

**\*\*\* AGENDA \*\*\***

**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**

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

Meeting to be held at 2381 Highway 654, Township of Nipissing Community Centre

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest.
2. Staff and Committee Reports.
3. Resolution: Adopt the Minutes of the May 5, 2026 Council Meeting.
4. Resolution: Authorize a donation to the Powassan Agricultural Society 2026 Powassan Fall Fair.
5. Resolution: Authorize a donation to the Trout Creek Agricultural Society 2026 Trout Creek Fall Fair.
6. Council Discussion: Review of By-Law 2022-34, Procedural By-Law, for amendments or updates reflective of the 2022-2026 Council Term.
7. Correspondence.
8. Accounts to pay.
9. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held May 19, 2026.
10. 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, May 5, 2026

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, May 5, 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 Stephen Kirkey, James Scott, Shelly Foote and Lisa Chalapenko.

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

**Guests:** Marilee Koenderink and Karin Mertins

**Disclosure of pecuniary interest:** None.

Presentation of the Invasive Aquatic Species, Phragmites Working Group Lake Bernard  
Marilee and Karin left following their presentation.

### **Staff and Committee Reports:**

Councillor Shelly Foote: Township of Nipissing Recreation Committee, Councillor Lisa Chalapenko: District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) Homelessness, Councillor Stephen Kirkey: District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board (DSSAB) Homelessness  
John Paul Negrinotti, Land Planning & Technology Administrator: SNF Water Group.  
Mayor Dave Yemm: Eastholme, Home for the Aged Board of Management.

### **R2026-97 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:**

THAT the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held April 21, 2026, be adopted as published.

**Carried.**

### **R2026-98 J. Scott, L. Chalapenko:**

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2026-19, being a By-Law to promote public safety and regulate and govern the activities permitted in municipal beach areas.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026. **Carried.**

### **R2026-99 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:**

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2026-20, being a By-Law to provide for fees charged by the Corporation of The Township of Nipissing.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026. **Carried.**

### **R2026-100 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:**

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2026-21, being a By-Law to authorize entering into an agreement to provide for maintenance of the Powassan and District Union Public Library.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026. **Carried.**

### **R2026-101 S. Foote, J. Scott:**

THAT we accept Staff Recommendation for Tender NIP-PW-2-2026, Winter Sand and award the project to Miller Paving Ltd at a cost of \$68,250.00 before applicable taxes. **Carried.**

**R2026-102 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:**

THAT we accept Staff Recommendation for Tender NIP-PW-4-2026, 7/8" Crushed Quarry Granite, Stockpile and award the project to Evan Hughes Excavating at a cost of \$27,750.00 before applicable taxes. **Carried.**

**R2026-103 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:**

WHEREAS the tender amounts received for NIP-PW-5-2026, Surface Treatment and Reseal, are well outside the budgeted amounts;  
NOW THEREFORE Council authorizes the necessary amendments to the project scope and to re-tender the amended project;  
AND THAT the result of the tender received not be published to protect the integrity of the re-tender process for all interested bidders. **Carried.**

**R2026-104 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:**

THAT we accept Staff Recommendation for Tender NIP-PW-6-2026, 7/8" Crushed Quarry Granite, Applied and award the project to TZR Contracting at a cost of \$62,776.00 before applicable taxes. **Carried.**

**R2026-105 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:**

THAT we accept Staff Recommendation for Tender NIP-PW-8-2026, 7/8" Crushed Quarry Granite, Picked Up and award the project to Evan Hughes Excavating at a cost of \$15,250.00 before applicable taxes. **Carried.**

**R2026-106 S. Foote, J. Scott:**

THAT we accept Staff Recommendation for Tender NIP-PW-9-2026, 7/8" Crushed Quarry B Granite, Picked Up and award the project to Evan Hughes Excavating at a cost of \$39,650.00 before applicable taxes. **Carried.**

**R2026-107 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:**

WHEREAS Council received a request through the OPP Police services Board for Callander, Nipissing and Powassan to provide a letter of support for the continues services provided by Cecil Facer Youth Centre in Sudbury;  
NOW THEREFORE Council authorizes the Mayor to sign a letter requesting the continued service and to circulate the letter to the Ministry of the Solicitor General, MPP Vic Fedeli and the OPP Services Board. **Carried.**

**R2026-108 L. Chalapenko, S. Foote:**

THAT we authorize Mayor Dave Yemm, Councillor Shelly Foote, Councillor Steve Kirkey, Councillor James Scott, Councillor Lisa Chalapenko and Deputy Treasurer Kim Turnbull to attend the District of Parry Sound Municipal Association 2026 Spring Meeting being held at the Kearney Community Centre. **Carried.**

**R2026-109 S. Foote, J. Scott:**

THAT we donate \$100.00 to the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School Graduation Awards Program. **Carried.**

**R2026-110 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:**

WHEREAS Council committed to the preparation and circulation of a Resolution requesting the Ministry of Natural Resources to provide additional enforcement and action at the end of ice fishing season in Resolution R2026-66;

AND WHEREAS the recommendations brought forward are numerous and best presented as a letter to the Minister of Natural Resources;

NOW THEREFORE Council authorizes the Mayor to sign the letter attached to this Resolution as "Appendix A" and the letter and Resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Natural Resources; MPP Vic Fedeli; the City of North Bay; the Municipality of Callander; and FONOM for support. **Carried.**

**R2026-111 S. Kirkey, J. Scott:**

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

**R2026-112 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:**

That the statement of accounts dated: April 24, 25, and 28, 2026.

Totaling \$141,268.34 be approved. **Carried.**

**R2026-113 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.

Purpose of this Closed Session:

1. Council to provide a performance appraisal to the Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer.

Time: 7:53 p.m. **Carried.**

**R2026-114 S. Foote, L. Chalapenko:**

That we resume to an open public meeting.

Time: 8:32 p.m. **Carried.**

**R2026-115 J. Scott, S. Kirkey:**

THAT we pass By-Law No. 2026-22, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on May 5, 2026.

Read the first, second and third time passed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026. **Carried.**

**R2026-116 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:**

THAT the meeting be adjourned. Time: 8:34 p.m.

Next regular Council meeting to be held May 19, 2026. **Carried.**

Mayor:

Municipal Administrator:



**POWASSAN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

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Greetings

As Fundraising Chair of the Powassan Agricultural Society, I am pleased to invite you to join with us in making the **2026 Powassan Fall Fair** a continued success. The Fall Fair is a long-standing community tradition that brings families, youth, and local organizations together to celebrate agriculture, entertainment, and community spirit.

We are currently seeking sponsors to help support this much-loved event. **Cash donations are greatly appreciated**, and sponsors also can direct their contribution toward an area they are most passionate about, including:

- Children's activities and youth programming
- The Demolition Derby
- Horse Pulls
- Sponsoring items within our prize books

Your generosity plays a vital role in keeping the Fall Fair accessible, engaging, and memorable for our community. Sponsorship not only supports a treasured local event but also demonstrates your commitment to Powassan and the families who call it home.

On behalf of the Powassan Agricultural Society, thank you for your continued support over the years. We would be honoured to recognize your contribution as part of the 2026 Fall Fair and hope you will consider joining us again this year.

Sincerely,

**Julie Lavigne**

Director, Powassan Agricultural Society  
Fundraising Chair

Secretary-Treasurer Wanda Aultman



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: May 19, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we donate \$100 to the Powassan Agricultural Society 2026 Powassan Fall Fair.

For      Against

CHALAPENKO  
FOOTE  
KIRKEY  
SCOTT  
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

**TROUT CREEK AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**P.O. BOX 52**

**Trout Creek, ONT.**

**POH 2L0**

**April 21, 2026**

Township of Nipissing  
45 Beatty Street  
Nipissing, Ont.,  
POH 1W0

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

**Re: 2026 Trout Creek Fall Fair**

The Trout Creek Agricultural Society is preparing for its 2026 Fall Fair to be held on August 21, 22, and 23.

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,



Linda Pugh

Trout Creek Agricultural  
Society



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FOOTE  
KIRKEY  
SCOTT  
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

# THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

## BY-LAW NUMBER 2022-34

Being a by-law to establish rules governing the proceedings of Council, the calling of meetings and the conduct of Members.

SHORT TITLE – This By-Law may be cited as the “Procedural By-Law”.

**WHEREAS** a Municipality is a level of government and requires some formality and procedure in meetings so that clear, informed, written decisions, direction, resolutions and by-laws can be both adopted and implemented;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, is required to establish the procedures governing the meetings of Council and Committees, the conduct of its Members and the calling of meetings;

**AND WHEREAS** Council must adopt by by-law the procedures which address the rules of order which shall be observed in all proceedings of Council, Committees of Council and Local Boards unless specifically provided otherwise;

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

In addition to this By-Law, Members of Council are governed by the following documents and legislation:

*Municipal Act, 2001*

*Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*

Municipal Code of Conduct

*Municipal Elections Act*

*Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act*

*Occupational Health and Safety Act*

Staff Council Relations Policy

*Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

*Ontario Planning Act*

*Human Rights Code*

*Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*

Members of Council shall be familiar with the above-noted documents and legislation and shall rely upon them when making decisions and exercising their powers.

### Part 1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions in this By-Law:

**1.1 Act**

“Act” means the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended from time to time.

**1.2 Ad-Hoc Committee**

“Ad-Hoc Committee” means a Committee to advise Council on a specific issue or project. An Ad-Hoc Committee shall be governed by clear terms of reference set out in a resolution or By-Law and include language indicating the Committee will cease to exist.

