Ferris is moving forward with plans to construct a new fire hall that will also serve as a regional fire training centre. We are writing to inform you of this initiative and to respectfully request your support as we pursue funding through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) to assist with construction costs.

At present, the closest accredited and operational training facilities are in Huntsville, Haileybury, and Sault Ste. Marie, requiring significant travel time and expense for many departments across Nipissing, East Parry Sound, and Sudbury East Districts. This distance can limit participation, increase overtime and backfill costs, and create scheduling challenges for volunteer and staffed departments.

The proposed East Ferris facility will provide a centrally located, accessible training hub that allows firefighters to train closer to home. By reducing travel, departments can lower costs related to fuel, accommodation, and staff coverage, while increasing the frequency and consistency of hands-on training opportunities.

Beyond cost savings, the centre will foster regional collaboration by creating a shared space for joint exercises, mutual aid training, specialized certifications, and knowledge exchange. Training together will strengthen inter-departmental relationships and improve coordinated emergency response across our region.

The value of this collaboration has already been demonstrated. During the summer 2025 storm that affected the Municipality of Calvin, neighbouring departments worked side-by-side under a declared state of emergency, responding quickly and effectively to save lives. This experience highlighted how well we function together when needed. The proposed training centre will allow us to build on that success in a proactive and planned way—training together before regional emergencies occur and ensuring we are even better prepared for future events.

We know this facility will be a long-term regional asset benefiting every firefighter and the communities we collectively serve.

As our NOHFC funding application timelines are time-sensitive, the Municipality of East Ferris kindly requests formal Council support at your earliest convenience. For your consideration, a sample resolution is attached. Completed resolutions may be forwarded to our Clerk, Kim Rose, at kim.rose@eastferris.ca no later than April 1st, 2026.



East Ferris
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Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this initiative further, our Fire Chief, Steph Amyotte, would be pleased to connect. He is available at firechief@eastferris.ca or (705) 752-2740 extension 224.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,

Rick Champagne
Mayor

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

CARRIED

Kris Croskery-Hodgins

Subject: FW: lake clean up

From: Bernie Morin
Sent: March 6, 2026 8:16 AM
To: admin@nipissingtownship.com
Subject: lake clean up

Good morning Chris...thank you for taking my call yesterday and discussing our efforts in removing garbage and debris from lake Nipissing as a result of the ice fishing season...it's a shame that we have to address this with volunteers rather than holding offenders responsible but that is for the MNR to pursue.

As stated, all communities that border the shores of Lake Nipissing are affected by the garbage making its way to the various shorelines...fortunately these communities have dedicated caring volunteers who display a sense of Stewardship in caring for our waters.

It would help greatly to have support in some manner from the Nipissing Township council so that volunteers have a means of disposing the garbage collected on the lake.

We did discuss the possibility of tipping fees being waved for "clean" wood products and that would help immensely but in discussion with other volunteers i'm told there is a substantial amount of other items collected such as plastic crates, buckets, styrofoam, etc...
Since Nipissing Township doesnt have collection services, volunteers in that area pay tipping fees to dispose of these items at the landfill...note that the volunteers already incur personal expenses such as fuel for their atvs, utvs or sleds to get out to the areas needing clean up.

I hope that you can bring these concerns forward to your upcoming council meeting on Mar 17th...volunteers will be putting a maximum effort after the 15th once huts are being pulled off the lake so this is definitely a workable timeline.

I'm looking forward to hearing back and working with rep(s) from Nipissing Township for this worthy cause.

Cheers,

Bernie Morin
Clean Up Coordinator

March 8, 2026

For Immediate Release

FONOM Calls for Urgent Action Following Another Fatal Collision on Northern Highway

March 2026 – Smooth Rock Falls, Ontario

The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) is expressing deep concern and growing frustration following another fatal collision on Northern Ontario’s highway system.

On March 7, a serious collision near **Smooth Rock Falls** involving four tractor-trailers and a passenger vehicle claimed the life of a **Kapuskasing resident**, marking the **tenth highway fatality this winter on Northern highways**. FONOM extends its sincere condolences to the family, friends, and community affected by this tragic loss.

“These tragedies are becoming far too common on Northern Ontario highways,” said **FONOM President Dave Plourde**.

“Northern Ontario families should not have to live with the constant fear that a routine trip on the highway could end in tragedy. When we see collision after collision and closure after closure, it becomes painfully clear that the current situation is unacceptable. Northern Ontarians deserve the same level of highway safety that people in southern Ontario expect every day.”

