



Minutes

Regular Council Meeting
Township of the North Shore
Wednesday, June 18th, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Council: Tony Moor - Mayor
Richard Welburn - Ward 1 - electronic
Len Menard - Ward 2
Tracey Simon - Ward 3
Robin Green - Councillor at Large

Staff: Matt Simon, Public Works Manager/Fire Chief - *left meeting at 7:18 PM*
Rachel Schneider, Municipal Clerk/Deputy Treasurer
Craig Davidson - Interim Treasurer

CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION #25-174

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore approves the agenda as circulated

CARRIED

DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

T. Simon - 4a in Closed Session

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

a) Cunningham Swan - Integrity Commissioner Reports dated May 23, 2025

RESOLUTION #25-175

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council of the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore approves to make the Integrity Commissioner reports, as presented to Council by Cunningham Swan at the June 18th, 2025, Regular Council meeting, available to the public by adding the reports to the Township's website, and by providing a copy of the report to the public upon written request.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #25-176

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore approves the recommendations for penalty sanctions outlined in the Integrity Commissioner report dated May 23, 2025, for File number 36669-22 involving the Councillor of Ward 1 Richard Welburn

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes for the Regular meeting of June 3rd, 2025

RESOLUTION #25-177

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council of the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore approve the minutes of the June 3rd, 2025, Regular Council meeting

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

- a) Mayor Moor - Meetings attended

RESOLUTION #25-178

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the Council Member Report from Mayor Moor for information purposes.

CARRIED

REPORTS AND MOTIONS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNICATION

- a) Town Hall Meeting - Requests to Speak from Members of the Public

RESOLUTION #25-179

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report regarding submitted Requests to Speak from Members of the Public, and that Council direct the Clerk of which submissions they would like to see added to the July 30, 2025, Town Hall meeting agenda.

CARRIED

- b) Recommendation to Council from Cemetery Committee - Direction to Clerk to Contact BAO

RESOLUTION #25-180

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the Cemetery Committee recommendation from the June 4th, 2025, Committee meeting for consideration, and that Council direct the Clerk to contact the Bereavement Authority of Ontario regarding the removal of old and damaged crosses or markers in the Algoma Mills Cemetery.

CARRIED

c) Resolution of Support - Rural Healthcare Supports

RESOLUTION #25-181

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

Whereas, the availability and quality of home care services across rural Ontario is inadequate, inconsistent and often unreliable,

Whereas, the availability of both low intensity services and assisted living services and accommodation is either absent or inadequate,

Whereas, distances to hospitals, hospice, and healthcare clinics can be prohibitive to care,

Whereas, access to primary care can be precarious,

Whereas, in most cases patients choose care in their own home rather than institutionalized care,

Whereas, patient-centered services to support a broad scope of "activities of daily living" tasks contributes to quality of life and reduces pressures on emergency rooms, hospitals and other health care providers,

Whereas, such a model has been shown to work across ten rural municipalities in central Algoma under the Township of St. Joseph's Central Algoma PSW Outreach Pilot Program by allowing patients to stay in their own homes, or transition back to their homes, thus relieving pressures on Emergency Rooms, hospital beds, long-term care homes and caregivers,

Therefore Be It Resolved, the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore requests that the Ontario Ministry of Health commit its full support to flexible and innovative approaches like the Central Algoma PSW Outreach Pilot Program to ensure the provision of publicly-funded and patient-centered home care services in rural Ontario communities,

Further Be It Resolved, where services are not currently adequately delivered or available, initiatives for home care could include light housekeeping services and meal prep, personal care, monitoring changes in status, respite care, and palliative care depending on the needs of the patient,

Further Be it Resolved, that, where possible, such an initiative will be integrated into the primary care model for its geographic area.

And, that this resolution be shared with the Ontario Premier, Minister of Health, Minister of Long-term Care, Minister of Rural Affairs, Ontario Health, Algoma Ontario Health Team, the Leader of the Opposition and Critic for the Ministry of Health.