**1.3 Agenda**

“Agenda” means the list of business to be conducted at a Meeting.

**1.4 Chair**

“Chair” means the person presiding at a Meeting.

- 1.5 Clerk**  
“Clerk” means the person appointed by the Township pursuant to Section 228 of the Municipal Act and other relevant legislation.
- 1.6 Council**  
“Council” means the elected Members of the Municipal Council.
- 1.7 Council Package**  
“Council Package” means a copy of the Agenda, reports and all other information that Members require prior to a meeting.
- 1.8 Closed Meeting**  
“Closed Meeting” means a meeting of Council or Committee that is not open to the public pursuant to Section 239 of the *Municipal Act* or other legislation. Also referred to as “In Camera”.
- 1.9 Deputy Mayor**  
“Deputy Mayor” means a Member of Council appointed in accordance with the Township’s policies to act in the place of the Mayor when the Mayor is absent.
- 1.10 Electronic Meeting**  
“Electronic Meeting” means a Meeting where any or all Member(s) may not be physically present but may participate via electronic means of communication.
- 1.11 Emergency**  
“Emergency” means a situation or an impending situation that constitutes a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to persons or substantial damage to property and that is caused by the forces of nature, a disease or other health risk, an accident or an act whether intentional or otherwise.
- 1.12 Ex Officio**  
“Ex Officio” means that the Mayor is a Member of all Committees of Council and is entitled to attend, participate and vote, but is not counted in quorum unless specifically appointed to a seat on the Committee.
- 1.13 Head of Council**  
“Head of Council” means the Mayor or the Deputy Mayor in the absence of the Mayor.
- 1.14 Local Board**  
“Local Board” means a Local Board as defined in the *Municipal Act, 2001*.
- 1.15 Meeting**  
“Meeting” means any regular, special or other meeting of Council, a Local Board or Committee where a quorum of Members is present, and Members discuss or otherwise deal with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the Council, Local Board or Committee as stated in Section 238 of the Municipal Act.
- 1.16 Member**  
“Member” means a Member of Council, Local Board or Committee.
- 1.17 Municipal Act**  
“Municipal Act” means the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. c. 25*. as amended.
- 1.18 Municipality**  
“Municipality” means the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing.

- 1.19 Officers**  
“Officer(s)” means a person such as the Municipal Administrator, Clerk, Treasurer, Operations Superintendent, Chief Building Official and Fire Chief who holds a position of responsibility with definite rights and duties prescribed by statute or By-Law.
- 1.20 Order of Business**  
“Order of Business” means the sequence of business to be introduced and considered in a Meeting, as outlined on the Agenda.
- 1.21 Point of Procedure**  
“Point of Procedure” is a statement made by a Member to the Chair when the Member believes there has been a contravention of the rules laid out in the Procedural By-Law.
- 1.22 Presentation**  
“Presentation” means a person or group (including a Member, staff or Public) who provides information to Council or Committee. May also be referred to as a Petition or Delegation.
- 1.23 Quorum**  
“Quorum” means a majority of Members of Council or Committee.
- 1.24 Recorded Vote**  
“Recorded Vote” means a vote in Council or Committee where the names of the Members and the position in favour or against a Motion are recorded in the minutes. This may be requested before or after the vote has been taken.
- 1.25 Regular Meeting**  
“Regular Meeting” means a scheduled meeting held at regular intervals in accordance with the approved schedule of Meetings.
- 1.26 Report**  
“Report” means a written or other report from the Municipal Administrator, Department Heads, Staff or Committee.
- 1.27 Resolution**  
“Resolution” means a Motion that has been approved by Council.
- 1.28 Special Meeting**  
“Special Meeting” means a meeting that is called for a specific time and for a specific purpose to deal with an important matter that has arisen between Regular Meetings.
- 1.29 Standing Committee**  
“Standing Committee” means a Committee comprised solely of Members of Council.
- 1.30 Township**  
“Township” means the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing.
- 1.31 Unfinished Business**  
“Unfinished Business” means matters listed in the Agenda which have not been dealt with in their entirety at a previous meeting.

**Part 2**  
**GENERAL MEETING RULES**

- 2.1 The rules and regulations contained in this By-law shall be observed in all proceedings of the Council and shall be the rules and regulations for the dispatch of business by Council and its committees and boards.
- 2.2 This By-Law may be suspended, except for those rules or regulations set out by legislation, with the consent of at least two-thirds of the Members of Council and may be suspended before, during or after a meeting.
- 2.3 The Mayor shall act as the Chair for all Council Meetings. The Mayor may delegate their authority to Chair any meeting.
- 2.4 In the absence of the Mayor or if they refuse to act or if the office is vacant, the Deputy Mayor shall carry out the Mayor's duties and have all the rights, powers and authority of the Head of Council.
- 2.5 The Deputy Mayor shall be the Member of Council receiving the highest number of votes in the most recent Municipal Election.
- 2.6 If both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor are unable to act as Head of Council for a meeting, Council shall appoint an Acting Mayor who shall have all the rights, powers and authority of the Head of Council for the purposes of that meeting. In this instance, the Clerk shall call the meeting to order and conduct the meeting to allow Council to appoint an Acting Mayor.
- 2.7 Unless otherwise authorized by Council, all meetings of Council shall be held at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, 2381 Hwy 654, Nipissing, Ontario.
- 2.8 A Clerk or Deputy Clerk must be present at all Council Meetings or other meetings where there is a quorum of Council.
- 2.9 Quorum must be in attendance for all Meetings.  
  
If Quorum is not present fifteen (15) minutes after the time appointed for the Meeting, the Meeting will be automatically adjourned until the next Regular Meeting or until a Special Meeting is called to deal with matters intended to be dealt with at the adjourned Meeting. The Clerk shall record the names of the Members present at the fifteen (15) minute time limit and will include those names on Minutes for the adjourned meeting and will include those Minutes on the Agenda for the next Meeting.  
  
If at any time during a Meeting there is not a Quorum, the Meeting shall automatically be recessed until there is a Quorum again or until the Chair adjourns the Meeting.
- 2.10 Minutes of all Meetings will be recorded without note or comment.  
After approval, minutes of all meetings except closed meetings, will be posted in accordance with the applicable municipal policies.  
If a Member arrives during a meeting or leaves before the end of the meeting, the Clerk will record same, including the time in the minutes. If a Member needs to leave before the end of a Meeting, they must inform the Chair and be excused.
- 2.11 Staff have a statutory duty to provide advice to Council. As such, Staff, and particularly Officers and Department Heads are expected to attend Council meetings and to provide advice on a regular basis. Staff and Officers shall attend meetings of Council when required by the Municipal Administrator.

- 2.12 Where a Member has a pecuniary interest and discloses that interest in accordance with Section 5 of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, the Member will provide a written statement of interest and its general nature to the Clerk in accordance with Schedule A, will leave the Council Meeting while the issue is considered and will take no steps to influence the decision in any way, either prior to, during or after the Meeting.

Members will, at all times comply with their statutory obligations pursuant to the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

- 2.13 The Chair shall preside over the meeting, ensure good order and decorum and rule on procedural questions.

All Agenda items to be discussed are to proceed by Resolution.

The Chair or the Clerk will read the Resolution or question.

A Member who moves a Resolution has the first right of speaking on that Resolution after the Chair.

The seconder has the right of speaking second on the Resolution.

The Chair will then canvas each Member for their opinion on the Resolution.

After being recognized by the Chair, every Member shall respectfully acknowledge the Chair prior to speaking on any matter.

A Member shall not speak a second time on a matter until all Members have had a chance to speak without leave of Council, except:

- a. if questioned by another Member; or
- b. to explain comments which the Member believes have been misunderstood; or
- c. in the case of the mover of a Resolution, in reply just before the Chair and after everyone else has spoken.

No Member, without the leave of Council or the Committee, shall speak to a matter or in reply for longer than five (5) minutes.

Resolutions and amendments to a Resolution must be moved and seconded in writing and signed by the mover and seconder.

A Resolution may be withdrawn at any time prior to the vote thereon with the consent of the majority of Members present.

When a matter is being debated, no other Resolution shall be entertained other than a Resolution:

- a. to refer the matter to a certain body;
- b. to amend the Resolution;
- c. to defer the Resolution;
- d. to adjourn the meeting;
- e. that the vote be taken.

A Resolution to refer or defer shall be heard before any Resolution or amendment except a Resolution to adjourn.

A Resolution to refer shall require direction as to the body to which it is being referred and a date that body is to report to Council or Committee and is not debatable.

A Resolution to defer must give a reason and a date to which the matter is deferred. Only the date of deferral is debatable.

A Resolution that the vote be taken shall not be entertained by the Chair until each of the Members has had an opportunity to speak at least once on the particular matter.

Once a Resolution that the vote be taken is passed, the original motion and any amendments shall be voted upon without further debate.

#### 2.14 Conduct

Members are required to follow the Township's Code of Conduct in all Meetings.

No Member shall:

- a. Speak disrespectfully of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Member, Staff or a member of the Public;
- b. Engage in private conversation while in the Council Chambers in such manner as to interrupt the proceedings of Council;
- c. Speak on any subject other than the subject in debate; and
- d. Speak in open Council about matters discussed in a Closed Meeting until the matter is authorized for discussion by Council;
- e. Interrupt a Member while speaking, by speaking out, making a noise or disturbance, except to raise a procedural question.

No person at a meeting shall:

- a. Speak disrespectfully of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Member, Staff or a member of the Public;
- b. Use offensive words;
- c. Disobey the procedural rules or the decisions of the Chair or of the Council or Committee;
- d. Leave their seat while a vote is being taken and until the results are declared;
- e. Make any disruptive noise or disturbance during a Meeting;
- f. Enter the meeting while a vote is being taken;
- g. Walk between a Member who is speaking and the Chair.
- h. Engage in conversation or other behaviour, which may disrupt debate.

Electronic devices must be silenced during a Meeting and must not be used to disrupt a Meeting.

No person shall record a Meeting, in part or in whole, without first obtaining consent from the Chair.

No persons, except Members or the Clerk or the Secretary of a Committee, may approach Members without permission from the Chair.

No person shall speak aloud at a meeting or address Members without first receiving permission of the Chair to do so. All remarks shall be addressed to the Chair. Members of the Public will not routinely be recognized and permitted to speak during a debate. Members of the Public may not be recognized unless consent is given by a majority of Council and they are speaking to an item on the Agenda.

Any person who contravenes any of the rules in this By-Law are guilty of misconduct and, after an initial warning, may be removed from the Meeting by the Chair.

- 2.15 Individuals or groups which are listed on an Agenda or are otherwise approved to appear before Council shall be limited to not more than ten (10) minutes with the exception for a delegation consisting of more than five (5) persons shall be limited to two (2) speakers each limited to speaking not more than five (5) minutes.

- 2.16 A Member may, through the Chair, ask questions or request an explanation to a previous speaker arising out of those speaker's remarks.

A Member may, through the Chair, ask questions during the discussion on any particular item on the Agenda and ask questions on the item to any staff of the Township in attendance at the meeting.

Any Member may, once only, request that a Resolution under discussion be read by the Chair at any time during the debate but may not interrupt another Member while they are speaking.

- 2.17 Points of Procedure

When a Member believes there is a violation of the rules in this By-Law, the Member shall, when recognized by the Chair, raise a Point of Procedure.

On raising the Point of Procedure, a Member shall explain the violation of the rules and the Chair shall rule upon the Point of Procedure.

Once the Point of Procedure has been dealt with, the debate shall resume unless the ruling has changed this procedure.

No Member shall disobey the rules of Council or a decision of the Mayor or Chair or of the Council on questions of order or procedure or an interpretation of the rules of Council.

Where a person (including a Member) has been warned about misconduct and has continued, the Chair may expel the person from the Meeting and if such person refuses to so leave, the Chair may adjourn the Meeting without any Resolution to do so until such time as the person has left the meeting room.

If the Member apologizes, he or she may, by vote of the majority of Council, be permitted to retake his or her seat.

- 2.18 Voting – General

Once the vote is called by the Chair, no Member shall speak to any issue, ask any question or present any other Resolution until the vote has been taken.

Voting shall be by way of a "show of hands" in favour or against, except when a recorded vote is requested.

Voting during an Electronic Meeting shall be conducted as a recorded vote.

A Member may request a recorded vote on any Resolution. When a recorded vote is requested, the Clerk shall call each Member's name in alphabetical order and request and record their vote on the Resolution. Notwithstanding the alphabetical calling of names, the Chair shall vote last in a recorded vote. After completion of a recorded vote, the Clerk shall announce the result.

A recorded vote may be requested before, during or after the vote has taken place.

If a Member present at a meeting fails or refuses to vote, their vote will be counted as a vote against the Resolution.

The Chair shall announce the results of the vote once the vote is completed.

If a Member disagrees with the announcement by the Chair of the results of any vote, except a recorded vote, the Member may object immediately to the Chair's declaration and require a recorded vote to be taken.

If there is a tie vote, the Resolution will be defeated.

When the question under consideration contains multiple options/issues, any Member can request the Resolution to be split and each option/issue to be voted on separately without requiring a separate Resolution.

- 2.19 A Resolution containing a minor typographic error may be corrected on the request of the mover and seconder and the correction shall be made in writing on the face of the Resolution and initialed by the mover and seconder.
- 2.20 The following rules shall apply to amendments to Resolutions:
- a. an amendment to a Resolution is a change to the question asked in the Resolution;
  - b. only one amendment at a time can be presented to the Resolution;
  - c. only one amendment can be presented to an amendment;
  - d. when an amendment to a Resolution has been decided upon, another may be introduced;
  - e. the order of the voting shall be:
    - i. an amendment to an amendment shall be voted upon;
    - ii. an amendment to a Resolution shall be voted upon next, and
    - iii. the Resolution, as amended, shall finally be voted upon.

An amendment which is simply a rejection of the Resolution will not be permitted.

- 2.21 When a Resolution has been decided, any Member who voted with the majority can move for the matter to be reconsidered. The Mayor or Chair may ask the Member to confirm that they voted with the majority.

Before a Resolution to reconsider is heard, the Resolution to reconsider must be added to the Agenda. The Resolution to reconsider shall only be added to the Agenda upon Council's approval.

The process whereby a Motion to Reconsider is added to the Agenda is set out below:

- a. A Member who voted in the majority shall move for the Resolution to reconsider to be added to the Agenda;
- b. The Chair shall ask the Member to affirm that they voted with the majority;
- c. The Chair shall hold a vote whereby the Members shall vote on whether to allow the Resolution to reconsider to be added to the Agenda;
- d. When the Member is moving to have the Resolution to reconsider added to the Agenda of the same Meeting as that at which the Motion was originally voted on, **the majority** of Members must agree to add the Resolution to reconsider to the Agenda.
- e. Where the Member is moving to have the Resolution to reconsider added to the Agenda of a Meeting other than that at which the Resolution was originally voted on, **a 2/3 majority** must agree to add the Resolution to reconsider to the Agenda.
- f. Once the Resolution to reconsider is added to an Agenda, the Motion to Reconsider follows the same process as all other Motions.
- g. No Resolution shall be reconsidered more than twice in the same calendar year.
- h. A Resolution to reconsider of any decided matter shall not operate to stop or delay an action on the decided matter.
- i. Debate on a Resolution to reconsider must be confined to reasons for or against reconsideration.

No Committee shall reconsider any question decided by Council during the current term nor consider any other matter, which could involve a decision inconsistent with such Council decision, unless specifically authorized by Council.

- 2.22 Any Member may appeal a ruling of the Chair by announcing their appeal to the Members.

The Member shall state the reasons for their appeal and the Chair may then indicate why the appeal should be rejected.

Without debate on the appeal, the Members apart from the Member making the appeal and the Chair shall then vote on the appeal.

If the appeal is upheld by the majority of voting Members, then the Chair shall change his or her ruling accordingly; if the appeal is rejected then the ruling stands.

Unless a Member immediately appeals the ruling of the Chair, the ruling of the Chair on the procedural question shall be final.

### **PART 3 ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3.1 Head of Council (Act s.225)

It is the role of the Head of Council to:

- a. Act as Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) of the Township;
- b. Preside over Council Meetings so that its business can be carried out efficiently and effectively;
- c. Provide leadership to Council;
- d. Provide information and recommendations to Council with respect to the role of Council;
- e. Represent the Township at official functions;
- f. Uphold and promote the purposes of the Township;
- g. Promote public involvement in the Township’s activities;
- h. Act as the representative of the Township both within and outside the Township locally, nationally and internationally;
- i. Participate in and foster activities that enhance the economic, social and environmental well-being of the Township and its residents; and
- j. Carry out duties prescribed by the Act or any other Act.

- 3.2 Chair

It is the role of the Chair to:

- a. Open meetings by calling the Meeting to order;
- b. Address the business listed on the Agenda;
- c. Receive and have read to Council, all Resolutions to be presented;
- d. Put to a vote all Resolutions which are moved and seconded, and to announce the result of the vote;
- e. Decline to put Resolutions to vote which breach the Procedural By-Law or other Legislation;
- f. Enforce, on all occasions, order, polite conduct and decorum among all present at a Meeting;
- g. When, in the opinion of the Chair, the words or conduct of any person, including a Member, is in contravention of the Procedural By-Law or is causing unreasonable disruption to the Meeting, rule the person out of order and require the person to cease the activity or vacate the Meeting;
- h. Provide information to Members on any matter relating to the business of the Township;
- i. Authenticate by signature all By-Laws, Resolutions and Minutes;
- j. Rule on any points of order raised by Members;

- k. Maintain order, and, where it is not possible to maintain order, adjourn meetings to a time to be named by the Head of Council without any Motion being put forward; and
- l. Call for the adjournment of the Meeting when business is concluded.

3.3 Deputy Head of Council (Deputy Mayor) (Act s.242)

In the event the Head of Council is absent from the Township, the Deputy Head of Council shall act in his or her absence and shall have all the rights, powers, and authority as the Head of Council.

If the Deputy Head of Council is unable to act in place and stead of the Head of Council and Quorum is present at the Meeting, the Clerk shall call the meeting to order and another Councillor shall be appointed by Council to act as the presiding official and shall preside over the meeting.

3.4 Council (Act s.224)

It is the role of Council to:

- a. Represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the Township;
- b. Develop and evaluate the policies and programs of the Township;
- c. Determine which services the municipality provides;
- d. Ensure that administrative policies, practices and procedures and controllership policies, practices and procedures are in place to implement the decisions of Council;
- e. To ensure the accountability and transparency of the operations of the Township, including the activities of the senior management of the Township;
- f. Maintain the financial integrity of the Township; and
- g. Carry out duties of Council prescribed in the Act.