FONOM notes that in **April 2023**, the **Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force**, co-chaired by former FONOM President **Danny Whalen** and **Wendy Landry**, delivered a comprehensive report to the Province of Ontario outlining recommendations to improve transportation safety, reliability, and economic connectivity across Northern Ontario.

While FONOM appreciates that some improvements have been made, many of the recommendations—particularly those related to highway safety, passing opportunities, rest areas, and improved road design—have yet to be fully implemented.

“Northern leaders have already done the work. The Transportation Task Force delivered clear recommendations to improve safety on Highways 11 and 17, yet too few of those recommendations have been implemented,” Plourde said. “Every serious collision is another reminder that improving this corridor is not just a transportation issue—it is a matter of public safety for the people who live, work, and travel in Northern Ontario.”

FONOM continues to advocate for meaningful improvements to **Highways 11 and 17**, including expanding passing opportunities through four-laning where feasible and using **the 2+1 highway model** in appropriate sections.

“These highways are part of the Trans-Canada system and carry billions of dollars in goods every year,” Plourde added. “They connect our communities, support our resource economy, and move essential supplies

across the country. Improving safety on these corridors is not just a Northern issue—it is a national one.”

FONOM is calling on the Province of Ontario to accelerate the implementation of the **Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force recommendations** and to work collaboratively with Northern municipalities and the federal government to modernize this critical corridor.

Despite frequent collisions and heavy truck traffic, much of Highway 11 and 17 is a two-lane, undivided roadway with no alternative route. FONOM continues to advocate for meaningful improvements to **Highways 11 and 17**, including expanding passing opportunities through four-laning where feasible and using the **2+1 highway model** in appropriate sections.

“Northern Ontarians should not have to accept a higher level of risk simply because of where we live,” Plourde said. “Our communities deserve the same commitment to safe and reliable transportation infrastructure as any other part of the province.”

FONOM will continue to work with municipal partners, Indigenous leaders, and governments at all levels to advance solutions that improve safety and reliability on Northern Ontario’s highways.

Media Availability

Dave Plourde, President,
Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities
705-335-1615 | fonom.info@gmail.com

FONOM Resolution

Urgent Action on Highway Safety – Highways 11 and 17

WHEREAS Highways 11 and 17 form the backbone of the Trans-Canada Highway through Northern Ontario and are essential corridors for the movement of people, goods, and emergency services across Canada;

AND WHEREAS these highways support Northern Ontario's resource economy, connect communities to health care and services, and carry significant national supply chains;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario continues to experience a troubling number of serious collisions and highway closures each year;

AND WHEREAS the tragic fatal collision near Smooth Rock Falls on March 7, 2026 involving four tractor-trailers and a passenger vehicle, resulted in the death of a Kapuskasing resident and marked the **tenth highway fatality in Northern Ontario so far in 2026**;

AND WHEREAS in April 2023, the **Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force**, co-chaired by representatives of FONOM and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), delivered a comprehensive set of recommendations to the Province of Ontario aimed at improving safety, reliability, and economic connectivity across Northern Ontario's transportation network;

AND WHEREAS Northern leaders, Indigenous partners, and transportation experts invested significant time and effort developing practical and achievable recommendations, many of which have yet to be fully implemented;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario residents should not have to accept a higher level of risk simply because they live, work, or travel in the North, and every preventable highway fatality underscores the urgent need for action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) call upon the Province of Ontario to urgently accelerate the implementation of the recommendations contained within the **Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force Final Report**;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario prioritize meaningful safety improvements along **Highways 11 and 17**, including increased passing opportunities through four-laning where feasible and expanded implementation of the **2+1 highway model** in appropriate sections;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipalities, Indigenous communities, and the Government of Canada to modernize this critical national transportation corridor;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province provide an update to Northern municipalities on the status of the Task Force recommendations and the timeline for their implementation;

AND FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, Northern Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, Northern Members of the Canadian Parliament, and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association.

THE GOLDEN SUNSHINE MUNICIPAL NON-PROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Common Room – January 20, 2026

A regular meeting of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation board was held on Tuesday January 20, 2026.

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

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bernadette Kerr

Resolution 2026-01:

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation calls the Board of Directors meeting on January 20, 2026 at: 9:30am.

Moved by: Dave Y Seconded by: Lynne Carried.

2. Additions to Agenda

None noted.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Resolution 2026-02

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation hereby approves the agenda for January 20, 2026 board of directors meeting.

Moved by: Dave B Seconded by: Mieke Carried.

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

5. Approval of the Minutes from December 16, 2025

The minutes from the December 16, 2025 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Resolution 2026-03:

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation hereby approves the minutes of the December 16, 2025.

Moved by: Dave Y Seconded by: Lynne Carried.

6. Business Arising

a) COCHI Elevator Project

Amber reported that elevator repairs will be in the spring, waiting on set timeline from TKE.

b) 2026 Operating Budget

the 3rd draft of the 2026 operating budget was presented.

Resolution 2026-04:

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation approves the 2026 operating budget as presented.

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

c) HST Deposit to Capital Reserves

Financials presented for 2025 OPHI Funding 'Patio Project'.

Resolution 2026-05:

The Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation approves the return of \$9,923.29 to the capital reserves, representing HST refunded from the original withdrawal for the 2025 patio project.

Moved by: Mieke Seconded by: Dave Y Carried.

7. Correspondence

a/b) Financials

The Board reviewed and accepted all financial documents as presented.

Resolution 2026-06:

The Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation has received and approved the December 2025 financial transaction reports, and income statement as presented.

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

8. Closed Session

Resolution 2026-07:

That the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation moved into closed session at 9:50.

Moved by: Dave Y Seconded by: Mieke Carried.

Resolution 2026-08:

That the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation moved out of closed session at 9:57.

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

9. Next Meeting

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

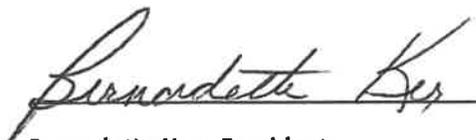
10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Resolution 2026-09:

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors meeting of December 16, 2025, is hereby adjourned

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



Bernadette Kerr, President



Amber Mclsaac, Secretary

MINUTES

Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee
March 2, 2026

A meeting of the Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee was held on Monday, March 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, Councillor Lisa Chalapenko, 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.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None.

MOTION NUMBER 2026-10

Moved by: Lisa Chalapenko

Seconded by: Julie Mahoney

THAT the Minutes of the February 2, 2026 Recreation Committee Meeting are approved as circulated. **Carried.**

Bottle Drive Revenue - \$226.80 Bearcreek Landfill, \$138.00 in cash donations collected at Foote's General Store. Wolfe Lake Landfill collection had to be rescheduled and there is no date as of yet.

Chair Yoga – Donation Box has been established at the Community Centre, Donations of \$195.00 were collected. April 20th is the last Yoga day of this session.

MOTION NUMBER 2026-11

Moved by: Shelly Foote

Seconded by: Julie Mahoney

THAT we formally determine and designate the specific use of the monetary donations allocated from Chair Yoga with the extension of (2) classes and splitting the difference and supporting the Powassan & Callander Food Banks. **Carried**

Easter Event – April 4th, 2026 from 12:00-2:00 p.m., Ages 12 year of age and under. This year's event will be moved to the Community Centre to accommodate any weather. Egg decorating, cookie decorating, bat/bird houses, crafts and games to be provided. Email or call Township Office to register.

Trivia – March 21st, 2026 starting at 7:00 p.m., \$20.00 per team, register by emailing or calling the Township Office. DJ is booked for the event and the canteen is available.

Soccer – May 7th – June 25th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., registration is now open with a registration cut off date of April 15th 2026. Ages 4-12, with the end of season BBQ June 25th with Hot Dogs, Chips, Water and Freezes provided. There will be no rain dates this year.

Mother's Day Craft – May 9th 2026, Rescheduled to a different date. Date to be determined, with the possibility of the event being cancelled.

Corn Hole – on average between 8-18 players, the event was well received. The original time of 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. was set and it was determined that 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. would work better. Possibility of extension of event to be brought forward in the future as they would like to move the event outside in the warmer weather months.

Cards – Well received, lots of interest on average 8-12 in attendance. Would like to extend the Cards Event until the end of March 2026.

MOTION NUMBER 2025-12

Moved by: Julie Mahoney

Seconded by: Lisa Chalapenko

THAT the Winter Cards Program, held on Tuesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., be extended through the end of March 2026. **Carried.**

Family Skate – Approximately 180 in attendance, \$1,700.00 budget and \$1,623.22 used for the event. Ran out of Hot Chocolate, with a couple bags of marshmallows left over, unopened they will be used at Easter Event. Shout out to the Township Rink Maintenance Staff, the Rink was in wonderful condition.

