

MINUTES

Nipissing Township Museum Board of Management
October 7, 2026

A regular meeting of the Nipissing Township Museum Board of Management was held on Wednesday, October 7, 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 and Kim Turnbull, Deputy Treasurer-Office Assistant, Secretary to the Museum Board

Regrets: Mary Heasman

Disclosure of pecuniary interests – none

MOTION NUMBER 2026-26

Moved by: Steve Kirkey

Seconded by: Dave Yemm

That we approve the Minutes of the Nipissing Township Museum Board Meeting held September 2, 2026 as presented. **Carried.**

Staff Updates:

- **Financial Statistics**
 - BBQ revenue from Heritage Day was \$544.70. The burgers, hot dogs, sausages, buns and ice were donated by Foote's General Store.
- **Building and Maintenance**
 - The cedar rail fence will be removed later this fall.
 - The museum has had the necessary closing procedures completed for the winter.
- **Events**
 - Discussion on themes for Heritage Day 2027.

MOTION NUMBER 2026-27

Moved by: Gladys Bateman

Seconded by: Alma Rice

THAT the Heritage Day 2027 theme shall be Nipissing Nostalgia. **Carried.**

Discussion: Workshop Ideas for 2027:

- Ice cream making – a repetition of the 2026 workshops was there as sufficient registration for the workshops offered.

- Air Dry Clay – each participant would be given their own portion to make an item.
- Song workshop – all ages, no experience required.
- Cardboard loom coaster weaving
- Offer 2 workshops in 2027, to allow for artifact inventory activities to continue.
- One food and one non-food workshop.
- Action – motion to be brought forward at the November meeting to determine the 2027 workshops.

MOTION NUMBER 2026-28

Moved by: Dave Yemm

Seconded by: Debbie Rennette

THAT the Board approves the donation of approximately 50-80 museum magnets from the gift shop to the Township of Nipissing 2026 Christmas Run. **Carried.**

MOTION NUMBER 2026-29

Moved by: Steve Kirkey

Seconded by: Alma Rice

THAT the Board approves the donation of four Streams and Ladders games to the Powassan and District Union Public Library. **Carried.**

- **Collections/Artifact Status Report**

- Records continue to be added and updated in the PastPerfect database.
To date there are over 800 records in the database.

MOTION NUMBER 2026-30

Moved by: Dave Yemm

Seconded by: Debbie Rennette

THAT the Board approve the deaccession and removal of the thrasher from the Township of Nipissing Museum. **Carried.**

Discussion on the process for deaccession of an item from the museum.

- **Exhibits**

- No update at this time.

- **Strategic Plan**

- No update at this time.

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

- The regular Board Meeting in November will be cancelled and a special Board Meeting will be scheduled following the regular meeting of Council in November.

MOTION NUMBER 2026-31

Moved by: Dave Yemm

Seconded by: Steve Kirkey

THAT the Board meeting is hereby adjourned at 6:31p.m. Next meeting date to be scheduled following the regular meeting of Council in November 2026. **Carried.**

Chairperson:

Secretary:

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

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

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