CARRIED

d) Recommendation to Council from Recreation Committee - Removal of Committee member

RESOLUTION #25-182

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the Recreation Committee recommendation from the June 10th, 2025, Committee meeting for consideration, and that Council remove absent members from the Recreation Committee, per Section 5.3(c) of the Recreation Committee Terms of Reference.

CARRIED

e) 1983 American LaFrance Fire Truck

RESOLUTION #25-183

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the report regarding the 1983 American LaFrance Fire Truck for consideration, that Council declare the 1983 American LaFrance Fire Truck as Surplus to the Municipal need, and direct staff to advertise for sale with the reserve bid as noted.

CARRIED

- f) Letter of Opinion - Tony Fleming, Integrity Commissioner

RESOLUTION #25-184

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the letter of opinion from the Township of The North Shore Integrity Commissioner Tony Fleming regarding staff providing a complaint to the Integrity Commissioner for information purposes.

CARRIED

- g) Outcome of request for Sealed Bids - Generator

RESOLUTION #25-185

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report for consideration, and that Council accept the Sealed bid from Pat Deschenes in the amount of \$575.00 for the Generator

CARRIED

- h) Outcome of request for sealed bids - Dodge Ram

RESOLUTION #25-186

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report for consideration, and that Council accept the Sealed Bid from Luc Deschenes in the amount of \$525.00 for the 2005 Dodge Ram

CARRIED

- i) Outcome of request for sealed bids - Yellow Plow Truck

RESOLUTION #25-187

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report for consideration, and that Council accept the Sealed bid from Pat Deschenes in the amount of \$1500.00 for the 2001 Yellow Plow Truck

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

- a) Letter from the OPP regarding the 2026 Municipal Policing Billing Statement Property Count

- b) Letter from Celebrate Canada regarding Naloxone

RESOLUTION #25-188

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED That Council receive items a and b of the June 18th, 2025, Consent Agenda for information purposes.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION, READING, AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil

QUESTION PERIOD

Per the Township of The North Shore Procedure By-Law, (Section 6.5.2.17) "Questions and answers will be noted in the meeting's minutes in general terms"

There were 7 questions asked during the Question Period of the June 18th, 2025, meeting:

Question 1:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Joanne McLellan
Ward of property/residence - Ward 1

Question asked (in general terms) - Regarding Integrity Commissioner report - Does the Councillor at Large feel his efforts to unify this Council are an exercise at futility?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - Councillor Robin Green responded yes, referred to Roberts Rules of Order, and rules of priority.

Question 2:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Janice Gamble
Ward of property/residence - Ward 1

Question asked (in general terms) - Will Council consider changing the Town Hall Meeting policy to allow for questions to be submitted after the listed deadline? Refers to Council not under obligation to answer questions, questions should be respectful, Town Halls are to be informal and engaging, only person who submitted questions, deadline so far in advance defeats purpose.

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - Councillor Robin Green suggested changing dates to allow for more time, Councillor Tracey Simon suggests hiring a moderator to ensure respectfulness. The Mayor allows for a resident to provide comment on seasonal residents having more opportunity to submit questions. The Clerk, with permission of the Mayor explains current timeline approved by Council.

Question 3 and 4:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - No name given
Ward of property/residence - No Ward given

Question asked (in general terms) - Why was the proposed amendment by the Councillor at Large not considered by Council? Why was the integrity of the Ward 1 Councillor questioned and no discussion by Council?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor states that the motion was carried and that the Integrity Commissioner is responsible to review information, come to a decision, and make a recommendation to Council

Question 5:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Melody Rose
Ward of property/residence - Ward 3

Question asked (in general terms) - Could Council consider the recommendation of a moderator? Adds opinion of being more inviting to public and possibility of more attendance. Says moderator could allow for open questions as environment would be controlled.

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor repeats request regarding moderator and timeframe. Councillor Richard Welburn states a lot of questions for Town Hall meeting can be answered by staff and agrees to the idea of having a moderator as long as Council chooses the moderator and not staff. Councillor Tracey Simon suggests outside resources for a moderator. The Clerk, with permission from the Mayor asks if Council would like to cancel the July 30 Town Hall meeting until Council agrees on a process to follow/policy amendments.

Question 6:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Alice Fahey
Ward of property/residence - Ward 1

Question asked (in general terms) - If having a meeting with a moderator why change the date? States not sure where policy is.

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor explains the policy would need to be changed. The Clerk explains policy is on website and offers to send policy via email. Councillor Richard Welburn states he wants to keep the current date and reminds that Special Meetings can be called. Councillor Robin Green suggests moving into August to allow for seasonal people to attend. A member of the public speaks out stating they would like the date to stay the same with a moderator. The Interim Treasurer suggests a report go to Council July 16 where Council can pass a Resolution to put aside the Policy, propose a moderator, have a Special Meeting if needed, meeting could be learning example, how notice was given for meeting and submissions that people could show up wondering about Town Hall meeting. The Mayor confirms what Council is looking for July 16 meeting.

RESOLUTION #25-189

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED That staff is directed to return with a Town Hall Meeting proposal for the July 16th meeting including recommendation of a moderator and open question period

CARRIED

Question 7:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Alice Fahey
Ward of property/residence - Ward 1

Question asked (in general terms) - Has there been consideration of setting up a communication system where residents are emailed updates and notices, referring to the system Huron Shores has. Offers to forward recent notices received.

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor clarifies that it is the Huron Shores website being referred to.

RESOLUTION #25-190

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council direct staff to communicate with Huron Shores regarding their communication system

CARRIED

Question 8:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Janice Gamble
Ward of property/residence - Ward 1

Question asked (in general terms) - No question asked. Says Integrity Commissioner report reveals what Council was discussing in Closed Session of February 5th meeting, and she refers to Council decisions regarding previous staff, suggesting these were bad decisions.

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor confirms that the Integrity Commissioner report refers to words said by Councillor Richard Welburn only and did not refer to items in Closed Session. Councillor Robin Green and Councillor Richard Welburn confirm the discussions of the February 5th Closed Session are not what Mrs. Gamble is suggesting.

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #25-191

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore move to Closed Session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, to consider:

- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees
- (d) labour relations or employee negotiations
- (h) information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them
- (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

Closed session meeting attendance by: Township of The North Shore Municipal Council, Clerk, Interim Treasurer, Fire Chief

For the purpose of human resource matters

CARRIED

The Mayor called a Recess at 7:04 PM

C. Davidson exited Council Chambers at 7:04 PM

L. Menard exited Council Chambers at 7:05 PM

T. Simon exited Council Chambers at 7:05 PM

M. Simon exited Council Chambers at 7:05 PM

R. Green exited Council Chambers at 7:05 PM

T. Moor exited Council Chambers at 7:06 PM

R. Schneider exited Council Chambers at 7:07 PM

T. Moor returned to Council Chambers at 7:07 PM

R. Schneider returned to Council Chambers at 7:09 PM

T. Simon returned to Council Chambers at 7:09 PM

R. Green returned to Council Chambers at 7:09 PM

M. Simon returned to Council Chambers at 7:09 PM

L. Menard returned to Council Chambers at 7:09 PM

C. Davidson returned to Council Chambers at 7:09 PM

T. Simon exited Council Chambers at 7:11 PM

L. Menard exited and returned to Council Chambers at 7:18 PM

T. Simon returned to Council Chambers at 7:18 PM

M. Simon left the meeting at 7:18 PM

C. Davidson exited Council Chambers at 7:26 PM

C. Davidson returned to Council Chambers at 7:26 PM

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #25-192

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore arise from Closed Session at 7:26 PM and report as follows: Council gave direction to the Mayor and Clerk regarding the human resources matters

CARRIED

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

RESOLUTION # 25-193

Moved By: R. Green

Seconded By: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore hereby approve By-Law No. 25-26, Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Regular meeting held June 18th, 2025, be read a first, second and third time, enacted and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION # 25-194

Moved By: T. Simon

Seconded By: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore Regular Council meeting of June 18th, 2025, do now adjourn at 7:28 PM to meet again on the 16th day of July 2025 at 6:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED


Tony Moor, Mayor


Rachel Schneider, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer