

***** AGENDA *****
Tuesday, August 11, 2026
****START TIME 6:30 p.m.****

Council meetings are held at 2381 Highway 654, Township of Nipissing Community Centre

1. Disclosure of pecuniary interest.
2. Staff and Committee Reports.
3. Update: Landfill Electronic Card transition staff update.
4. Resolution: Adopt the Minutes of the July 14, 2026 Council Meeting.
5. Resolution: Approve the purchase of a new lawn mower.
6. Resolution: Authorize an Application to the Fire Cancer Prevention Grant 2026-2027.
7. Resolution: Approve the purchase of an upgrade to the Community Centre water system.
8. Resolution: Authorize the NORDS Grant application for 2026-2027 for the Hart Road Culvert joint project with the Municipality of Callander.
9. By-Law: Stop Up, Close and Sell Part of Road Allowance in front of Part Lot 10, Concession 18, Designated as Part 1 on Plan 42R11490 – Fletcher.
10. Discussion: Updates to the Council Vacancy Procedure By-Law.
11. By-Law: Approve a Council Vacancy Procedure.
12. Correspondence.
13. Accounts to pay.
14. By-Law: Confirming Proceedings of Council at its meeting held August 11, 2026.
15. Adjournment.

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

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

REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: August 11, 2026

From: Dan MacInnis, Operations Superintendent
Kim Turnbull, Deputy Treasurer, Office Assistant

Re: Update on Electronic Landfill Card Transition

Background:

Council passed Resolution R2026-77 at the April 7, 2026 Council Meeting implementing the Electronic Swipe Program at each of the landfill sites effective September 30, 2026. The electronic landfill cards were mailed out with the final tax bills the week of June 15 with the June 2026 Newsletter. The Newsletter provided information to residents on the background of the cards, how to use them and the replacement fee under User Fee By-Law 2026-20. In June, the Landfill Attendants provided a flyer to residents on the implementation of the new electronic landfill card system.

Summary:

The Township received approximately 25 telephone calls and 10 in-person inquiries about the electronic cards. Frequently asked questions included; effective dates; number of cards per property; and suggestions on how to share a card between multiple residents/property visitors. Staff provided direction and explanation to the resident's questions who were then satisfied and understood the reasoning behind the program.

The Township received 2 written requests for additional cards due to sharing the property with multiple owners/family members. One letter requested Council consider allowing multiple Landfill Cards per property for such situations, when next reviewing the landfill program.

Although residents have until September 30th to implement the new electronic cards, residents began using the electronic cards once received. To date, the following reports have been provided from the electronic cards:

Month	Total Bags Dropped Off	Total Cards Used
June 18-30	933	444
July 1-31	3,587	1,792
Aug 1 & 2	534	251

The Landfill Attendants and office staff have received positive feedback regarding the new landfill cards.

Recommendation:

Staff bring a report to Council in September 2027 for a full review of the program and data.

Respectfully,
Dan MacInnis, Operation Superintendent
Kim Turnbull, Deputy Treasurer, Office Assistant

MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

A regular meeting of the Township of Nipissing Council was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, starting at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in person at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, and livestreamed to the Township of Nipissing YouTube Channel.

Present: Mayor Dave Yemm and Councillors Shelly Foote, Stephen Kirkey, James Scott and Lisa Chalapenko.

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

Disclosure of pecuniary interest: None.

Staff and Committee Reports:

Councillor Stephen Kirkey: Nipissing Township Museum Board; PNC Police Services Board.

Operations Superintendent Dan MacInnis: Update on road projects and equipment.

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

R2026-152 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:

THAT the minutes of the regular Council Meeting held June 16, 2026 and the Special Council Meeting held June 30, 2026, be adopted as published. **Carried.**

R2026-153 L. Chalapenko, J. Scott:

WHEREAS Council has received information from Staff regarding the failure of a shared culvert located on Hart Road;

AND WHEREAS the Municipality of Callander has been contacted and advised of the failure with a mutual plan for culvert replacement in 2027;

NOW THEREFORE we authorize the purchase of 2 steel plates for the temporary repair of the culvert outside of the approved 2026 Budget at a cost of \$18,800 before applicable taxes. **Carried.**

R2026-154 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

THAT we support the Township of Armour Motion #2026-158 requesting the Province of Ontario to prioritize the development of new and upgraded highway rest stops and traveller infrastructure along Highways 11 and 17 across Northern Ontario. **Carried.**

R2026-155 J. Scott, L. Chalapenko:

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That this Council does approve "in principle" the Application of Samuel Eric Bagyan and Cheryl Ann Butler, to purchase part of the Shore Road Allowance located in front of PLAN 42M559 LOT 18 PCL 16429 N S IRREG, Township of Nipissing.
2. That this resolution is subject to the following conditions:
 - The Council shall select an independent search firm specializing in fishery issues and environmental issues to complete an independent investigation and report to determine the geographic limits where development could occur and to ensure compliance to the Provincial Policy Statement.

- That the applicant will be responsible for the payment of all the Municipality's administrative, legal accounts and Environmental Impact Study costs in connection with the processing of this application.
- That in accordance with the Municipality's policy, notice and a copy of the draft plan will be mailed to the adjacent owners. **Carried.**

R2026-156 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:

THAT Council receives and approves the 2025-2026 Asset Management Annual Report prepared for submission to the Province of Ontario. **Carried.**

R2026-157 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

WHEREAS the Build Communities Strong Fund Direct Delivery Stream has been released;
AND WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing and the Municipality of Powassan are actively seeking funding to assist with the replacement of the Hummel Bridge;
NOW THEREFORE Council authorizes the submission of a funding application for the BCSF Direct Delivery Stream for funding assistance with replacement of the Hummel Bridge. **Carried.**

R2026-158 J. Scott, L. Chalapenko:

THAT we confirm the appointment of Firefighters to the Township of Nipissing Fire Department as listed on Appendix A, attached to this Resolution. **Carried.**

Council Discussion:

Council reviewed the two public submissions on the DRAFT Appointment Procedure for Filling Vacancy on Council. Council provided comments on the direction the procedure should take. The Draft Procedure will be updated with the suggestions and presented to Council for review at the August 11, 2026 meeting.

R2026-159 S. Kirkey, S. Foote:

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

R2026-160 S. Foote, J. Scott:

That the statement of accounts dated: June 20, 25, July 4, and 8, 2026.
Totaling \$658,310.14 be approved. **Carried.**

R2026-161 S. Foote, S. Kirkey:

THAT we pass By-Law No. 2026-29, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on July 14, 2026.

Read the first, second and third time passed this 14th day of July, 2026. **Carried.**

R2026-162 J. Scott, L. Chalapenko:

THAT the meeting be adjourned. Time: 7:20 p.m.

Next regular Council meeting to be held August 11, 2026. **Carried.**

Mayor:

Municipal Administrator:

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

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

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



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: August 11, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-164

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we accept the Quote from J&J Equipment Repair Inc. for the purchase of a Country Clipper Commercial Zero Turn Mower;

Cost: \$22,600.00 including applicable taxes.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

RECREATION CAPITAL FORECAST			
YEAR	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE	METHOD
2026	Ground maintenance/new chips for playground	\$7,500	Reserves
	Chapman's Landing Dock – replace decking, investigate piers and structure	\$70,000	Taxation/Reserves AMP Table 5.5
2027	½ lawnmower *if not required in 2024, place into reserve for actual need	\$7,500	Taxation
2028	Station 1/Comm Centre Exterior ***may be repainted, lowering estimate depending on building condition.	\$87,500 (1/2 w/ FD)	Taxation/Reserves AMP Table 5.5
2029			
2030	Boat Launch at McQuaby Lake replacement	\$250,000	Taxation/Reserves AMP Table 5.5
2031			
2032			
2033			
2034			
2035			
2036			

CEMETERY CAPITAL FORECAST			
YEAR	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATE	METHOD
2026	Fencing – Nipissing Union Cemetery-finalize	\$15,000	Cemetery C&M
	Survey Alsace Cemetery - expansion	\$20,000	Cemetery C&M
2027	½ lawnmower *if not required in 2024, place into reserve for actual need	\$7,500	Taxation
	Licence, clear and survey Alsace expansion for burial lots	\$20,000	Cemetery C&M
2028			
2029			
2030			
2031			
2032			
2033			
2034	Clear next section of Nipissing Union	\$20,000	Cemetery C&M
2035	Fencing along new section Nipissing Union	\$25,000	Taxation/Cemetery C&M/Reserves
2036			

CEMETERY RESERVES PLAN			
YEAR	RESERVE DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	FOR USE
2026	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	2035
2027	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2028	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2029	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2030	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2031	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2032	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2033	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2034	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2035	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	
2036	Maintenance/Fencing Reserve	\$2,000.00	



QUOTE

Prepared for: Nipissing Township

Date: July 10, 2026

DESCRIPTION	PRICE
Country Clipper Commercial Zero Turn Mower – Boss XL - 72" Mower with 35 hp Kawasaki engine - Single lever Joystick - 12.5 mph - 10.25 gallon fuel tank - Complete with arm rest, cup holder, electric start & front step - Commercial 3 years or 1,200 hours parts & labour Warranty - 4th & 5th year parts only Warranty	\$20,000.00
Taxes	\$2,600.00
TOTAL	\$22,600.00

*Pricing includes Municipal discounts on new in stock model.

