

MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, April 7, 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.

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None.

Committee Reports:

Councillor Lisa Chalapenko: Ontario Good Roads Association Conference.

Councillor James Scott: Ontario Good Roads Association Conference.

Councillor Stephen Kirkey: Nipissing Township Museum Board of Management, North East Fire Education Conference – Municipal Track.

John Paul Negrinotti, Land Planning & Technology Administrator: SNF Water Group.

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

R2026-70 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

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

Carried.

R2026-71 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

That we pass By-Law Number 2026-13, being a By-Law to stop up, close and sell part of the Road Allowance Between Concession 12 & 13 designated as Part 1 on Plan 42R22858, in the Township of Nipissing, District of Parry Sound.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 7th day of April, 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-72 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

WHEREAS the replacement of the Battery Operated Extrication Equipment for the Fire Department was identified in the 2026 Capital Budget;

AND WHEREAS RFP 2026-01-FIRE was circulated for bids with 3 submissions being received;

NOW THEREFORE based on the results of the submissions, Council accepts the RFP submitted by Code 4 at a price of \$79,975.00, before applicable taxes. **Carried.**

R2026-73 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:

WHEREAS the Township issued Tender RFT-NIP-PW-3-2026 for a ½ Ton Crew Cab Pick Up Truck per the adopted Capital Forecast and 2026 Municipal Budget;

NOW THEREFORE Council of the Township of Nipissing accepts the Tender submitted by Mohawk Ford for the delivery of a 2026 Ford F150 at a price of \$71,811.50, including applicable taxes, and an additional cost of \$6,972.10, including applicable taxes, for an extended warranty. **Carried.**

R2026-74 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing has received a funding grant through the Health and Safety Water Stream Grant to assist with the replacement of the Bear Creek Culvert;
AND WHEREAS a bridge replacement was identified as the most effective asset replacement option and a Tender for the Modular Bridge, Concrete Abutments was circulated as NIP-PW-07-2026;
NOW THEREFORE Council has received the results and a recommendation from Antoine C. Boucher, P. Eng. on the submissions received;
AND THEREFORE Council awards NIP-PW-07-2026 to Northern Mat & Bridge inclusive of Options #3 as provided, total cost of \$634,491.07, including applicable taxes. **Carried.**

R2026-75 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Council does approve “in principle” the Application of Arthur Anderson, to purchase part of the Shore Road Allowance located in front of Concession 14 PT Lot 12 PCL 5724 N/S, Township of Nipissing.
2. That this resolution is subject to the following conditions:
 - The Council shall select an independent search firm specializing in fishery issues and environmental issues to complete an independent investigation and report to determine the geographic limits where development could occur and to ensure compliance to the Provincial Policy Statement.
 - That the applicant will be responsible for the payment of all the Municipality’s administrative, legal accounts and Environmental Impact Study costs in connection with the processing of this application.
 - That in accordance with the Municipality’s policy, notice and a copy of the draft plan will be mailed to the adjacent owners. **Carried.**

R2026-76 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

WHEREAS Pinchin has been contracted to perform Landfill Monitoring services for the Township of Nipissing since 2022;
NOW THEREFORE we authorize the Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer to sign the Authorization to Proceed, extending the agreement until 2028;
AND THAT the project costs will be \$39,470 in 2026; \$39,705 in 2027 and \$39,945 in 2028, plus any applicable taxes. **Carried.**

R2026-77 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:

WHEREAS the electronic swipe card program for the Township of Nipissing Landfill Sites has required additional negotiations;
NOW THEREFORE Council hereby rescinds Resolution R2026-09, passed January 6, 2026, providing an effective date of implementation as April 1, 2026;
AND THAT we hereby authorize the implementation of the electronic card use system for the Township Landfill Sites with an effective date of September 30, 2026;
AND THAT the new cards will be mailed out to all property owners with the Final Tax Bills being mailed out in June, 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-78 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing Fire Department has been successful in a grant application for the Ontario Fire Protection Grant to enhance cancer prevention and Firefighter health and safety;
NOW THEREFORE we authorize the Mayor and the Municipal Administrator to sign the Ontario Fire Prevention Grant Transfer Payment Agreement. **Carried.**

R2026-79 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

WHEREAS the 2026 Municipal Election Nominations will open on May 1, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE the Township of Nipissing adopts the following:

1. 2026 Municipal Procedures, April 7, 2026 edition.
2. Municipal Election 2026 Signs/Advertising Policy, amended April 7, 2026.
3. Use of Municipal Resources During an Election Campaign, Rules and Procedures, April 7, 2026 edition. **Carried.**

R2026-80 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing has received a request on behalf of the Commanda Community Centre and the Gurd & Area Historical Corporation (Commanda Museum) for the application of sand to the parking areas during the spring season;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Nipissing authorizes the delivery of an application of sand at each location for this one-time use. **Defeated.**

R2026-81 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

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

R2026-82 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

That the statement of accounts dated: March 13, 14, 25, 26, 28 and 31, 2026.

Totaling \$577,400.75 be approved. **Carried.**

R2026-83 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:

That this part of our meeting will be closed to the public, as authorized by Section 239.(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Purpose of this Closed Session:

1. Council to review updated Employment Agreements for the Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer; Operations Superintendent and Fire Chief-MLEO-CEMC.
2. Council to review information regarding a staffing position.

Time: 7:18 p.m. **Carried.**

R2026-84 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:

That we resume to an open public meeting.

Time: 8:09 p.m. **Carried.**

R2026-85 L. Chalapenko, J. Scott:

THAT we pass By-Law No. 2026-14, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on April 7, 2026.

Read the first, second and third time passed this 7th day of April, 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-86 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:

THAT the meeting be adjourned. Time: 8:11 p.m.

Next regular Council meeting to be held April 21, 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.