3.5 Clerk (Act s.228)

It is the duty of the Clerk to:

- a. Record, without note or comment, all resolutions, decisions and other proceedings of Council;
- b. If required by any Member present at a vote, to record the name and vote of every Member voting on any matter or question;
- c. Keep the originals or copies of all By-Laws and of all Minutes of the proceedings of Council;
- d. Perform other duties required under the Act or any other Act;
- e. Perform any other duties as assigned by the Township; and
- f. Prepare and circulate Council Packages to all Members.

The Clerk, where appropriate, may delegate, in writing, the duties of the Clerk to another person in accordance with Section 228(4) of the Act.

3.6 Staff (Act s.227)

It is the duty of Staff to:

- a. Implement Council's decisions and establish administrative practices and procedures to carry out Council's decisions;
- b. Undertake research and provide advice to Council on the policies and programs of the Township; and
- c. Carry out other duties required under the Act and other duties assigned by the Township.

3.7 Municipal Administrator

(See Chief Administrative Office duties as listed in the Act s.229)

It is the duty of the Municipal Administrator to:

- a. Exercise general control and management of the affairs of the Township for the purpose of ensuring the efficient and effective operation of the township; and
- b. Perform such other duties as are assigned by the Township.

3.8 Members of the Public

It is the role of Members of the Public to:

- a. Attend Meetings which are open to the public;
- b. Follow the rules of order, polite conduct and decorum;
- c. Provide input and information to Council only at meetings, or portions of meetings specifically designed for public engagement and in a manner dictated by Council (e.g. writing, in person, electronic etc.).

**PART 4  
MEETINGS**

- 4.1 The inaugural meeting of Council after a regular election shall be held on the first Tuesday following November 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

At the First Meeting, the Clerk shall administer the declarations of office for all Members. No business shall be conducted at the First Meeting until the declarations of office have been administered to all Members.

- 4.2 Regular meetings of Council shall be held in the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, 2381 Highway 654, Nipissing, starting at 6:30 p.m. and will be determined and scheduled by the Council before the beginning of each calendar year with two meetings per month and the possible exception for the months of July, August and November with one meeting per month.

- 4.3 Council may from time to time, establish a schedule of Public Town Hall Meetings to be held in the municipality at such time and such locations as Council shall, in advance, determine for the purpose of meeting with ratepayers to express their opinions and concerns in connection with municipal issues. Public Notice of the Public Town Hall Meetings shall be published in accordance with the Township's Public Notice By-Law.

- 4.4 Committees and Boards of Council shall meet in the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, 2381 Highway 654, Nipissing. Committees and Boards may from time to time, wish to change the location of a meeting to provide a venue within the Township better suited to address an issue. Public Notice of the venue change for the meeting shall be published in accordance with the Township's Public Notice By-Law.

- 4.5 It is expected that Members of Council, Boards and Committees will be present for all meetings.

No Member shall be absent from the meetings of Council for three (3) consecutive meetings without being authorized to do so by a Resolution of the Council entered upon the Minutes.

A Member absent without authorization by Resolution of Council, after three (3) months shall be considered as having resigned their seat and at the next Council meeting the seat shall be declared vacant, *Municipal Act, 2001, S. 259.(1)(c)*.

That in accordance with the Municipal Act, electronic participation by Council and its Committee shall be permitted in open session, subject to the following:

a) Unless a Municipal, Provincial or Federal emergency declaration is in place requiring all Members attend electronically, a maximum of only one (1) Member may attend a meeting by means of electronic participation, per meeting.

b) Members of Council and its Committees when participating in an electronic meeting shall count towards quorum;

c) Electronic Participation means, attendance at Council or its Committee meetings, using electronic formats including but not limited to, video or audio teleconference;

d) A Member requesting electronic participation for two (2) or more consecutive Council meetings must be authorized by a Resolution of Council entered into the Minutes. A Member without authorization by Resolution of Council will not be provided electronic participation information for the meeting and will be deemed not present in the Minutes and not able to participate in the voting or debate of the Meeting.

e) Members of Council or its Committees participating electronically shall have the same rights and responsibilities as if the member was in physical attendance;

f) Notice of meetings held in accordance with this section shall advise how members of the public may observe the proceedings.

4.6 Council may, by Resolution, alter the date and/or time of a regular meeting provided that adequate notice of the change **is provided in accordance with the Township's Public Notice By-Law. (amended by By-Law 2024-10)**

4.7 Special Meetings

- a. The Head of Council may, at any time, summon a special meeting.
- b. The Clerk shall summon a special meeting upon receipt of a petition of the majority of the Council members for the purpose and at the time and date mentioned in the petition.
- c. A special meeting shall be held in the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, 2381 Highway 654, Nipissing, unless otherwise specified.
- d. The notice of a special meeting shall specify the purpose of the meeting.

4.8 Except as provided hereunder, all Council, local board and committee meetings shall be open to the public.

Council, local board and committee meetings shall be livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing YouTube channel with a recording of the meeting remaining on the YouTube site for no less than four (4) weeks from the meeting date.

4.9 Notwithstanding Paragraph 4.8, a meeting of Council, local board or committee may be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered relates to:

- a. The security of the property of the municipality or local board;
- b. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- c. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board;
- d. Labour relations or employee negotiations;
- e. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board;
- f. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose;
- g. A matter in respect of which a council, board, committee or other body may hold a closed meeting under another Act;
- h. Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency for any of them;
- i. A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonable be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization;

- j. A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value; or
- k. A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

A meeting of council, local board or committee may be closed to the public if the following conditions are both satisfied:

- 1. The meeting is held for the purpose of educating or training the members;
- 2. At the meeting, no member discusses or otherwise deals with any matter in a way that materially advances the business or decision-making of the council, local board or committee.

- 4.10 Council, local board, and committee meeting shall be closed to the public if the subject matter being considered is,
- a. a request under the *Municipal Freedom of information and Protection of Privacy Act*, if the Council, local board or committee is the “head” of an institution for the purposes of that Act; or
  - b. an ongoing investigation respecting the Township, a local board, or Township controlled corporation by the Ombudsman appointed under the *Ombudsman Act*, an ombudsman referred in subsection 223.13(1) of the *Act* or the investigator referred to in subsection 239.2(1) of the *Act*.
- 4.11 Members of Council, a committee or local board may participate electronically in a meeting that is closed to the public only during a municipally, Provincially or Federally declared emergency which requires limited physical contact.
- Members attending a closed meeting must be visible on camera, where the ability exists.
- 4.12 Before holding a meeting or part of a meeting that is to be closed to the public, Council, local board or committee shall state by Resolution:
- a. The fact of the holding of the closed meeting;
  - b. The general nature of the matter considered at the closed meeting.
- 4.13 Subject to Paragraph 4.14, a meeting shall not be closed to the public during the taking of a vote.
- 4.14 Despite Paragraph 4.13, a meeting may be closed to the public during a vote if:
- (a) Paragraph 4.9 permits or requires the meeting to be closed to the public; and
  - (b) the vote is for a procedural matter or for giving directions or instructions to officers, employees or agents of the municipality, local board or committee of either of them or persons retained by or under a contract with the municipality or local board.
- 4.14 Meetings or session which are closed to the public may be referred to as “in-camera” meetings or sessions.
- 4.15 Council and Committee meetings shall stand adjourned at 11:00 p.m. but business may be continued upon a Resolution passed by unanimous vote.

**PART 5**  
**AGENDAS AND SUPPORTING MATERIAL**

- 5.1 The Clerk shall prepare the Agenda of Council and Committee meetings as assigned.
- 5.2 Insofar as is practicable, Council Agendas along with supporting material, shall be prepared and made available to members no later than the Friday prior to a regular meeting.
- 5.3 Individuals or groups wishing to appear before Council at a regular meeting should advise the Clerk not later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting and the Clerk may make a determination as to deferral of delegations to a subsequent meeting.

The Clerk may decline to add items or delegations to an Agenda. Reasons to decline include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. More time is required to obtain background information or reports for Council review on the subject;
  - b. The subject matter of the Delegation is outside the jurisdiction of Council;
  - c. The subject matter is with respect to a matter that should be discussed in a Closed meeting;
  - d. The meeting Agenda is already too lengthy;
  - e. The subject matter is set to be discussed on another Agenda;
  - f. The issue is frivolous or vexatious;
  - g. Council has previously considered or made a decision on the issue and a Delegation has appeared before Council with respect to the same issue;
  - h. Council previously indicated that it will not hear further from this Delegation; or
  - i. The issue should be referred to Administration for action.
- 5.4 Agendas shall be generally formatted as follows but modifications to the matters to be included or the order of business may be affected without requiring amendment to this By-law:
1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest
  2. Staff Reports
  3. Committee Reports
  4. Petitions and Delegations
  5. Minutes of Previous Meetings
  6. Resolutions
  7. New Business/By-Laws
  8. Correspondence
  9. Accounts
  10. Resolution to move to an in-camera (closed) Session
  11. Confirming Meeting
  12. Adjournment

The business of the Council shall be taken up in the order as listed on the Agenda unless otherwise decided by the Mayor or presiding officer.

**PART 6**  
**NOTICE**

- 6.1 Public notice of any meeting shall be posted on the bulletin board in the municipal office and on the municipal website. The notice shall include the date, time and location of such meeting. Such notice shall be posted not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the said meeting, exclusive of non-business days. Notwithstanding the foregoing, where such meeting is a special meeting called pursuant to this By-Law and it is not possible to provide the aforementioned notice, the Clerk shall make reasonable efforts to provide notice to those concerned and shall ensure that a notice be posted as soon as is practicable after the meeting has been scheduled. Notice of regular meetings or their scheduled dates shall be posted on the bulletin board in the municipal office and on the municipal website. Failure to give notice shall not invalidate the meeting or any decision

taken at the meeting; but the failure to give proper notice shall be called to the attention of Council at its next regular meeting by the Clerk or any member of Council who becomes aware of such failure.

#### **PART 7 BY-LAWS**

- 7.1 Supporting documentation, reports and drafts of By-Laws shall be circulated to Council prior to presentation for consideration.
- 7.2 Every By-Law shall be introduced by a Resolution stating the full title of the By-Law.
- 7.3 Every By-law when introduced shall be in typewritten form and shall contain no blanks except as may be required to conform to accepted procedure or to comply with provisions of any *Act*.
- 7.4 Every By-law shall be given three readings prior to passage. By-laws may be given three readings on the same day except when requested otherwise by resolution of the majority of the members present or as otherwise provided in law.
- 7.5 Upon passage, By-laws shall be numbered, signed by the Mayor or presiding officer and the Clerk and embossed with the seal of the Corporation.
- 7.6 Any proposed By-law may be referred to a Committee, Department Head or other officer for review and comment, including the solicitor for the Corporation.

#### **PART 8 GENERAL**

- 8.1 When the Mayor is absent on a temporary basis, under no circumstances shall the Council take a decision regarding capital spending unless provision for the capital spending is included in the estimates for that given year as approved by By-law or unless the expenditure is required as a result of an emergency.
- 8.2 In all matters and under all circumstances, the Members shall be guided by and shall have regard to the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.
- 8.3 Following a regular or new election, the Clerk shall provide each member of Council with a copy of this By-law, including any amendments thereto.
- 8.4 Any procedure under this By-law which is discretionary and not mandatory under statute may be suspended with the consent of a majority of the members present.
- 8.5 No amendment or repeal of this By-law or any part thereof shall be considered at any meeting of the Council unless notice of the proposed amendment or repeal is provided.

#### **PART 9 TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 9.1 The Township of Nipissing will use the Zoom platform to hold electronic meetings, when required.
- 9.2 A digital recording of an electronic meeting will be made and maintained by the Township as per the current records retention by-law.
- 9.3 When holding an electronic meeting with limited attendance for members and/or the public, the meeting will be livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing's YouTube channel.

- 9.4 In the event of electronic disruption such as loss of internet connectivity during an electronic meeting, loss of power during an electronic meeting or technical issues with equipment during an electronic meeting, the meeting will be recorded and posted to the YouTube channel as soon as possible when systems may be restored.

**Previous By-Laws Rescinded**

By-Law Numbers 2020-47 and 2021-22 and all previous By-Laws and Resolutions and parts of By-Laws and Resolutions inconsistent with the provisions of this by-Law, governing the calling, place and proceedings of Council, its Committees and Boards, conduct of its members and the calling of meetings, are hereby repealed.

**Effective Date**

That this By-Law shall come into force and effect immediately on the passing thereof.

**Read a first, second and third time and passed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2022.**

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

Signed copy on file at Township Office

Tom Piper, Mayor:

By-Law Passed July 12, 2022

Kris Croskery-Hodgins,  
Municipal Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer:

# TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

## CORRESPONDENCE

**May 19, 2026**

- 1.** Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth – 2026 Northern Ontario Tourism Social Media Campaign.
- 2.** Municipality of North Grenville – Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy.
- 3.** Municipality of Bluewater and The Township of Woolwich – Request to extend the Provincial Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties.
- 4.** Township of Springwater – Provincial Bill 100 – Better Regional Governance Act, 2026.
- 5.** The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa – Land Transfer Tax Rebate to First Time Home Buyers.
- 6.** Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) – Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety. Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skill Development David Piccini and Solicitor General of Ontario Michael Kerzner.
- 7.** Township of Puslinch, Municipality of Shuniah, Oxford County and The Township of Oro Medonte – Resolution in support of Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety.
- 8.** Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands (NEMI) – Resolution – request that the Ministry of Environment reconsider its decision regarding the lighter grade oils used in chip-and-tar surface treatment.
- 9.** Municipality of Huron Shores – Resolution in support of reconsideration of lighter grade oils used for chip-and-tar surface treatments.
- 10.** The Township of South Algonquin – Resolution pertaining to the Employment Insurance Program.
- 11.** Letter from Chris Johnston - Township of Nipissing Strategic Plan — What Comes Next?

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May 8, 2026

To Northern Ontario Mayors:

As we approach the summer season, I am pleased to tell you that on Monday, May 11, we will officially launch the 2026 Northern Ontario tourism social media campaign.

Through this campaign, we aim to raise awareness for Ontarians and travellers from beyond our borders to explore all that Northern Ontario has to offer.

I appreciate the photos and destination suggestions that have been shared to date. These contributions play an important role in showcasing the beautiful landscapes, vibrant communities, and unique experiences that make Northern Ontario such a remarkable destination.

These features will be highlighted across my social media channels, including Facebook (@George Pirie), Instagram (@georgepiriempp), X (@GeorgiePirieMPP), and LinkedIn (@George Pirie) and ministry social media channels including LinkedIn (@NorthON), Facebook (ONnorth) and X (@NorthON). I encourage you to share posts that are in your region as tourists often visit multiple municipalities.

For those municipalities and organizations that have not yet shared their key tourist attractions, we are still accepting submissions. This is an excellent opportunity to help highlight the beauty of your community and region to help attract more visitors. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Bronwyn Gould at [bronwyn.gould@ontario.ca](mailto:bronwyn.gould@ontario.ca).

Thank you once again for your continued support and for helping to promote Northern Ontario as a premier tourism destination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Pirie".

The Honourable George Pirie  
Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth

c: The Honourable Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming



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May 8, 2026

**RE: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy**

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of North Grenville, at a meeting held on May 5, 2026, passed the following resolution pertaining to Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy.

**C-2026-192**

Moved By: Deputy Mayor John Barclay

Seconded By: Councillor Kristin Strackerjan

THAT North Grenville Council supports the February 17, 2026 correspondence of the Township of McNab/Braeside regarding Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy;

AND THAT this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, Stan Cho, Steve Clark, MPP, AMO, and all municipalities in Ontario.

**CARRIED**

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at [clerk@northrgenville.on.ca](mailto:clerk@northrgenville.on.ca).

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "MR Remmig", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mary Remmig  
Deputy Clerk



Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: February 17, 2026 No: RESOLUTION - 56-2026  
 Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien Disposition: CARRIED  
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum Item No: 14.2

Description: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

**RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS** Ontario municipalities are legislated to preserve records of enduring and historical value, and community archives play a critical role in fulfilling this responsibility, particularly in rural and smaller municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** The Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) is the only provincial operating grant available to grassroots, non-profit heritage organizations, including community archives and historical societies across Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** The maximum annual HODG grant of \$1,545 per organization has remained effectively unchanged for more than 15 years, resulting in a significant erosion of its real value due to inflation, such that its current purchasing power is approximately two-thirds of what it was in 2010; and

**WHEREAS** Rising operating costs related to insurance, utilities, records preservation, digitization, accessibility, and volunteer coordination have increased financial pressure on heritage organizations, often requiring municipalities to absorb additional costs to ensure continuity of service; and

**WHEREAS** Strengthening HODG would represent a modest but high-impact provincial investment that would help stabilize community archives, reduce pressure on municipal budgets, and safeguard Ontario's public records and local heritage for future generations;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council formally support a review and modernization of the Heritage Organization Development Grant, including restoring its real purchasing power through inflationary adjustment and exploring options for increased or multi-year operating stability; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** This resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, and Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

*[Signature]*  
 MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by:	_____	_____
	Yea	Nay
Mayor Lori Hoddinott	_____	_____
Deputy Mayor Scott Brum	_____	_____
Councillor Kevin Rosien	_____	_____
Councillor Robert Campbell	_____	_____
Councillor Jill Campbell	_____	_____

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s),  
 abstained from discussion and did not vote

May 7, 2026

Hon. Graham McGregor  
Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  
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Via Email: [graham.mcgregor@ontario.ca](mailto:graham.mcgregor@ontario.ca)

**RE: Request to Extend the Provincial Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties**

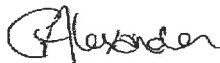
The Council of the Municipality of Bluewater passed the following resolution at their April 20, 2026 regular meeting:

**MOVED:** Councillor Hessel **SECONDED:** Councillor Whetstone  
THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Bluewater respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027, deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and

THAT the Province extend the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration. **CARRIED.**

Sincerely,



Chandra Alexander  
Acting CAO  
Manager of Corporate Services/Clerk

cc: Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
MPP Lisa Thompson  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Community Heritage Ontario  
All Ontario Municipalities



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April 28, 2026

Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism  
Legislative Building  
Toronto, Ontario  
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RE: Resolution Passed by Woolwich Township Council – Request to the Province of Ontario to Extend the Deadline for Notices of Intention to Designate Listed Heritage Properties

This letter is to inform you that the Council of the Township of Woolwich passed the following resolution at their meeting held on April 28, 2026:

That the Council of the Township of Woolwich, considering a resolution passed by the Town of Lincoln regarding extending the deadlines for notices of intention to designate listed heritage properties, endorse the resolution:

**WHEREAS** amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act under the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 introduced timelines requiring municipalities to issue Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022, originally requiring action by January 1, 2025; and

**WHEREAS** the Province subsequently amended the legislation through the Homeowner Protection Act, 2024 to extend the deadline to January 1, 2027 in response to concerns raised by municipalities and heritage stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities require sufficient time and resources to undertake research, documentation, consultation, and evaluation to determine whether listed properties warrant designation under the Ontario Heritage Act; and  
**WHEREAS** the removal of listed properties from municipal heritage registers if the prescribed timelines are not met may place cultural heritage resources at increased risk of demolition or irreversible alteration before municipalities have the opportunity to properly evaluate their cultural heritage value or interest; and  
**WHEREAS** many municipalities, including the Town of Lincoln, do not have dedicated heritage planning staff and must rely on volunteer Heritage Advisory Committee members or external heritage consultants to undertake property evaluations, which can result in additional financial and administrative pressures; and

**WHEREAS** municipalities across Ontario are facing significant workloads associated with evaluating listed properties; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Lincoln Heritage Advisory Committee, at its meeting of March 12, 2026, recommended that Council advocate to the Province of Ontario for a further extension to the current deadline;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. The Council of the Town of Lincoln endorse the recommendation of its Heritage Advisory Committee and respectfully request that the Province of Ontario further amend the Ontario Heritage Act to extend the January 1, 2027 deadline for issuing Notices of Intention to Designate for properties listed on municipal heritage registers as of December 31, 2022; and
2. The Province consider extending the deadline to January 1, 2030, or another reasonable timeframe that would provide municipalities with adequate time to complete heritage evaluations and make informed designation decisions; and
3. This resolution be circulated to the Minister of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their information and consideration.

Should you have any questions, please contact Julia Wushke, by email at [jwushke@woolwich.ca](mailto:jwushke@woolwich.ca) or by phone at 519-669-6004.

Yours truly,



Jeff Smith  
Municipal Clerk  
Corporate Services  
Township of Woolwich

C.c. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Mike Harris, MPP  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario  
Ontario Municipal Heritage Committee Association  
all Ontario municipalities

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May 7, 2026

Sent via email: [minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
College Park, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor  
777 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

**RE: Provincial Bill 100 – Better Regional Governance Act, 2026**

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Please be advised that at its Regular meeting on May 6, 2026, Council of the Township of Springwater passed the following resolution:

**Resolution C203-2026**

Moved by: Deputy Mayor Cabral

Seconded by: Councillor Moore

Whereas Bill 100, the Better Regional Governance Act, 2026, introduced in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, proposes significant changes to the governance structure of upper-tier regional municipalities, including the County of Simcoe; and,

Whereas the proposed legislation would authorize the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appoint the Warden of the County of Simcoe, rather than maintaining the longstanding practice of selection by County Council; and,

Whereas the County of Simcoe is comprised of 16 member municipalities, each represented at County Council, forming a governance model rooted in local representation and accountability to residents; and,

Whereas residents expect that those exercising authority over local decision-making are accountable to the communities they serve, and not appointed by or primarily aligned with the provincial government; and,

Whereas Bill 100 proposes a reduction in County Council composition and introduces the potential for provincially regulated weighted voting, creating uncertainty regarding equitable representation among member municipalities; and,

Whereas the Province has indicated its intention to extend “Strong Chair” powers to the Warden of the County of Simcoe, thereby concentrating decision-making authority in a single office; and,

Whereas such concentration of authority may alter the balance of municipal governance and reduce the role of council-based decision-making; and,

Whereas the introduction of Strong Chair powers at the upper-tier level may give rise to governance challenges where alignment between the Head of Council, Council, and the communities they serve is not maintained; and,

Whereas municipal professional associations have cautioned that such a governance model may place senior municipal staff in a difficult position that may undermine their neutrality and professionalism, and there continues uncertainty and concern among residents regarding the concentration of authority in a single office and the reduced role of councils; and,

Whereas the Township of Springwater has previously expressed opposition to the expansion of “Strong Mayor” powers and has consistently supported transparent, accountable, and locally driven governance structures that respect the role of elected councils and reflect the interests of residents.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That:

The Council of the Township of Springwater opposes Bill 100, the Better Regional Governance Act, 2026, in its current form; and,

That Council opposes the appointment of the Warden of the County of Simcoe by the Province, and affirms that the Warden should continue to be selected through a process that ensures accountability to the residents of Simcoe County; and,

That Council opposes the extension of “Strong Chair” powers to the Warden of the County of Simcoe, given the significant shift in governance authority and its potential impacts on local democracy, council function, and municipal administration; and,

That Council expresses concern regarding the potential introduction of provincially regulated weighted voting rules, and the absence of a clearly defined framework ensuring fair and equitable representation for all member municipalities; and,

That the Government of Ontario be requested to amend Bill 100 to preserve local democratic authority, maintain council-based governance structures, and ensure that upper-tier municipal leadership remains accountable to local councils and communities; and,

That the Government of Ontario be further requested to undertake meaningful consultation with affected municipalities, including the County of Simcoe and its 16 member municipalities, prior to advancing any legislative or regulatory changes impacting municipal governance; and,

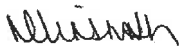
That this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the County of Simcoe, and all Ontario municipalities, for their consideration; and,

That this resolution also be shared with local media outlets to reflect community concerns and to clearly communicate the Township of Springwater's position to its residents.

**Carried**

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Yours Truly,



Renée Ainsworth  
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Corporate Services  
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cc. Simcoe County Council, [clerks@simcoe.ca](mailto:clerks@simcoe.ca)  
Association of Ontario Municipalities [resolutions@amo.on.ca](mailto:resolutions@amo.on.ca)  
Members of Provincial Parliament  
All Ontario Municipalities



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

Resolution # RC26092	Meeting Order: 8
Moved by: <i>M. Hatfield</i>	Seconded by: <i>J. Probst</i>

**WHEREAS** housing affordability remains a critical issue in Ontario and across Canada, with the national average home sale price at approximately \$675,000, making homeownership increasingly difficult for first-time buyers; and

**WHEREAS** under the current Ontario Land Transfer Tax regime, first-time home buyers may receive a rebate of up to \$4,000 toward provincial land transfer tax, which fully offsets the tax only on homes valued up to approximately \$368,000, a level substantially below the current average home price; and

**WHEREAS** at a home purchase price of \$675,000 the provincial land transfer tax before any rebate can exceed \$8,000, meaning that even with the current maximum \$4,000 rebate first time buyers must pay a significant tax burden at closing that undermines housing affordability; and

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa acknowledges and applauds recent efforts by the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada to improve housing affordability, including measures to reduce or rebate GST/HST on new housing construction and purchases; and

**WHEREAS** the vast majority of residential real estate transactions in Ontario, including both resale and new homes, are subject to provincial Land Transfer Tax, meaning that enhancements to the Land Transfer Tax rebate would provide broader and more immediate financial relief to first-time homebuyers.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa formally requests that the Province of Ontario consider amending the Land Transfer Tax Act to:



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

1. Increase the value threshold at which the first-time home buyer rebate fully offsets provincial Land Transfer Tax to a level that reflects current housing market realities (for example, to no less than \$675,000, aligning with the 2025 national average home price); and
2. Increase the maximum rebate amount available to first time home buyers accordingly (such as to a minimum of \$8,000, or a proportional figure tied to the new threshold) to meaningfully reduce upfront tax costs for first-time purchasers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** such amendments be designed to enhance housing affordability and access to homeownership for first-time buyers in urban, suburban, and rural communities alike; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local Member of Provincial Parliament, all Ontario municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for consideration and advocacy.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>CARRIED</b>	<b>MAYOR AND COUNCIL</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>DEFEATED</b>	Mitch Hatfield		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>TABLED</b>	Cathy Cannon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)</b>	Melanie Pilon		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED</b>	Jim Hoffmann		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>WITHDRAWN</b>	Joseph Opato		

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the general nature thereof.**

Disclosed the pecuniary interest and general name thereof and abstained from the discussion, vote and influence.

Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

MAYOR – MELANIE PILON	DEPUTY CLERK – HEATHER RAINVILLE



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Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development David Piccini  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, 400 University Avenue  
Toronto, ON M7A 1T7

February 5, 2026

Dear Minister Piccini,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise an urgent health and safety concern that is increasingly placing municipal workers and subcontractors at risk while they maintain the critical infrastructure our communities rely on every day.

While the Occupational Health and Safety Act establishes important protections against workplace hazards, it does not adequately address a growing and very real threat: unsafe working conditions created by interference, harassment, and dangerous actions from members of the public.

Through consultations with AORS members across the province, we are hearing consistent and deeply troubling examples of escalating behaviour directed at municipal workers - particularly winter maintenance operators. These are not isolated incidents, but a pattern that is becoming increasingly normalized during significant weather events. Examples reported to AORS include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snow plow and refusing to get off until the operator agreed to plow his road next.
- Two municipal staff members being confronted, accosted, and aggressively yelled at in public - one at a gas station and another while simply standing in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions that were not even under that municipality's jurisdiction, as well as a mailbox that had been struck.
- A voicemail left by a resident threatening to shoot a municipal plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident angry about snow at the end of their driveway jumping in front of an active plow and refusing to move. The plow was delayed for over an hour during a major snow event, placing service levels and the municipality's overall emergency response at risk. The situation was only resolved once supervisors and by-law officers arrived on scene.

These incidents represent only a small sample of what municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are experiencing across Ontario. What was once limited to disgruntled complaints has escalated into direct threats, physical interference, and dangerous confrontations that place workers, subcontractors, and the public at risk. This issue is becoming a systematic threat to municipal service delivery and is only amplified during significant weather events.

Municipal workers and their contracted partners are responsible for maintaining roads, bridges, sidewalks, and other essential services - often in extreme weather and high-risk environments. When these workers are threatened or obstructed, it becomes not only a workplace safety issue, but a broader public safety concern. In some cases, conditions have become so unsafe that

municipal staff and subcontractors have walked off job sites, jeopardizing timely service delivery during critical events.

We respectfully ask the Province to consider the following changes:

- Under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, when a municipality declares a Significant Weather Event, municipal winter maintenance vehicles and operators - including subcontractors working on behalf of municipalities - should be afforded enhanced protection, with interference or obstruction treated with the same severity as interference with police, fire, or paramedic services.
- Establish clear public-safety interference provisions, similar in intent to Ontario's Slow Down, Move Over legislation, that recognize the essential role of municipal roadside workers.
- Consider adopting provisions similar to Manitoba's recently passed Bill 38, an amendment to their Highway Traffic Act effective January 1, 2026, which requires motorists to maintain a minimum distance of 30 metres behind snowplows where speed limits are 80 km/h or lower, and 100 metres where speed limits exceed 80 km/h.

These changes would provide clarity, deterrence, and enforceability—sending a strong message that interference with municipal workers performing essential services will not be tolerated. Just as Ontario protects first responders from obstruction during emergencies, we must extend similar protections to the public works professionals who keep our communities safe, connected, and functioning.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns further and to collaborate on legislative solutions that better protect municipal workers and subcontractors while strengthening public safety across the province.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I  
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors  
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott  
Interim Executive Director  
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response Jill Dunlop

Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Flack

Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria

Acting Minister of Infrastructure Todd McCarthy

Scott Butler, Good Roads Executive Director

Walid Abou-Hamde, Ontario Road Builders' Association Chief Executive Officer



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Solicitor General of Ontario Michael Kerzner  
George Drew Building, 25 Grosvenor Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

February 5, 2026

Dear Solicitor General Kerzner,

On behalf of Ontario's municipal public works professionals, we are writing to raise serious concerns regarding the safety of municipal workers and subcontractors who are increasingly facing harassment, threats, and dangerous interference from members of the public while delivering essential municipal services - particularly during winter maintenance and emergency operations.

Across Ontario, municipal public works teams are responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure that residents depend on every day, including roads, sidewalks, bridges, and drainage systems. During significant weather events, these workers are frontline responders, ensuring emergency vehicles can travel safely and that communities remain connected and accessible. However, the behaviour directed at them has escalated well beyond routine complaints and has become a direct threat to both worker safety and public safety.

Through consultations with AORS members province-wide, we continue to receive troubling reports that illustrate the seriousness of this issue. These include:

- An individual throwing a large chunk of ice at an active piece of municipal equipment while it was operating.
- A resident threatening to kill a sidewalk plow operator.
- A man climbing onto a snowplow and refusing to get off until the driver agreed to plow his road next.
- Two staff members confronted and aggressively accosted in public - one at a gas station and another while simply waiting in line for coffee - by individuals angry about road conditions and a mailbox strike that were not even related to that municipality.
- A voicemail threatening to shoot a plow driver with a shotgun the next time the street was plowed.
- A resident jumping in front of an active plow during a major snow event and refusing to move, delaying operations for over an hour and jeopardizing service levels and overall emergency response.

These examples represent only a small sample of the experiences municipal plow drivers and winter maintenance crews are facing across the province. What was once occasional frustration has escalated into intimidation, threats of violence, and direct interference with equipment and operations.

Equally concerning is that municipalities do not always receive consistent enforcement support when these incidents occur. We have heard directly from members who contacted the Ontario Provincial Police for assistance and were advised that, unless a physical assault had already taken place, the situation was "not a police matter." Waiting until a worker has been physically harmed before intervention is neither preventative nor acceptable.

This gap leaves municipalities and workers vulnerable and sends an unintended message that threatening or obstructive behaviour toward municipal staff carries little consequence. It also places supervisors and by-law officers in situations that may exceed their authority or capacity to manage safely.

We believe a proactive and coordinated response is needed. Municipal workers and their subcontractors should not have to choose between their personal safety and providing critical services during storms and emergencies.

We respectfully ask that the Province of Ontario and the Ontario Provincial Police take a clear and strong stance that interference, threats, and harassment directed at municipal public works staff will not be tolerated. Specifically, we would welcome:

- Clear direction and guidance to police services, including the OPP, that threats, intimidation, and obstruction of municipal workers performing essential duties warrant timely enforcement and support.
- Recognition that interference with winter maintenance and emergency public works operations presents a broader public safety risk, not merely a municipal operational issue.
- Enhanced coordination between municipalities and local police services during significant weather events and emergency responses to ensure worker safety and continuity of service.
- Consideration of legislative or policy tools that provide stronger deterrence and consequences for those who threaten or obstruct municipal staff and contractors.

Municipal public works professionals are essential workers. They keep roads open for ambulances, fire trucks, school buses, and the travelling public. Their safety should be treated with the same seriousness as that of other frontline responders.

AORS would welcome the opportunity to meet with you and your staff to discuss these concerns and explore practical steps to ensure consistent enforcement support and stronger protections for municipal workers across Ontario.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued leadership in public safety.

Sincerely,



Karla Musso-Garcia, CRS-I  
President, Association of Ontario Road Supervisors  
Operations Manager, Township of Oro-Medonte



Kelly Elliott  
Interim Executive Director  
Association of Ontario Road Supervisors

Cc (via e-mail)  
Premier Doug Ford



Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario  
Via Email: [premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)

Hon. David Piccini  
Ministry of Labour,  
Immigration, Training and Skills  
Development  
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April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor  
General of Ontario  
Via Email:  
[michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org](mailto:michael.kerzner@pc.ola.org)

Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of  
Emergency Preparedness and  
Response  
Via Email:  
[jill.dunlop@pc.ola.org](mailto:jill.dunlop@pc.ola.org)

RE: Township of Puslinch Support Resolution No.2026-113 Regarding Consent item 6.12  
Township of Oro-Medonte support Association of Ontario Road Supervisors Health and Safety  
Request

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

**Resolution No. 2026-113:**

Moved by Councillor Goyda and  
Seconded by Councillor Hurst

**That the Consent Agenda items listed for April 15, 2026 Council meeting be received for  
information with the exception of 6.12; and**

**Whereas the Township is experiencing similar issues and that Council direct staff to send  
a support resolution accordingly.**

**CARRIED**

As per the above resolution, please accept a copy of this correspondence for your information  
and consideration.



Sincerely,

**Justine Brotherston**  
Municipal Clerk

**CC: All Ontario Municipalities, Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation, Hon. Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure, Doug Downey, MPP Barrie – Springwater - Oro-Medonte, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS), Members of Oro-Medonte Council**



MUNICIPALITY OF SHUNIAH

# COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Date: Apr 28, 2026

Resolution No.: 186-26

Moved By: [Signature]

Seconded By: [Signature]

THAT Council of the Municipality of Shuniah receives and supports the February 5, 2026 correspondence from the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) re: Requesting Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns;

AND THAT this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Infrastructure, MPP Lise Vagueouis, MPP Kevin Holland, AORS, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), The Thunder Bay District Municipal League (TBDML), and All Municipalities in Ontario.

- Carried
- Defeated
- Amended
- Deferred

Wendy Landry  
Signature

April 30, 2026

**RE: Oxford County Resolution re: Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS)  
Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety**

At its meeting held April 8, 2026, Oxford County Council passed the following Resolution:

Moved By: Phil Schaefer

Seconded By: Mark Peterson

Resolved that Correspondence Item 7.1 on the Open meeting Agenda of April 8, 2026 be received;

And further, be it resolved that Oxford County Council supports the resolution from Township of Oro-Medonte regarding the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors request for Provincial Legislation Amendments to strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors.

And that a copy of this Resolution be sent to:

1. The Premier of Ontario
2. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario
3. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response
4. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
5. Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation
6. MPP Ernie Hardeman
7. Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
8. Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)
9. Ontario municipalities

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Enclosed herein you will find a copy of Correspondence Item 7.1 (Township of Oro-Medonte) from the April 8, 2026 Agenda for ease of reference.

Thank you,



Lindsey A. Mansbridge  
County Clerk



March 13, 2026

Hon. David Piccini  
Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, 400 University Ave  
Toronto ON M7A 1T7

**Re: Request for Provincial Legislation Amendments, Health and Safety Concerns**

Dear Minister Piccini,

At its meeting of Council on March 11, 2026, the Council of the Township of Oro-Medonte received correspondence from Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) regarding the above-mentioned request for support.

The Township of Oro-Medonte fully supports AORS in their request, as our staff have, on numerous occasions, been subjected to abusive and aggressive behaviour from members of the public. We respectfully request your support in advancing measures that will strengthen protections for municipal workers and contractors. With provincial partnership, municipalities can better safeguard the individuals who work tirelessly to maintain critical services and keep our communities functioning safely.

Sincerely,

Mayor Randy Greenlaw

Cc: Premier Doug Ford  
Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General of Ontario  
Hon. Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response  
Hon. Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Hon. Prabmeet Sakaria, Minister of Transportation  
Hon. Todd McCarthy, Acting Minister of Infrastructure  
Doug Downey, MPP Barrie – Springwater - Oro-Medonte  
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)  
Association of Ontario Roads Supervisors (AORS)  
Ontario Municipalities  
Members of Oro-Medonte Council



Box 608, Little Current, POP 1K0  
705-368-3500

Please see below a Resolution passed by the Council of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands.

If your Council supports this motion please share with the appropriate Ministries and Organizations.

Thank You

**Resolution No. 75-03-2026**

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: P. Aelick

**Whereas** the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, like many municipalities, utilizes chip-and-tar surface treatment on a significant portion of its road network; and

**Whereas** the Town has observed a substantial decrease in the length of time these treated roads remain in acceptable condition; and

**Whereas** the quality and durability of the oil used in the surface treatment appears to be a contributing factor; and

**Whereas** the Ministry of the Environment amended its regulations several years ago, permitting only lighter-grade oils for environmental considerations; and

**Whereas** the reduced durability of the lighter-grade product has resulted in more frequent resurfacing cycles and has consequently led to increasing maintenance costs;

**Now therefore be it resolved that** the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands respectfully requests that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider its decision regarding the lighter grade of oil, taking into account the increased number of applications required, as well as the associated additional time, energy, and financial burden placed on municipalities or develops a better alternative oil.

And Further that this motion be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment, AMO, Good Roads, FONOM, MPP Bill Rosenburg, and all other municipalities.

Carried



**Municipality of Huron Shores**

7 Bridge Street, PO Box 460

Iron Bridge, ON P0R 1H0

Tel: (705) 843-2033 Fax: (705) 843-2035

May 1, 2026

**Subject:** *Tar and Chip*

The Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores passed Resolution #26-08-16 at the Regular Meeting held Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Huron Shores supports the request of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands that the Ministry of the Environment reconsider the use of lighter-grade oils for chip-and-tar surface treatment, or develop a suitable alternative, in recognition of the reduced durability and increased maintenance costs experienced by municipalities;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Good Roads, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support."

Should you require anything further in order to address the above-noted resolution, please contact the undersigned

Yours truly,

Natashia Roberts

CAO/Clerk

NR/KN

Cc: Ministry of the Environment, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Good Roads, the local MPP, and all Ontario municipalities

May 1, 2026

**Re:** Resolution pertaining to the Employment Insurance Program

Please be advised that at the Regular Council Meeting held on April 1, 2026, Council passed the following resolution:

**Moved by: Councillor Siydock      Seconded by: Councillor Kuiack      Res # 26-644**

WHEREAS the Township of South Algonquin is a rural municipality within the Nipissing District that serves as an important gateway to Algonquin Provincial Park; and

WHEREAS tourism is a foundational component of the local economy in South Algonquin and across surrounding Northern Ontario communities, supporting accommodations, restaurants, outfitters, guiding services, and seasonal park operations that rely on a stable seasonal workforce; and

WHEREAS according to the 2021 Census, approximately 105 residents of South Algonquin are employed in the accommodation and food services sector, with an estimated additional 50 residents working seasonally within Algonquin Provincial Park; and

WHEREAS many of these positions are inherently seasonal due to the nature of tourism activity associated with Algonquin Provincial Park and the seasonal operations of tourism-related businesses across Northern Ontario; and

WHEREAS under the current framework of the Employment Insurance Program, many seasonal tourism workers experience a gap between the end of their Employment Insurance benefits—often in February or March—and the resumption of seasonal tourism employment in late May or June when visitor activity returns to the region; and

WHEREAS this gap creates financial hardship for workers who reliably return to seasonal employment each year and creates workforce instability for tourism operators and small businesses across the region; and

WHEREAS recognition of tourism-dependent rural communities within the framework of the Employment Insurance Program would help stabilize the regional workforce, support tourism businesses, and contribute to the economic sustainability of rural municipalities that depend on seasonal tourism; and

WHEREAS municipalities across Northern Ontario experience similar workforce challenges associated with seasonal tourism economies and would benefit from federal policies that better reflect the realities of seasonal employment in rural regions; and

WHEREAS regional municipal organizations such as the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities play a key role in advocating for policy solutions that address the unique economic conditions of Northern Ontario communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of South Algonquin formally request that the Government of Canada review and consider adjustments to the Employment Insurance Program to better recognize the realities of seasonal tourism

employment in Northern Ontario and communities within the Nipissing District. Council further requests the support and advocacy of the local Member of Parliament, Cheryl Gallant, in bringing this matter forward to the Government of Canada. Additionally, Council requests that the Government of Canada, including the Honourable Steven MacKinnon and Honourable Patty Hajdu, review potential policy measures or pilot programs that address the seasonal Employment Insurance gap affecting tourism-dependent rural communities. Council also calls upon the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities and municipalities across Northern Ontario to support advocacy efforts aimed at ensuring federal Employment Insurance policies reflect the economic realities of tourism-dependent communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be circulated to M.P. Cheryl Gallant, M.P. Pauline Rochefort, the Honourable Steven MacKinnon, the Honourable Patty Hajdu, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and all municipalities within the Nipissing District and Northern Ontario for endorsement and support.

**-Carried-**

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me,

Sincerely,

*Tracy Cannon*

Tracy Cannon  
Deputy CAO/Deputy Clerk-Planner  
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## Kris Croskery-Hodgins

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**From:** Chris Johnston  
**Sent:** May 13, 2026 2:39 PM  
**To:** Kris Croskery-Hodgins  
**Cc:** chalapenko@nipissingtownship.com; kirkey@nipissingtownship.com; foote@nipissingtownship.com; James Scott; Dave Yemm  
**Subject:** Township of Nipissing Strategic Plan — What Comes Next?

Dear Mayor Yemm and Members of Council,

I am writing to you today regarding the 2023–2026 Strategic Plan, which is set to expire at the end of this year — during a municipal election year — and to ask a straightforward question: what is the plan for what comes next?

This is not a new concern. On September 19, 2023, I submitted a nine-page written response to the Draft 2023–2026 Strategic Plan, raising a number of structural concerns about the process, the timeline, and the end date. Among them, I wrote the following:

*“Does the Council plan to begin the process for the next Strategic Plan again in just over 2 years during an election year (2026), or are we forcing the new Council to scramble or operate without a plan in their first year of office to guide them? If a similar October timeframe for approving were to happen, a new Strategic Plan would be approved mere weeks before a new council were to be elected. This feels like a poorly planned end date.”*

*Chris Johnston, public submission to Council, September 19, 2023*

That submission is in the public record. The concern it raised has not been addressed. To put the current situation in context: on April 4, 2023, Council scheduled two public sessions and provided Council priorities to begin building the plan that is now expiring. That process began more than 20 months before the previous plan was scheduled to reach its end date. We are now in May 2026, with this plan expiring at year’s end, and there has been no public announcement of a community engagement process, no scheduled sessions, and no visible discussion of a successor plan. The agenda for the May 19, 2026 Council meeting contains no reference to strategic planning.

The timeline ahead is tighter than it may appear. Between the June 2, 2026 meeting and the October 26 municipal election, there are eight Council meetings remaining — the last on October 20, six days before voters go to the polls. But two of those months effectively belong to a new council. Newly elected members will be sworn in around November 17, leaving three meetings before the end of the year. That incoming council will inherit whatever state this process is in — whether a framework has been started, or nothing at all. Last time, this process began more than 20 months out. This time, at best, a new council picks it up with six weeks and three meetings left in the calendar year, and a plan that has already expired.

I want to be clear about what is at stake. The Strategic Plan is not a formality. When functioning as intended, it guides the Township’s infrastructure decisions, capital forecasts, budgeting priorities, staffing direction, and long-term financial planning. It should connect to the Asset Management Plan and provide residents and incoming councillors with a clear picture of where the Township is heading — not just this year, but over the next decade. Without one, there is a meaningful risk that the

incoming Council will begin their term without any strategic framework to anchor major decisions. That is a disservice to residents and to the councillors who will be asked to make those decisions.

I recognize that the current Council's composition has changed since the 2023 Strategic Plan was approved. Mayor Yemm served as Deputy Mayor at that time. Councillors Scott and Chalapenko were appointed following the resignations of Mayor Piper and Councillor Butler, after the plan had already been adopted. I do not raise this history to assign blame, but to note that the conditions that produced this gap are part of the public record — and the question of what comes next belongs to this Council, and to this moment.

In 2023, I recommended that Council develop a longer-horizon plan — one that would outlast a single Council term, connect to capital planning, and be built through genuine community engagement rather than two town halls scheduled after the framework was largely already set. That recommendation was not acted on. We now face the predictable result.

My questions for Council are straightforward:

1. Has Council initiated any process — formal or informal — to begin developing a successor Strategic Plan?
2. If so, what is the timeline, and when will residents be invited to participate?
3. If not, with eight meetings remaining before the election and a new council inheriting whatever groundwork has — or has not — been laid, what is Council's plan for ensuring the Township does not enter 2027 without a strategic framework?

I ask these questions in good faith, and I ask them publicly because residents deserve to know the answers before October.

I want to be clear about what I am hoping for. As a candidate, I recognize there is a political argument for leaving this unresolved and letting it become an election issue. I am not interested in that. As a resident and taxpayer, I would rather see Council get to work on this now — and I would genuinely welcome it. I will participate in any public process, acknowledge progress publicly, and support the effort wherever I can. If members of this Council choose to lead on this in the months ahead, that reflects well on them and it is good for the Township. That outcome is more important to me than the issue. If this letter prompts that conversation, it will have done its job.

Respectfully,

**Chris Johnston**



**TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING**

**RESOLUTION**

**DATE: May 19, 2026**

**NUMBER: R2026-**

**Moved by**

**Seconded by**

**That the statement of accounts dated:  
May 9, and 13, 2026.**

**Totaling \$138,636.74 be approved.**

**For      Against**

**YEMM  
CHALAPENKO  
FOOTE  
KIRKEY  
SCOTT**

**Carried**

**Mayor: Dave Yemm**