**Demo model does not apply for Municipal discount.

***Prices are based on in stock units and are subject to change based on inventory.

Northern Mobile Small Engines
2837170 Ontario Inc
 95 Lakeshore Dr.
 North Bay ON P1A 2A5
 7058250561
 northernmobileSE@hotmail.com
 GST/HST Registration No.: 761608744
 Business Number 761608744



ADDRESS

Dan.
 Nippising Township

SHIP TO

Dan.
 Nippising Township

Estimate 3560

DATE 07/13/2026

DATE	DESCRIPTION	QTY	RATE	AMOUNT
	Sales of Equipment	1	26,099.95	26,099.95
	Cheetah II, 72" Velocity Plus, Kawasaki 38.5hp FX EFI			
	PDI-Lawn Tractor/Zero turn	1	225.00	225.00
	Unboxing and set up of Unit. Gas/Oil added. Unit has been run and tested to assure quality control. PDI also will start and guarantee the warranty process for each individual manufacture*			
	Freight	1	400.00	400.00
	Freight - Zero Turn			

To APPROVE or DENY this estimate;
 Call: (705)825-0561
 Email: northernmobilese@hotmail.com

SUBTOTAL 26,724.95
 HST (ON) @ 13% 3,474.24

TOTAL \$30,199.19

TAX SUMMARY

	RATE	TAX	NET
HST (ON) @ 13%		3,474.24	26,724.95

Accepted By

Accepted Date

All Invoices are subject to interest penalties if not paid in full no later than 30 days after date on work order issued.

Diagnostic Fee: \$100.

Non-refundable. Credit must be used toward repair or new equipment within 48 hours.



Tracks + Wheels Equipment Brokers Inc.

Call: 705-840-5438

EMAIL: SALES@TRACKSANDWHEELS.COM

SUDBURY - NORTH BAY - TIMMINS



Quote # 2288525

Reference: ZD1200-3

Expires: 07/13/2026

Prepared for: Twp Of Nipissing

By: Aaron Farmer

Equipment

1 New Kubota #ZD1200-3 ZD1200 Series

Item	Class	Description	Serial #	\$Qty
#ZD1200-3		ZD1200 Series		1
K344175603		ZD1211L-3-72 23.3HP DIESEL 72" SD SS		1
Includes...				
72" Side Discharge		72" Side Discharge		1

Equipment Total \$30,666.00

Discounts Include:

LRF or Cash in Lieu \$1,500.00

Total Discounts \$4,852.95

Equipment Total Less Discounts \$25,813.05

Freight \$777.38

PDI \$240.00

Setup \$180.00

Taxable Environmental Charges \$20.70

Total \$27,031.13

Non Taxable Environmental Charges \$0.00



* Not exactly as shown. Shown with optional product.

Notes:



Tracks + Wheels Equipment Brokers Inc.

Call: 705-840-5438

EMAIL: SALES@TRACKSANDWHEELS.COM

SUDBURY - NORTH BAY - TIMMINS



Quote # 2288525

Reference: ZD1200-3

Expires: 07/13/2026

Prepared for: Twp Of Nipissing

By: Aaron Farmer

Quote Summary

Notes: dan macinnis 705-497-6024

Equipment Total	\$30,666.00
Total Discounts	\$4,852.95
Equipment Total Less Discounts	\$25,813.05
Freight	\$777.38
PDI	\$240.00
Setup	\$180.00
Administration Fees	\$0.00
Taxable Environmental Charges	\$20.70
Other Taxable	\$0.00
Plus Purchasable Warranty	\$0.00
Selling Price	\$27,031.13
Less Trades	\$0.00
Total After Trades	\$27,031.13
GST/HST	\$3,514.05
PST/QST	\$0.00
Non Taxable Environmental Charges	\$0.00
Other Non-Taxable	\$0.00
Total	\$30,545.18
Liens outstanding on trade-in	\$0.00
Cash Down Payment	\$0.00
Total After Cash Down Payment	\$30,545.18

To accept, please sign here and return to dealer



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: August 11, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-165

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we authorize the submission of a grant application to the Fire Protection Grant for the 2026-2027 allocation provided by the Ministry of the Solicitor General;

AND THAT this Grant will be used to provide cancer prevention training and supplies to the Township of Nipissing Fire Department.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: August 11, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-166

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we accept the Quote from Best Choice Plumbing for the supply and installation of a UV System for water treatment at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre.

Cost: \$3,164.19 plus applicable taxes.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

From: bestchoiceplumbing
Sent: July 16, 2026 7:56 AM
To: firechief@nipissingtownship.com
Subject: Uv system

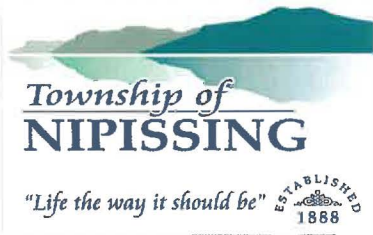
Good morning Will finally got a price for the uv system for the Community center. The price is for the same system that is there now. Still waiting on a price for a different make that might be a better price.

The price for the Viqua pro 10 uv system installed is \$3,164.19 plus H.S.T.

Let me know if you want to go ahead and order or have any questions.

I will check with Emco today and see if they got a price on the other system to see if it is a better price.

Thanks Leigh.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: August 11, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-167

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we dedicate the remainder of the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Fund for 2026 and the 2027 allotment to the joint project of replacing the multiplate culvert on Hart Road shared with the Municipality of Callander;

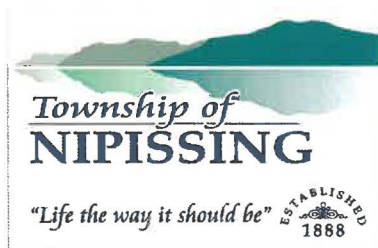
AND THAT the Municipality of Callander will take the lead on the project.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: August 11, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-168

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2026-30, being a By-Law to stop up, close and sell Part of Road Allowance in front of Part Lot 10, Concession 18, designated as Part 1 on Plan 42R11490 in the Township of Nipissing, District of Parry Sound (Fletcher).

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 11th day of August, 2026.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RE: Stop up and close Part of Road Allowance in front of Part Lot 10,
Concession 18, designated as Part 1 on Plan 42R11490
in the Township of Nipissing, District of Parry Sound.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing proposes to enact a by-law to stop up and close the following lands:

1. Description

Part of Road Allowance in front of Part Lot 10, Concession 18, designated as Part 1 on Plan 42R11490 in the Township of Nipissing, District of Parry Sound.

2. Council Consideration

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the proposed by-law will come before Council of the Township of Nipissing at its regular meeting **at the Township of Nipissing Community Centre, 2381 Highway 654**, on the 11th day of August, 2026 at the hour of 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

3. Application to be Heard

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT at that time Council will hear anyone in person, or his/her counsel, solicitor or agent, who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected by the by-law, and who applies to be heard.

4. Plan 42R11490

A copy of Plan 42R11490 is available for inspection at the Municipal office.

DATED at the Township of Nipissing, this the 13th day of July, 2026.

Kris Croskery-Hodgins,
Municipal Administrator-Clerk/Treasurer
45 Beatty Street
Nipissing, Ontario
P0H 1W0

THIS PLAN IS NOT A PLAN OF SUBDIVISION WITHIN
THE MEANING OF THE PLANNING ACT

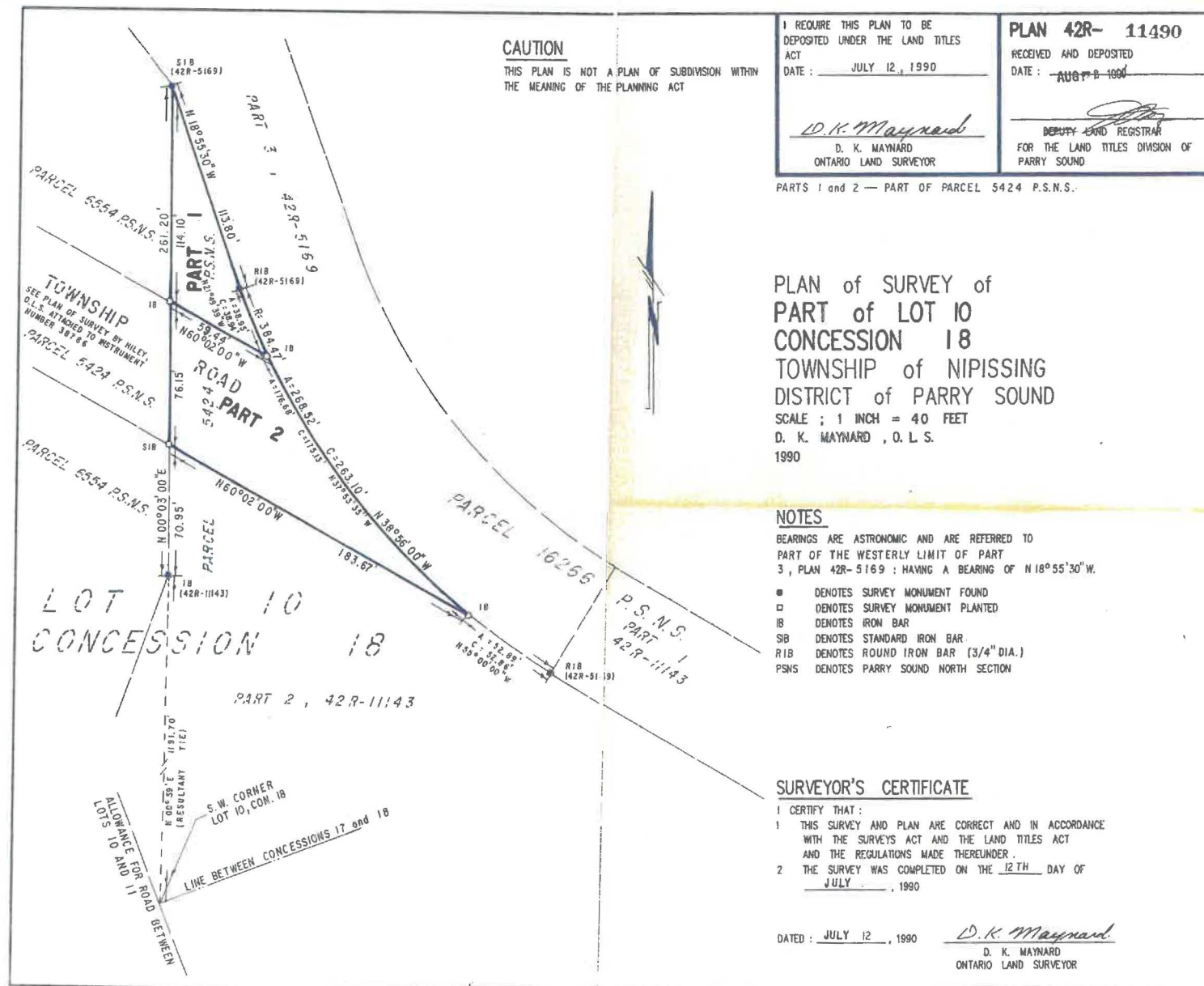
D. K. Maynard
D. K. MAYNARD
ONTARIO LAND SURVEYOR

DEPUTY LAND REGISTRAR
FOR THE LAND TITLES DIVISION OF
PARRY SOUND

PLAN of SURVEY of
PART of LOT 10
CONCESSION 18
TOWNSHIP of NIPISSING
DISTRICT of PARRY SOUND
SCALE ; 1 INCH = 40 FEET
D. K. MAYNARD , D. L. S.
1990

●	DENOTES	SURVEY MONUMENT FOUND
□	DENOTES	SURVEY MONUMENT PLANTED
IB	DENOTES	IRON BAR
SIB	DENOTES	STANDARD IRON BAR
RIB	DENOTES	ROUND IRON BAR (3/4" DIA.)
PSNS	DENOTES	PARRY SOUND NORTH SECTION

D. K. Maynard
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**Appointment Procedure for
Filling Vacancy on Council**
Appendix A to By-Law Number 2026-31

Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to provide the steps to be followed to ensure an open and transparent process when filling a Council vacancy by appointing an Eligible Elector.

General

The Clerk, or designate, shall be responsible for interpreting and, where appropriate, facilitating the appointment application process.

Any individual filling the vacancy must be an Eligible Elector under the *Municipal Elections Act*.

Section 264 of the Municipal Act, 2001, provides that the person appointed or elected to fill a Vacancy shall hold the office for the remainder of the term of the person they replaced.

To be considered for Appointment, a Candidate must meet all the requirements to hold the Vacant office, and must not otherwise be disqualified from holding that office.

It is the Candidate's sole responsibility to meet any deadline or otherwise comply with any requirement established by the Council or the Clerk as part of the Appointment process.

In making its determination, Council will consider the costs and timelines associated with filling a Vacancy by appointment or by By-election.

Definitions

- a) **"Act"** means the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended.
- b) **"Appointment"** means the appointment of a qualified individual to fill a Vacancy on Council for the remainder of the current Council term.
- c) **"By-election"** means an election held to fill any Vacancy in accordance with the provisions of Section 65 of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, as amended.

- d) **"Candidate"** means an individual seeking to be appointed to fill a Vacancy in the office of Councillor, having met the eligibility requirements and who has completed the requisite documentation as required by this procedure.
- e) **"Chair"** means the member of Council presiding at the Council meeting to appoint an individual to fill a Council Vacancy.
- f) **"Clerk"** means the Clerk or the designate of the Township of Nipissing as appointed by Council.
- g) **"Council"** means the Council of the Township of Nipissing.
- h) **"Eligible Elector"** has the same meaning as subsection 17(2) of the Municipal Elections Act, namely a person:
- a. Who is a resident of the Township of Nipissing, or an owner or tenant of the land in the Township or the spouse of such an owner or tenant;
 - b. Who is a Canadian Citizen;
 - c. Who is at least 18 years of age; and
 - d. Who is not prohibited from voting under any other Act or from holding office under the *Municipal Elections Act*.
- i) **"Lot"** means a method of determination by placing the names of the Candidates on equal size pieces of paper and placed in a container with one Candidate name being drawn by the Clerk.
- j) **"Majority"** means the largest number which is more than half of a total. For example; if there are four remaining Members of Council, then the majority would be 3 votes or if there are three remaining Members of Council, then the majority would be 2 votes.
- k) **"Municipality"** means The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing.
- l) **"Municipal Elections Act"** means the *Municipal Elections Act*, S.O., 1996, c. 32, as amended.
- m) **"Nominee"** means an individual seeking to fill a Vacancy on Council who meets the eligibility requirements and who has completed the requisite documentation as outlined in this procedure.
- n) **"Procedure By-Law"** means the By-Law adopted by Council for governing the proceedings of its Council, the conduct of its members and the calling of Meetings.
- o) **"Regular Election Year"** means the year established for a regular municipal election in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act*.

- p) **"Term of Office"** means the period of time a Candidate is elected to hold office for which they are elected in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act*.
- q) **"Township"** means The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing.
- r) **"Vacancy"** means when a seat on Council has become vacant in a manner described in Section 259 of the *Municipal Act*.

Legislative & Administrative Authorities

If a Vacancy occurs in the office of a member of the Council, the Township shall, subject to this section,

Within 60 days after the day a declaration of Vacancy is made with respect to the Vacancy under Section 262 of the Act, the Township shall,

- a) Fill the Vacancy by appointing a person who has consented to accept the office if appointed; or
- b) Require a By-election to be held to fill the Vacancy in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996.

Appointment Procedure

Notice of Vacancy

Following a Declaration of a Vacant Council seat by Council, the Clerk will prepare a post for circulation and Candidate packages will be made available online and paper copies once the notice of vacancy is posted.

The Clerk shall post a Council Vacancy Notice on the Municipal website, social media platforms, printed copies in the Township Office and other municipal facilities with public traffic for two (2) consecutive weeks. The notice shall indicate Council's intention to appoint an individual to fill a vacancy and shall outline the nomination process.

Mayor Vacancy

If the Vacancy is in the office of the Mayor, the seat will be offered to the Deputy Mayor, as the Councillor with the highest number of votes cast in their favour in the most recent municipal election. If the Deputy Mayor declines the seat, Council may choose to fill the Vacancy by appointing a current member of Council who is a qualified individual as outlined in Section 256 of the Act.

The appointment of a current member of Council to fill the Vacancy on Council shall take place at a Special Meeting of Council called for such purposes, within 60 days of declaring a Vacancy.

Only a member of Council elected for the term in which the appointment is taking place shall be considered eligible for appointment.

At the Special Meeting of Council, the Chair may call for nominations from the floor. The Chair will request that any member of Council interested in being nominated shall indicate their interest by raising their hand. Anyone being considered for nomination must be present in Council Chambers.

Individuals seeking appointment to the position of Mayor who are current members of Council (nominees) shall declare a pecuniary interest.

Upon receipt of nomination, the Chair will ask if the nominee(s) accept the nomination. Nominations shall be confirmed by Resolution.

If there is only one nominee, the Clerk then shall declare and confirm the nominee to be appointed to the office of Mayor and a Resolution shall be passed.

If there are multiple nominees, then Council will debate the matter and pass a resolution to appoint a member to the vacant office.

The successful Candidate shall formally be appointed by By-Law and complete the Oath of Office (required by subsection 232 of the Municipal Act and administered by the Clerk) immediately after the conclusion of the voting, and the new member shall take their Declaration of Office before taking their seat on Council.

Council Vacancy

Within the First Two Years of the Municipal Election:

Should a Council vacancy occur within two years of a municipal election, the Candidate with the highest number of votes cast in their favour shall be offered the Councillor seat; provided that the Candidate obtained a minimum of 20% of the total number of ballots cast.

In the event that the Candidate with the next highest total of votes cast in their favour does not accept the seat, the Clerk shall go to the next Candidate with the next highest number of ballots cast in their favour and with a minimum of 20% of the total number of ballots cast, and so on.

Should a point be reached where the remaining Candidate(s) from the municipal election did not obtain a minimum of 20% of the total ballots cast, the candidates shall not be awarded the seat and the Clerk will implement the Council Vacancy Application procedure.

During the Remaining Two Years of a Council Term Before a Municipal Election:

The Council Vacancy Application procedure shall be utilized for the selection of a Councillor to fill a vacancy.

Any individual wishing to be considered for appointment to fill the Council vacancy will complete and sign the Council Vacancy Application form, Council Vacancy Declaration of Qualification form approved by the Clerk, and Council Vacancy Freedom of Information (FOI) Release, and will submit the forms to the Clerk in person by the date and time established by the Clerk.

Individuals filing the above forms will be required to provide identification showing their name and a qualifying address to the satisfaction of the Clerk.

Once submitted, the forms will be made available to the public in the same way as a nomination form for a candidate in a municipal election. They will be circulated to members of Council and copies will be placed on the Township website.

Applicants may also submit a personal statement of qualification for consideration of Council. Personal statements will be typewritten in a 12-point (or greater) font on letter size (8 1/2" x 11") paper, shall not exceed one page in length and will include the applicant's name and address.

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The minutes of the Council meeting shall include a full disclosure of all voting results.

Forms to be completed and filed with the Clerk by each Candidate:

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Percentage of Votes by Election

	2003	2006	2010	2018	2022
Votes Cast	588	944	1048	396	659
15%	88	141	157	59	98
20%	117	188	209	79	131
Least votes received			155	79	73

2014 Election was by acclamation, voting data is not available.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: August 11, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-169

Moved by

Seconded by

THAT we pass By-Law Number 2026-31, being a By-Law to establish a Procedure for the Appointment of an Eligible Elector to Fill a Council Vacancy under the *Municipal Act* for the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing.

Read a first, second and third time and passed this 11th day of August, 2026.

For Against

CHALAPENKO
FOOTE
KIRKEY
SCOTT
YEMM

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

BY-LAW NO. 2026-31

Being a by-law to establish a Procedure for the Appointment of an Eligible Elector to Fill a Council Vacancy under the *Municipal Act* for the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing.

WHEREAS Section 263(1) of the *Municipal Act* provides that a Council shall fill the vacancy by choosing one of two methods provided in the *Act*;

AND WHEREAS Council of the Township of Nipissing has the option under 263(1) of the Act to (a) fill the vacancy by appointing a person who has consented to accept the office if appointed; or (b) require a By-election to be held to fill the Vacancy in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996.

AND WHEREAS Council deems it open and transparent to create a comprehensive procedure for the selection of the Eligible Elector to fill a Council Vacancy;

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nipissing hereby enacts as follows:

1. The Procedure to Appoint an Eligible Elector to Fill a Council Vacancy is hereby incorporated into and forms an integral part of this By-law as "Appendix A".
2. That this by-law shall come into effect on the date of passing.

READ A FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS 11TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2026.

Dave Yemm, MAYOR

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

"APPENDIX A" TO BY-LAW NO. 2026-31

PROCEDURE TO APPOINT AN ELIGIBLE ELECTOR TO FILL A COUNCIL VACANCY

Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to provide the steps to be followed to ensure an open and transparent process when filling a Council vacancy by appointing an Eligible Elector.

General

The Clerk, or designate, shall be responsible for interpreting and, where appropriate, facilitating the appointment application process.

Any individual filling the vacancy must be an Eligible Elector under the *Municipal Elections Act*.

Section 264 of the Municipal Act, 2001, provides that the person appointed or elected to fill a Vacancy shall hold the office for the remainder of the term of the person they replaced.

To be considered for Appointment, a Candidate must meet all the requirements to hold the Vacant office, and must not otherwise be disqualified from holding that office.

It is the Candidate's sole responsibility to meet any deadline or otherwise comply with any requirement established by the Council or the Clerk as part of the Appointment process.

In making its determination, Council will consider the costs and timelines associated with filling a Vacancy by appointment or by By-election.

Definitions

- a) **"Act"** means the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c. 25, as amended.
- b) **"Appointment"** means the appointment of a qualified individual to fill a Vacancy on Council for the remainder of the current Council term.
- c) **"By-election"** means an election held to fill any Vacancy in accordance with the provisions of Section 65 of the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, as amended.
- d) **"Candidate"** means an individual seeking to be appointed to fill a Vacancy in the office of Councillor, having met the eligibility requirements and who has completed the requisite documentation as required by this procedure.
- e) **"Chair"** means the member of Council presiding at the Council meeting to appoint an individual to fill a Council Vacancy.
- f) **"Clerk"** means the Clerk or the designate of the Township of Nipissing as appointed by Council.
- g) **"Council"** means the Council of the Township of Nipissing.
- h) **"Eligible Elector"** has the same meaning as subsection 17(2) of the *Municipal Elections Act*, namely a person:
 - a. Who is a resident of the Township of Nipissing, or an owner or tenant of the land in the Township or the spouse of such an owner or tenant;
 - b. Who is a Canadian Citizen;
 - c. Who is at least 18 years of age; and
 - d. Who is not prohibited from voting under any other Act or from holding office under the *Municipal Elections Act*.

- i) **"Lot"** means a method of determination by placing the names of the Candidates on equal size pieces of paper and placed in a container with one Candidate name being drawn by the Clerk.
- j) **"Majority"** means the largest number which is more than half of a total. For example; if there are four remaining Members of Council, then the majority would be 3 votes or if there are three remaining Members of Council, then the majority would be 2 votes.
- k) **"Municipality"** means The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing.
- l) **"Municipal Elections Act"** means the *Municipal Elections Act*, S.O., 1996, c. 32, as amended.
- m) **"Nominee"** means an individual seeking to fill a Vacancy on Council who meets the eligibility requirements and who has completed the requisite documentation as outlined in this procedure.
- n) **"Procedure By-Law"** means the By-Law adopted by Council for governing the proceedings of its Council, the conduct of its members and the calling of Meetings.
- o) **"Regular Election Year"** means the year established for a regular municipal election in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act*.
- p) **"Term of Office"** means the period of time a Candidate is elected to hold office for which they are elected in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act*.
- q) **"Township"** means The Corporation of the Township of Nipissing.
- r) **"Vacancy"** means when a seat on Council has become vacant in a manner described in Section 259 of the *Municipal Act*.

Legislative & Administrative Authorities

If a Vacancy occurs in the office of a member of the Council, the Township shall, subject to this section,

Within 60 days after the day a declaration of Vacancy is made with respect to the Vacancy under Section 262 of the Act, the Township shall,

- a) Fill the Vacancy by appointing a person who has consented to accept the office if appointed; or
- b) Require a By-election to be held to fill the Vacancy in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996.

Appointment Procedure

Notice of Vacancy

Following a Declaration of a Vacant Council seat by Council, the Clerk will prepare a post for circulation and Candidate packages will be made available online and paper copies once the notice of vacancy is posted.

The Clerk shall post a Council Vacancy Notice on the Municipal website, social media platforms, printed copies in the Township Office and other municipal facilities with public traffic for two (2) consecutive weeks. The notice shall indicate Council's intention to appoint an individual to fill a vacancy and shall outline the nomination process.

Mayor Vacancy

If the Vacancy is in the office of the Mayor, the seat will be offered to the Deputy Mayor, as the Councillor with the highest number of votes cast in their favour in the most recent municipal election. If the Deputy Mayor declines the seat, Council may choose to fill the Vacancy by appointing a current member of Council who is a qualified individual as outlined in Section 256 of the Act.

The appointment of a current member of Council to fill the Vacancy on Council shall take place at a Special Meeting of Council called for such purposes, within 60 days of declaring a Vacancy.

Only a member of Council elected for the term in which the appointment is taking place shall be considered eligible for appointment.

At the Special Meeting of Council, the Chair may call for nominations from the floor. The Chair will request that any member of Council interested in being nominated shall indicate their interest by raising their hand. Anyone being considered for nomination must be present in Council Chambers.

Individuals seeking appointment to the position of Mayor who are current members of Council (nominees) shall declare a pecuniary interest.

Upon receipt of nomination, the Chair will ask if the nominee(s) accept the nomination. Nominations shall be confirmed by Resolution.

If there is only one nominee, the Clerk then shall declare and confirm the nominee to be appointed to the office of Mayor and a Resolution shall be passed.

If there are multiple nominees, then Council will debate the matter and pass a resolution to appoint a member to the vacant office.

The successful Candidate shall formally be appointed by By-Law and complete the Oath of Office (required by subsection 232 of the Municipal Act and administered by the Clerk) immediately after the conclusion of the voting, and the new member shall take their Declaration of Office before taking their seat on Council.

Council Vacancy

Within the First Two Years of the Municipal Election:

Should a Council vacancy occur within two years of a municipal election, the Candidate with the highest number of votes cast in their favour shall be offered the Councillor seat; provided that the Candidate obtained a minimum of 20% of the total number of ballots cast.

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During the Remaining Two Years of a Council Term Before a Municipal Election:

The Council Vacancy Application procedure shall be utilized for the selection of a Councillor to fill a vacancy.

Any individual wishing to be considered for appointment to fill the Council vacancy will complete and sign the Council Vacancy Application form, Council Vacancy Declaration of Qualification form approved by the Clerk, and Council Vacancy Freedom of Information (FOI) Release, and will submit the forms to the Clerk in person by the date and time established by the Clerk.

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TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

CORRESPONDENCE

August 11, 2026

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- 2.** Ombudsman Ontario's 2025-2026 Annual Report.
- 3.** The Corporation of the Town of Brice Mines – Physician Shortage in Northern Ontario and the Practice Ready Ontario Program.
- 4.** Corporation of the Village of Sundridge – Opposing Changes to Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).
- 5.** The Town of The Blue Mountains – Support from Halton Hill's regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens.
- 6.** Municipality of Central Manitoulin – Support for the Ontario Health Care System.
- 7.** Town of Whitby – Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions.
- 8.** Huron OPP Detachment Board – Letter of Support – Appeal to Attorney General of Ontario for Review and Reform of Provincial Offences System.
- 9.** The Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation Board of Directors Meeting Minutes held on May 19, 2026.
- 10.** Thank you for support from Trout Creek Agricultural Society.
- 11.** Nipissing Township Museum Board of Management Meeting Minutes held July 8, 2026.

June 18, 2026

Mr. Yemm
Township of Nipissing
45 Beatty St. General Delivery
Nipissing, Ontario P0H 1W0

Re: Kris Croskery-Hodgins - Winner of AMCTO's Zone 7 Award

Dear Mayor Yemm:

On behalf of AMCTO, I am extremely pleased to announce that **Kris Croskery-Hodgins** is the recipient of our 2026 **AMCTO Zone 7 Award**. AMCTO Zone Awards are presented annually to AMCTO members (past or present) belonging to each of our nine Zones, who have been nominated by peers on their respective Zone Executive. These awards recognize an individual's commitment to the activities of their Zone or to the advancement of the municipal profession within their local community.

Kris was presented with this award on June 9 at our 2026 Awards Gala Dinner held in conjunction with our 2026 conference in the Town of Huntsville. We believe that this is a tremendous accomplishment and should be observed with pride by your municipality.

AMCTO is the largest municipal professional association in Ontario, and the leading provider of education and accreditation for local government professionals. AMCTO believes that excellence is an ongoing journey, not a destination. We, therefore, support and celebrate the accomplishments of our members and other municipal professionals as they undertake their journey of professional excellence.

We hope that you, and your colleagues on council, will join us in congratulating Kris on this significant achievement.

Our sincere congratulations on your support for your staff's continued professional development and involvement in our Association. We believe it is the best investment that a municipal corporation can make.

Yours truly,



David Arbuckle, MPA
Executive Director
AMCTO

cc: Kris Croskery-Hodgins



Ombudsman Ontario's 2025-2026 Annual Report

As Acting Ombudsman of Ontario, it is my great pleasure to send you two hard copies (one English, one French) of our Office's 2025-2026 Annual Report.

In my more than 20 years with this Office, we have never seen such broad demand for our services. This report reviews key trends in the **35,023** complaints and inquiries we received, and examples of how we helped protect the rights of vulnerable children, people with disabilities, inmates and Ontarians seeking services in French.

We handled record numbers of cases in several areas of our jurisdiction, including 4,898 cases about municipalities (see p. 36), 1,346 about school boards (p. 53), 530 about colleges of applied arts and technology (p. 57), and 436 about youth justice centres (p. 62).

For the first time, we are also reporting on our commitment to helping Indigenous Peoples, as set out in the Indigenous Services Plan we launched in March. We helped 674 people who self-identified as Indigenous or brought complaints about Indigenous programs or services.

Other notable developments in 2025-2026 were our new Good Governance Awards (p. 18), our 50th Anniversary commemoration (p. 17), former Ombudsman Paul Dubé's end-of-term report (p. 19), and French Language Services Commissioner Carl Bouchard's Annual Report (p. 85).

I encourage you to explore the various topic chapters of the report, as well as the case statistics in the Appendix. Please feel free to share it with colleagues and any other interested parties.

The entire report is also on our website. We can provide more copies upon request.

If you have any questions about the report or cases related to your organization, please feel free to contact us. We are also happy to answer general questions about our work. Our staff can be reached via email at info@ombudsman.on.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Barb Finlay'.

Barbara Finlay,
Acting Ombudsman of Ontario

BOOK AVAILABLE FOR
REVIEW AT TOWNSHIP
OFFICE.



Rapport Annuel d'Ombudsman Ontario, 2025-2026

En tant qu'Ombudsman intérimaire de l'Ontario, j'ai le plaisir de vous envoyer deux exemplaires (un en anglais, un en français) du Rapport annuel de notre Bureau pour l'exercice financier 2025-2026.

Au cours de mes quelque 20 années au sein de ce Bureau, nous n'avons jamais constaté une telle demande pour nos services. Ce rapport examine les principales tendances des **35 023** plaintes et demandes de renseignements que nous avons reçues, et des exemples de la façon dont nous protégeons les droits des enfants vulnérables, des personnes en situation de handicap, des détenu(e)s et des Ontarien(ne)s voulant obtenir des services en français.

Nous avons traité un nombre record de cas dans plusieurs secteurs de notre compétence, notamment 4 898 cas concernant des municipalités (voir p. 36), 1 346 concernant des conseils scolaires (p. 53), 530 sur des collèges d'arts appliqués et de technologie (p. 57) et 436 sur des centres de justice pour la jeunesse (p. 62).

Pour la première fois, nous rendons compte de notre engagement à aider les peuples autochtones, conformément au Plan de services aux Autochtones que nous avons lancé en mars. Nous avons apporté notre aide à 674 personnes s'étant déclarées Autochtones ou ayant déposé une plainte concernant des programmes ou des services destinés aux Autochtones.

Parmi les autres faits marquants de 2025-2026, citons nos nouveaux Prix de la bonne gouvernance (p. 18), la commémoration de notre 50e anniversaire (p. 17), le rapport de fin de mandat de l'ancien Ombudsman Paul Dubé (p. 19) et le Rapport annuel du Commissaire aux services en français, Carl Bouchard (p. 85).

Je vous encourage à explorer les différents chapitres thématiques du rapport, ainsi que les statistiques sur les cas figurant en annexe. N'hésitez pas à partager le rapport avec vos collègues et toute autre partie intéressée.

Le rapport complet est également disponible sur notre site Web. Nous pouvons en fournir d'autres exemplaires sur demande.

Si vous avez des questions à propos du rapport ou de cas relatifs à votre organisme, n'hésitez pas à nous contacter. Nous serons aussi heureux(es) de répondre à toute question générale à propos de notre travail. Vous pouvez contacter notre personnel à info@ombudsman.on.ca.

Cordialement,

Barbara Finlay
Ombudsman intérimaire de l'Ontario



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July 6th, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford
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premier@ontario.ca

Re: Policy Without Appropriation: Physician Shortage in Northern Ontario and the Practice Ready Ontario Program

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of the Council of the Town of Bruce Mines, we are writing to, once again, address the physician shortage in Northern Ontario. This critical issue has been front and centre for years, and while the *Practice Ready Ontario (PRO)* program—which evaluates internationally educated family physicians to confirm they are ready to practice in Ontario—is widely acknowledged and genuinely applauded, the province appears to have stopped short of closing the loop.

Therefore, council is compelled to express our concern in the gap between the government's opening the door to a solution but falling short of providing the financial framework needed to walk through it.

Northern Ontario's municipalities face a structural imbalance that is fundamentally different from communities in the south. We are small in population, geographically dispersed, and operate with limited tax bases that cannot support the escalating costs associated with physician recruitment, retention, and community health infrastructure. Despite these limitations, municipalities are increasingly expected to shoulder responsibilities that fall squarely within the provincial mandate for health care delivery.

Municipalities **have** stepped in where we can, but we cannot continue to fund physician recruitment packages, housing incentives, locum coverage, or clinic operations without dedicated provincial support. The current model places an unsustainable burden on small

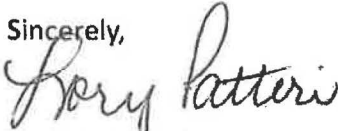
communities that simply do not have the tax revenue to fill the gaps left by the provincial health care system.

We respectfully request that the Province of Ontario:

1. **Establish a dedicated Northern Ontario Physician Recruitment and Retention Fund**, accessible to small and rural municipalities ensuring communities are not forced to subsidize provincial healthcare responsibilities.
2. **Work directly with Northern municipalities** to develop a coordinated strategy that reflects the unique demographic, geographic, and fiscal realities of the North.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter further and look forward to a written response from your office.

Sincerely,



Lory Patten, Mayor
Town of Bruce Mines

Cc:

Ms. Marit Stiles

Leader of the Official Opposition
Leader, New Democratic Party of Ontario

Mr. John Fraser

Interim Leader, Ontario Liberal Party

The Honourable Sylvia Jones

Deputy Premier of Ontario
Minister of Health

The Honourable George Pirie

Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth

Bill Rosenberg

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Village of Sundridge Council Resolution
July 15, 2026
Item (9.5)

Township of Machar Resolution 86-26 – Opposing Changes to FIPPA

Resolution #2026-177

Moved By: Sharon Smith

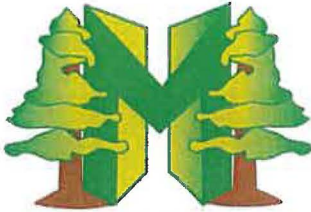
Seconded By: Vicki Whitmell

THAT Council receives the Township of Machar Resolution 86-26 – Opposing Changes to FIPPA,

AND THAT The Village of Sundridge supports the Township of Machar in their opposition to Changes to FIPPA,

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities.

Recorded Vote	For	Against	Abstain
Preston, Luke(absent)			
Smith, Sharon	x		
Whitmell, Vicki	x		
Williamson, Fraser	x		
Jackson, Shawn	x		
CARRIED			



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Jun 2, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto ON
M7A 1A1

Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier Doug Ford:

Re: Opposing proposed changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA)

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of Jun 1, 2026, Township of Machar Council passed the following motion,

86-26 McLaren, Ivens

Whereas the government of Ontario is proposing changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the premier, cabinet ministers and their staff from public access requests;

AND Whereas these changes would apply retroactively and may limit access to records related to matters of public interest;

AND Whereas the Information and Privacy Commissioner for Ontario has warned that these changes would reduce transparency and accountability, Freedom of Information laws are an essential to the public trust and democratic accountability;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Township of Machar oppose the proposed changes to FIPPA;

1. Call on the Province to ensure records related to government business remain accessible to the public;
2. Urge the Province to consult with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the public before proceeding;
3. Direct that this motion be circulated to the Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities. CARRIED.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Clerk Administrator

#73 Municipal Rd. N., P.O. Box 70, South River, On. P0A 1X0
Phone 705-386-7741, Fax. 705-386-0765

TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR

Resolution Number: 86-26

Moved by:	Ron McLaren ☒	Blair Flowers ☐	Pearl Ivens ☐	Neil Scarlett ☐
Seconded by:	Ron McLaren ☐	Blair Flowers ☐	Pearl Ivens ☒	Neil Scarlett ☐

Jun 1, 2026

Whereas the government of Ontario is proposing changes to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) that would exclude records of the premier, cabinet ministers and their staff from public access requests;

AND Whereas these changes would apply retroactively and may limit access to records related to matters of public interest;

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1. Call on the Province to ensure records related to government business remain accessible to the public;
2. Urge the Province to consult with the Information and Privacy Commissioner of Ontario and the public before proceeding;
3. Direct that this motion be circulated to the Premier Doug Ford, appropriate minister, all MPP's and Ontario municipalities.

Carried by: _____

Lynda Carleton



Council Meeting

Date:

Time:

6:23 PM

Seconded by: Councillor McKinlay

AND THAT Council directs staff to circulate this resolution of support to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities (AMO) and all Ontario Municipalities for consideration and support

ABSENT: 1

The motion is Carried

Councillor Maxwell

Mayor Matrosovs

ABSENT: 1



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June 30, 2026

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RE: 6.16 Halton Hills Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Please be advised that Township of Puslinch Council, at its meeting held on March 24, 2021 considered the aforementioned topic and subsequent to discussion, the following was resolved:

Resolution No. 2026-202:

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Moved by Councillor Bailey and
Seconded by Councillor Sepulis

That the Consent Agenda item 6.16 be received for information; and

Whereas Council supports the Towns of Halton Hills' resolution;

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



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June 5, 2026

Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Via Email

Re: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Please be advised that Council of the Town of Halton Hills at its meeting of Monday June 1, 2026, adopted Resolution No. 2026-0107 regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens.

Attached for your information is a copy of Resolution No. 2026-0107.

Respectfully,



Melissa Lawr, AMP, Dipl.M.A.
Deputy Clerk – Legislation

cc. Ontario Minister of Natural Resources
Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness
Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
Federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
Halton area MPs and MPPs
Region of Halton
HRFA
OFA
Conservation Halton
Credit Valley Conservation
Grand River Conservation Authority
AMO
ROMA
FCM
Ontario Invasive Plant Council
Landscape Ontario
Canadian Nursery Landscape Association
All Ontario municipalities



THE CORPORATION
OF
THE TOWN OF HALTON HILLS

Resolution No.: 2026-0107

Title: Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Date: June 1, 2026

Moved by: Councillor J. Brass

Seconded by: Councillor C. Garneau

Item No. 12.3

WHEREAS invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species, seeds and nursery stock can cause significant damage to municipal infrastructure, roadsides, stormwater systems, parks, trails, natural heritage areas, agricultural lands, woodlots, shorelines, private property and local biodiversity;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipalities and conservation authorities are estimated to spend approximately \$50.8 million annually managing invasive species, and the average annual cost per Ontario municipality has been estimated at \$218,148, with approximately 80% of expenditures directed toward control and management rather than prevention; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS these costs are ultimately borne by local taxpayers, conservation authorities, property owners, farmers, volunteers and community groups who are often left to manage invasive species after they have already been introduced, sold, planted, escaped cultivation and spread;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, through the Invasive Species Act, 2015, which allows species to be listed as prohibited or restricted, and which can make it illegal to import, possess, transport, propagate, buy, sell, lease or trade listed invasive species; (Invasive Species Centre)

AND WHEREAS the concern is not with plants that are already clearly prohibited or restricted, but with invasive species and seeds and nursery stock that may

continue to be sold or distributed before modernized provincial rules, public guidance and retail practices have fully caught up with current science and local experience;

AND WHEREAS garden centres, nurseries, landscape suppliers, seed distributors, online retailers, landscapers and residents all have an important role to play in preventing the spread of invasive plants before they become a costly municipal and environmental problem;

AND WHEREAS the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead program promotes native and non-invasive alternatives for healthy, diverse and wildlife-friendly gardens, and its updated Southern Ontario guide includes additional invasive plants and alternatives to help residents, gardeners and landscapers make better choices; ([Ontario Invasive Plant Council](#))

AND WHEREAS recent local reporting in Halton Hills has highlighted the importance of choosing native alternatives to invasive garden plants, including through Grow Native Halton and the Ontario Invasive Plant Council's Grow Me Instead resources;

AND WHEREAS the continued sale and distribution of invasive ornamental plants undermine the work of municipalities, conservation authorities, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, local volunteers and residents who are investing time and taxpayer dollars to remove and manage these same species;

AND WHEREAS prevention at the point of sale is more cost-effective, more practical and more respectful of taxpayers than asking municipalities and property owners to pay for removal after invasive species have spread across property lines and municipal boundaries;

AND WHEREAS invasive plants do not recognize municipal boundaries, and effective prevention requires coordinated action by the Province of Ontario, the Government of Canada, municipalities, conservation authorities, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, the nursery and landscape sector, retailers, landowners and residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Town of Halton Hills respectfully request that the Province of Ontario, in consultation with municipalities, AMO, ROMA, conservation authorities, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Indigenous communities, agricultural organizations, environmental organizations, horticultural societies, the nursery and landscape sector, garden centres and other relevant stakeholders, undertake a review and modernization of Ontario's invasive plant regulatory framework;

AND FURTHER THAT this review include consideration of expanding and regularly updating the list of prohibited and restricted invasive plant species, including invasive plants, shrubs, vines, groundcovers, ornamental species,

seeds and nursery stock that pose a risk to Ontario's natural heritage, agriculture, municipal infrastructure, parks, trails, roadsides, stormwater systems and private property;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to prohibit the sale, distribution, propagation and trade of listed invasive plant species through garden centres, nurseries, landscaping suppliers, online retailers, seed distributors and other commercial pathways;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to develop clear labelling, public education and retailer guidance requirements so that residents, gardeners, landscapers and retailers can easily identify invasive species and choose native or non-invasive alternatives;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to work with the nursery, garden centre and landscape sectors on a practical transition plan that supports compliance, protects small businesses, promotes native and non-invasive alternatives, and prevents invasive plants from continuing to enter communities through ordinary consumer purchases;

AND FURTHER THAT the Government of Canada be requested to review and strengthen, where appropriate, federal import, border, labelling and online sales rules related to invasive plants, seeds and nursery stock entering Canada, so that provincial prevention efforts are not undermined by interprovincial or international trade;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada be requested to support municipalities, conservation authorities and community partners with stronger prevention tools, updated science-based lists, public education materials and funding programs that prioritize prevention over costly long-term control and removal;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Natural Resources, the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change, the federal Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food, Halton-area MPs and MPPs, the Region of Halton, HRFA, OFA, Conservation Halton, Credit Valley Conservation, Grand River Conservation Authority, AMO, ROMA, FCM, the Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Landscape Ontario, the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association, and all Ontario municipalities for their consideration and support.



Mayor Ann Lawlor



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July 20, 2026

The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario
Bill Rosenberg MPP Algoma-Manitoulin
All Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Rural Ontario Municipal Association

RE: SUPPORT FOR THE ONTARIO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Please be advised that at the Municipality of Central Manitoulin Council meeting of June 25, 2026, the following motion was approved:

194-2026 That the Council of the Municipality of Central Manitoulin supports the following motion from the Municipality of Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands:

WHEREAS the Canadian Center for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) has conducted research which unequivocally identifies that Ontario Hospitals are underfunded by the Government of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the CCPA study, Failure by Design, clearly identifies that smaller and rural hospitals are disproportionately disadvantaged by the underfunding;

AND WHEREAS as a direct result of the underfunding Emergency Department wait times for an initial physician assessment have increased to 4.5 hours in 2024 – 2025 from 2.7 hours in 2020 – 2021;

AND WHEREAS 90 percent of patients spend on average 44 hours in the emergency department waiting to be admitted when further care is required;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government increased total health care spending from 7.4 percent of GDP in 2014 to only 7.6 percent of GDP by 2023, which did not keep pace with raising health care costs:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Municipality of Central Manitoulin request that the Province of Ontario provide immediate and sustained funding to improve hospital finances and capacity, which as per the recommendations in the CCPA study, would require an immediate injection of \$3.2 billion supported by annual increases of 6% per year thereafter.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- *All municipalities*
- *Association of Municipalities of Ontario*
- *Rural Ontario Municipal Association*
- *Bill Rosenberg, MPP Algoma-Manitoulin*
- *The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario...carried.*

Sincerely,

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Ms. Denise Deforge – CAO/Clerk
Municipality of Central Manitoulin

cc. File

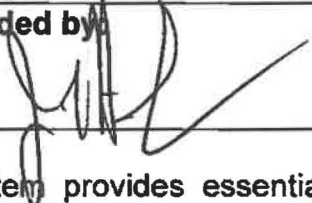


The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Resolution # RC26143	Meeting Order: 5
Moved by: 	Seconded by: 

WHEREAS Ontario's publicly funded hospital system provides essential health care services to residents across the Province, including those living in rural, northern, and remote communities; and

WHEREAS the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA), in its report *Failure by Design*, identifies that Ontario hospitals are significantly underfunded compared to the growing demand for health care services, with rural and northern hospitals experiencing disproportionate impacts; and

WHEREAS increasing emergency department wait times, prolonged hospital admission delays, staffing pressures, and limited hospital capacity continue to affect the delivery of timely and accessible health care for Ontario residents; and

WHEREAS residents of the Municipality of Wawa rely on a strong and sustainable rural health care system, and adequate provincial funding is essential to ensure hospitals can continue to provide safe, high-quality care close to home; and

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands has requested municipalities across Ontario support its call for increased provincial investment in hospital funding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa supports Resolution No. 133-06-2026 passed by the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands requesting that the Province of Ontario provide immediate and sustained funding to improve hospital finances and capacity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa urges the Province of Ontario to implement the recommendations identified in the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' report *Failure by Design*, including an immediate investment of \$3.2 billion in Ontario's hospital system, supported by annual funding increases of 6 percent thereafter to address increasing health care costs and demand; and



The Corporation of the Municipality of Wawa

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

RESOLUTION

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to:

- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
- The Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health;
- Michael Mantha, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin;
- The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
- The Ontario Hospital Association (OHA);
- The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands; and
- All Ontario municipalities, with a request for their consideration and support.

RESOLUTION RESULT		RECORDED VOTE		
☒	CARRIED	MAYOR AND COUNCIL	YES	NO
☐	DEFEATED	Mitch Hatfield		
☐	TABLED	Cathy Cannon		
☐	RECORDED VOTE (SEE RIGHT)	Melanie Pilon		
☐	PECUNIARY INTEREST DECLARED	Jim Hoffmann		
☐	WITHDRAWN	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	CLERK – MAURY O'NEILL

June 25, 2026

Via Email

The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Please be advised that at its meeting held on June 22, 2026, the Council of the Town of Whitby adopted the following as Resolution # 166-26:

Whereas local councils are elected by residents to make planning decisions that reflect the needs and priorities of their communities;

Whereas municipalities rely on extensive public consultation, professional planning advice, engineering studies, and technical reports when making land-use decisions;

Whereas the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) has the authority to overturn municipal planning decisions, often requiring municipalities to spend significant taxpayer dollars defending decisions that have already undergone a thorough local review process;

Whereas lengthy and costly appeals can delay housing projects, consume municipal resources, and reduce the ability of municipalities to focus on delivering services to residents; and,

Whereas local governments should have greater certainty and authority when decisions are consistent with approved Official Plans, provincial policies, and sound planning principles.

Now Therefore be it Resolved:

1. That the Government of Ontario be requested to review the role and mandate of the Ontario Land Tribunal to ensure greater respect for municipal planning decisions that are supported by evidence, public consultation, and approved planning policies;

2. That the Province consider amendments to the Planning Act and Ontario Land Tribunal Act to provide stronger deference to municipal decisions that align with provincial planning frameworks and Official Plans;
3. That the Province improve transparency and accountability within the Ontario Land Tribunal by requiring clear and detailed reasoning when municipal decisions are overturned;
4. That the Province explore measures to reduce the financial burden on municipalities defending planning decisions before the OLT, helping to protect taxpayer dollars and improve the efficiency of the planning process; and,
5. That Staff be directed to circulate this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and all Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Town Clerk at 905-430-4300.



Kathryn Douglas
Supervisor, Legislative Services
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Copy: C. Harris, Director of Legislative Services/Town Clerk - clerk@whitby.ca

The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing -
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Robin Jones, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario -

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All Ontario Municipalities



MUNICIPALITY OF
SHUNIAH

COUNCIL RESOLUTION

Resolution No.: 265-26

Date: Jul 21, 2026

Moved By: [Signature]

Seconded By: [Signature]

THAT Council for the Municipality of Shuniah receives and supports the Resolution from the Town of Whitby regarding a Review of the Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions;

AND THAT Council directs the Clerk to forward a copy of this resolution to FONOM, NOMA, AMO, TBDML, local MPPs and MPs, the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Leader of the Official Opposition, and all Ontario municipalities.

☒ **Carried**

☐ **Defeated**

☐ **Amended**

☐ **Deferred**

[Signature]
Signature

Municipality of Shuniah, 420 Leslie Avenue, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 1X8



HURON OPP DETACHMENT BOARD
CONSEIL DU DÉTACHEMENT DE HURON
DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE

HURON OPP DETACHMENT
DÉTACHEMENT DE HURON DE LA POLICE PROVINCIALE

July 21, 2026

Via email: doug.fordco@pc.ola.org

Premier's Office
Room 281
Main Legislative Building, Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A5

**Re: Letter of Support – Appeal to Attorney General of Ontario for Review
and Reform of Provincial Offences System**

Dear Hon. Doug Ford,

Please be advised that the Huron OPP Detachment Board passed the following resolution at their July 20, 2026, Meeting:

Resolution: 37-2026

Moved by: Member Lamport

Seconded by: Member Anderson

That the Huron OPP Detachment Board supports the Village of Merrickville-Wolford's May 26, 2026 correspondence regarding Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques; and

That this supporting resolution and originating documentation be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MP Ben Lobb, MPP Lisa Thompson, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Police Service Boards and all municipalities in Ontario.

Result: Carried

Please find attached the originating correspondence for your reference.

Respectfully,

Kendra Webster

Administrator (Municipality of South Huron)
Huron OPP Detachment Board

kwebster@southhuron.ca

519-235-0310 extension 232

Encl.

cc:

Minister of Transportation, Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria;

prabmeet.sarkaria@pc.ola.org

Minister of Finance, Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy;

peter.bethlenfalvy@pc.ola.org

MP for Huron-Bruce, Ben Lobb; ben.lobb@parl.gc.ca

MPP for Huron-Bruce, Lisa Thompson; lisa.thompsonco@pc.ola.org

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May 26, 2026

Re: OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques

Please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford, at its Regular Meeting on May 25, 2026, passed the following motion pertaining to the OPP Detachment Board Resolution of Support - Traffic Calming & Speeding Mitigation Techniques:

Resolution #: R-24-05-25-26

Moved by: Councillor Maitland

Seconded by: Councillor Ireland

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Merrickville-Wolford receive for information the resolution from the Municipality of North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board dated May 7, 2026 regarding traffic calming and speeding mitigation techniques;

AND THAT Council endorse and support the resolution from the OPP Detachment Board and direct staff to circulate the resolution of support to Premier Doug Ford, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Finance, MPP Steve Clark, AMO, ROMA, all Ontario Police Service Boards, and all 444 Municipalities in Ontario.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above resolution, please do not hesitate to contact me by email at clerk@merrickville-wolford.ca.

Thank you.



Julia McCaugherty-Jansman
Clerk



May 7, 2026

Traffic Calming/Speeding Mitigation Techniques

The North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford Village OPP Detachment Board, at its Meeting on May 7, 2026, passed the following motion with the request for municipal support:

Moved by: Ian Fraser

Seconded by: Jim Goodman

WHEREAS history demonstrates that speeding and public safety concerns are increasing across Ontario;

WHEREAS the Provincial government has shown interest and allocated financial resources to certain municipalities to implement alternative measures to photo radar, reaffirming its ongoing commitment to addressing public safety issues;

WHEREAS this commitment currently applies only to municipalities utilizing photo radar as a deterrent;

AND WHEREAS such funding support would assist municipalities with limited financial resources in protecting their citizens - especially seniors and school-aged children.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grenville 1 OPP Detachment Board respectfully request North Grenville and Merrickville-Wolford Councils advocate that the province expand its stated interest and financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, adopting a province-wide approach to public safety and thereby ensuring the well-being of all Ontarians;

AND THAT this resolution be sent to the following:

Premier Doug Ford

Minister of Transportation

Minister of Finance

MPP Steve Clark

AMO

ROMA

All Ontario Police Service Boards

And all 444 Municipalities in Ontario

Carried.

THE GOLDEN SUNSHINE MUNICIPAL NON-PROFIT HOUSING CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Common Room – May 19, 2026

A regular meeting of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation board was held on Tuesday April 21, 2026.

Present: Bernadette Kerr, Calvin Young, Mieke Markus, Dave Yemm, Amber McIsaac and Lynne Roy.

Regrets Leo Patey, Dave Britton

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Bernadette Kerr

Resolution 2026-35:

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation calls the Board of Directors meeting on May 19, 2026 at: 9:35 am.

Moved by: Calvin Seconded by: Dave Y Carried.

2. Additions to Agenda- None noted.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

Resolution 2026-36

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation hereby approves the agenda for May 19, 2026, board of directors meeting.

Moved by: Dave Y Seconded by: Calvin Carried.

4. Conflict of Interest Disclosure: none

5. Approval of the Minutes from April 21, 2026

The minutes from the April 21, 2026 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Resolution 2026-37:

the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation hereby approves the minutes of the April 21, 2026.

Moved by: Mieke Seconded by: Lynne Carried.

6. Business Arising

a) COCHI Funding

Elevator parts to be delivered in June.

b) Fence Post Deterioration

Repair complete, confirmation of extension of warranty requested.

c) Roof Heat Trace Quote

A discussion took place regarding the capital project funding request. The Board agreed to defer submitting a formal funding request until two additional quotes have been obtained and reviewed.

c) Residential Tenant Act Changes

A notice was shared from the Non-Profit Housing Association regarding RTA changes through Bill 60, Shortened Non-Payment Timelines, and Bill 97, Air Conditioner Use. A discussion took place.

7. Correspondence

a/b) Financials

The Board reviewed and accepted all financial documents as presented.

Resolution 2026-38:

The Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation has received and approved the April 2026 financial transaction reports, and income statements as presented.

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

8. Closed Session

Resolution 2026-39:

That the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation moved out of regular session and into closed session at 9:53.

Moved by: Calvin Seconded by: Lynne Carried.

Resolution 2026-40:

That the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation moved out of closed session 10:12.

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

Resolution 2026-41:

That the Golden Sunshine Non-Profit Housing Corporation moved into regular session 10:13

Moved by: Calvin Seconded by: Lynne Carried.

9. Next Meeting

The next AGM meeting of the Board is scheduled for June 16, 2026 @ 9:30am and will be followed by a regular meeting.

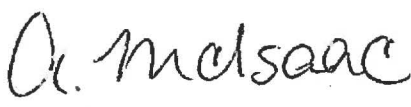
10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Resolution 2026-42:

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors meeting of May 19, 2026 is hereby adjourned.

Moved by: Calvin Seconded by: Lynne Carried.


Bernadette Kerr, President
Amber Mclsaac, Secretary

**The Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation
Annual General Meeting Minutes – Common Room
2025-07**

Tuesday June 17, 2025

An Annual General meeting of the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation board was held on Tuesday June 17, 2025.

Present: Bernadette Kerr, Dave Britton, Mieke Krause, Nancy McFadden, Dave Yemm, Calvin Young, Amber McIsaac, Property Manager & Claude Daigle.

Resolution No. 2025-31 – Moved by Dave Y, seconded by Mieke that we call the meeting to order at 9:30am Carried

Resolution No. 2025-32 – Moved by Dave Y, seconded by Mieke that the agenda is adopted as presented. Carried

Conflict of Interest Disclosure- None

Resolution No. 2025-33 – Moved by Calvin seconded by Dave Y that the minutes from the Annual General Meeting on June 18, 2025 are adopted as presented.

Claude Daigle presented the final draft of the audited financial statements as of December 31, 2024, and reposted the audit was clean.

Resolution No. 2025-34 – Moved by Dave Y, seconded by Calvin that the board approved the 2024 Audited Financial statements from Kendal, Sinclair, Cowper & Daigle. Carried

Resolution 2025-35 – Moved by Dave B, seconded by Nancy that the meeting be adjourned at 9:50 a.m.



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MINUTES

Nipissing Township Museum Board of Management
July 8, 2026

A regular meeting of the Nipissing Township Museum Board of Management was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 starting at 6:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Regrets: Mary Heasman

Disclosure of pecuniary interests – none

MOTION NUMBER 2026-11

Moved by: Dave Yemm

Seconded by: Steve Kirkey

That we approve the Minutes of the Nipissing Township Museum Board Meeting held June 3, 2026 as presented. **Carried.**

Staff Updates:

- **Building and Maintenance**

- The grass seed that was planted in the spring is growing well following the foundation repairs.

- **Event Planning**

- Finances will be presented at the next meeting capturing the first month of operation.
- June 20th – 40 to 50 people in attendance at the Museum for a family reunion. Family purchased merchandise, made donations and toured the museum during the reunion.
- **Butter Making Event** – Thursday July 2 and Saturday July 4, workshops each accommodated 19 participants. The majority of the participants at Thursday's workshop took a tour of the museum many visited the gift shop. On Saturday about a third of participants took a tour and visited the gift shop.
- Each of the workshops were assisted by Museum Board members which allowed the staff to provide tours and work within the Museum.
- The workshops saw many new faces at the Museum, visiting families to the area. One family returned during the week following the workshop to tour the Museum.
- Total cost of the event \$138.58, some items were donated for the event and will also be utilized for the ice cream making event and Heritage Day.
- Total combined revenue \$195.00. Event was offered at an affordable price for individuals and families.
- **Ice Cream Making Event** – July 18 – event registration is closed; 14 participants in the morning and 17 participants in the afternoon to accommodate a family.
- **Rope Craft Workshop** – 4 registrants and a number of inquiries.
- **Heritage Day - requests** for donations for the silent auction were sent out at the

beginning of July to local businesses. Gillian has received one donation to date.

MOTION NUMBER 2026-12

Moved by: Debbie Rennette

Seconded by: Gladys Bateman

THAT the Nipissing Township Museum Board hereby expands the participant role to allow commercial businesses to participate as a vendor/exhibitor at Heritage Day events and that the minimum donation for commercial participation shall be \$. **Defeated.**

- Heritage Day Food – same quantities as last year. Fire Department will be providing the BBQ again this year.
- If the ice cream workshop goes well, the staff will make a batch for Heritage Day and have toppings available.

- **Collections/Artifact Status Report**

- One of the students is transferring artifacts into archival quality boxes to make more effective use of the storage room space.

- **Exhibits**

- Students working on the development of the interactive Remembrance Day exhibit.
- The background design for the Waterways exhibit is well underway and text is 50% complete.

- **Strategic Plan**

- Butter Workshop dates worked well for participants; feedback was provided on other types of workshops that could be offered in the future.

- **Board Discussion – New Business and Future Events**

- No new business was brought forward.

MOTION NUMBER 2026-13

Moved by: Alma Rice

Seconded by: Gladys Bateman

THAT the Board meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:24 p.m. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. **Carried.**

Chairperson:

Secretary:

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

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

Minutes to be approved by the Board at the next scheduled Board Meeting.



TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: August 11, 2026

NUMBER: R2026-

Moved by

Seconded by

**That the statement of accounts dated:
July 18, 21, 23, 28, 29, and August 1, 2026.**

Totaling \$1,127,409.85 be approved.

For	Against
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YEMM	
CHALAPENKO	
FOOTE	
KIRKEY	
SCOTT	

Carried

Mayor: Dave Yemm