Spaghetti Dinner – 89 Adults & 8 Children in attendance for a total revenue of \$1,403.25. there was a donation of \$4.25 included in that total. Event was well received. Next year, we will adjust the time for 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. to 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., and increase the meat balls from 3 to 4 cases as we were running short towards the end and increase the garlic bread. Flyers to be given to the outfitters next year.

MOTION NUMBER 2025-13

Moved by: Tom Piper

Seconded by: Shelly Foote

That the Meeting is hereby adjourned at 7:09 p.m. Next Meeting to be held May 4, 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.

MINUTES

Nipissing Township Museum Board of Management
March 4, 2026

A regular meeting of the Nipissing Township Museum Board of Management was held on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 starting at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was held in person at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, 2381 Hwy 654.

Present: Chair Jane Aultman, Gladys Bateman, Councillor Stephen Kirkey, Debbie Rennette, Alma Rice and Mayor Dave Yemm.

Staff: Gillian Bernas, Museum Manager; Kim Turnbull, Deputy Treasurer-Office Assistant, Secretary to the Museum Board

Regrets: Mary Heasman

Disclosure of pecuniary interests – none

MOTION NUMBER 2026-01

Moved by: Steve Kirkey

Seconded by: Dave Yemm

That we hereby appoint Jane Aultman Chairperson to the Nipissing Museum Board of Management for 2026. **Carried.**

MOTION NUMBER 2026-02

Moved by: Steve Kirkey

Seconded by: Dave Yemm

That we approve the Minutes of the Nipissing Township Museum Board Meeting held November 5th, 2025, as presented. **Carried.**

Staff Updates:

- **Building and Maintenance**
 - The Engineer has been contacted to inspect the Museum prior to opening.
 - No further updates at this time.
- **Event Planning**
 - Volunteer sign up circulated for Board members for each event scheduled for the season to allow for planning.
 - Summer students will assist in supporting the events.
 - Suggestion of the 'Country Re-Runs and Friends' as an option for live entertainment for Heritage Day.
- **Artifact Status Report**
 - Nothing to report at this time.
 - Cataloguing and data entry will resume during the Museum season.

- **Exhibit Update**

- Time has been spent over the winter developing 'The Waterway Journey to Nipissing' the theme for Heritage Day and the Remembrance Interactive exhibit program.
- Discussion about the option of grant options for the Remembrance Day exhibit to allow for a traveling exhibit to bring it to the Powassan Library. The exhibit will be installed at the Museum this year to gather feedback.

- **Strategic Plan Update**

- Discussion about the museum designed game that was utilized in the 2025 Christmas run. Gather feedback through Facebook posts, and discussion in the community to determine future projects.

MOTION NUMBER 2026-03

Moved by: Debbie Rennette

Seconded by: Gladys Bateman

THAT the Board meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:18 p.m. Next meeting will be held Wednesday April 1st, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. **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.

Thank You!



Powassan and District Food Bank



250 Clark Street Telephone Cell e-mail
Powassan, ON P0H 1Z0 705 492 3958 705 492 3958 admin@powassanfoodbank.ca

To all the members recreation Committee

The Powassan + District Foodbank
Team would like to thank

you for the donation.

Believe me when I say

it will be put to

good use.

Thanks again for thinking

of us.

Diane + Powassan + District Foodbank
Team.



Callander and District Food Bank

78 Lansdowne Street
PO Box 795
Callander ON P0H 1H0

On behalf of the Callander & District Food Bank, we thank you for your generous donation.

We are dedicated to assisting individuals and families in time of need to supplement their requirements with fresh dairy, produce, frozen meats, non-perishable food items and personal hygiene products. Your donation assists us in keeping our shelves stocked with the necessary items.

Our clients very much appreciate your generosity.

Thank you,

Callander & District Food Bank Volunteer Staff



Callander and District Food Bank

78 Lansdowne Street
PO Box 795
Callander ON P0H 1H0

Receipt Number: 4050

Receipt issue Date: February 24, 2026

Charitable Registration #: 82299 12610RR0001

Donated by: Corporation of the Township Nipissing
45 Beatty Street
Nipissing, ON P0H 1W0

Amount of Donation: \$ 148.50

****** One hundred & forty-eight dollars & fifty cents ******

Authorized Signature: _____


Deborah Hickey, Treasurer



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: March 17, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

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

Totaling \$228,406.20 be approved.

For Against

**YEMM
CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT**

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm