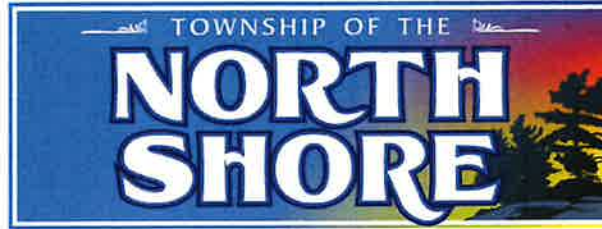


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Minutes

Regular Council Meeting
Township of the North Shore
Wednesday, May 21st, 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 7:02 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 #25-140

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

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes for the Regular meeting of May 7th, 2025

RESOLUTION #25-141

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 May 7th, 2025, Regular Council meeting

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

- a) Councillor Richard Welburn - Library Board - Hiring of High School Student

RESOLUTION #25-142

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Welburn

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

CARRIED

REPORTS AND MOTIONS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNICATION

- a) Budget and Tax Ratios

RESOLUTION #25-143

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 2025 Budget and Tax Ratios for information purposes.

CARRIED

- b) Election Planning

RESOLUTION #25-144

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 report regarding Election Planning for information purposes, and that Council provide further direction to staff regarding bringing a report back to Council for Council's consideration regarding changes in how Council is elected.

CARRIED

- c) Tender Results - Pronto Water Treatment Plant UV Replacement

RESOLUTION #25-145

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 and Quotation Report from PUC for consideration, and that Council accept the Tender from R. F. Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$104,900.00 plus applicable HST for the Pronto Water Treatment Plant UV System Replacement.

CARRIED

- d) Resolution of Support - Opposition of Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

RESOLUTION #25-146

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning policies, including replacing the Endangered Species Act with a new framework that reduces protections for at-risk species, and enabling the creation of Special Economic Zones that may override local planning authority and environmental oversight;

AND WHEREAS the Township of The North Shore supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be done in a way that upholds environmental responsibility and maintains the integrity of local planning processes;

AND WHEREAS Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for natural heritage systems, threatening biodiversity, and diminishing the authority of Municipalities to manage growth in accordance with local needs and official plans;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore:

1. Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;
2. Urges the Province of Ontario to support housing and infrastructure development in ways that align with sound environmental planning and empower municipalities with appropriate planning tools;
3. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to:
 - o The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
 - o The Honourable Todd J. McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
 - o The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario;
 - o The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
 - o All Ontario municipalities.

CARRIED

- e) Enforcement at Township of The North Shore Boat Launches

RESOLUTION #25-147

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 report from staff regarding the gazebo and deferred enforcement at the Cookhouse Boat Launch in Algoma Mills for information purposes, and that Council direct Staff to follow and Enforce Policies L-3 and P-6 and By-Law 15-32 for all boat launches in the Township of The North Shore, effective immediately.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #25-148

Moved by: R. Green

Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council direct staff to compile a report that includes potential parking and dockage options at all Township of The North Shore boat launches to bring back at a future meeting for Council's consideration

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

- a) Rock Networks - Anchor Installation and Pole Replacement maps
- b) Letter from OPP regarding organizational realignment
- c) Letter of appreciation from Blind River Curling Club
- d) Letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding Bill 17

RESOLUTION #25-149

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED That Council receive items a-d of the May 21st, 2025, Consent Agenda for information purposes.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION, READING, AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

- a) By-Law 25-20 being a by-law to approve a Scent Free Workplace Policy for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore.

RESOLUTION #25-150

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore approve By-Law 25-20 being a by-law to approve a Scent Free Workplace Policy for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore be read a first, second and third time enacted and passed.

CARRIED

- b) By-Law 25-21 being a by-law to levy and collect property taxes for the year 2025

RESOLUTION #25-151

Moved by: R. Green

Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore approve By-Law 25-21 being a by-law to levy and collect property taxes for the year 2025 for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore be read a first, second and third time enacted and passed.

CARRIED

- c) By-Law 25-22 being a by-law to adopt the estimates for all the sums required during the year 2025 for the purposes of the Township of The North Shore

RESOLUTION #25-152

Moved by: R. Green

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore approve By-Law 25-22 being a by-law to adopt the estimates for all the sums required during the year 2025 for the purposes of the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore be read a first, second and third time enacted and passed.

CARRIED

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 4 questions asked during the Question Period of the May 21st, 2025, meeting:

Question 1:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Melody Rose

Ward of property/residence - Ward 3

Question asked (in general terms) - Resolution regarding report about parking issues not clear on legal parking increase, can that be addressed so we are giving most to residents?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor and Clerk confirm that report will cover that topic

Question 2:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Melody Rose

Ward of property/residence - Ward 3

Question asked (in general terms) - regarding Bill 5 opposition Resolution of support, why wouldn't Township include wording regarding indigenous rights being taken away. Made comment on Supreme Court, and Premier of Ontario.

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - Councillor Green states he does not see the Province stepping in regarding Indigenous issues, unsure of what he has read.

Question 3:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Rhonda Kirby
Ward of property/residence - Ward 1

Question asked (in general terms) - asks if Council is aware of Chiefs being furious about Bill 5. Makes comment on ring of fire, Premier of Ontario, Provincial government not being respectful of First Nations.

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - Councillor Simon suggests the Mayor adding a letter to go with Resolution of Support to address indigenous concerns. Councillor Green reminds everyone that as a Municipal Council there is no jurisdiction, and they need to be careful on decisions made to not upset good relationships. Councillor Green adds that he agrees the issues are important to address. The Mayor said he will reach out to local Chiefs.

Question 4:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Rhonda Kirby
Ward of property/residence - Ward 1

Question asked (in general terms) - regarding Cookhouse boat launch - advises Council that there has been a previous request to change the direction of the turn around, and provides a suggestion to trim back trees, add signage for overflow parking at top of hill.

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - Mayor confirms adding a sign

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #25-153

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

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
- (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board
- (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose
- (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

For the purpose of legal and human resource matters

CARRIED

M. Simon left the meeting at 7:02 PM

The Mayor called a Recess at 7:02 PM

*L. Menard exited Council Chambers at 7:02 PM
C. Davidson exited Council Chambers at 7:02 PM
T. Simon exited Council Chambers at 7:02 PM
R. Green exited Council Chambers at 7:04 PM
R. Schneider exited Council Chambers at 7:04 PM
R. Schneider returned to Council Chambers at 7:06 PM
T. Simon returned to Council Chambers at 7:06 PM
C. Davidson returned to Council Chambers at 7:08 PM
L. Menard returned to Council Chambers at 7:09 PM
R. Green returned to Council Chambers at 7:09PM*

The Mayor resumed the meeting at 7:09 PM

*C. Davidson exited Council Chambers at 7:21 PM
C. Davidson returned to Council Chambers at 7:22 PM*

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #25-154

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore arise from Closed Session at 7:22 PM and report as follows: Council gave direction to the Mayor and Clerk regarding the legal and human resources matters and that Council hire Investigative Solutions Network Inc.

CARRIED

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

RESOLUTION # 25-155

Moved By: R. Green

Seconded By: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore hereby approve By-Law No. 25-23, Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Regular meeting held May 21st, 2025, be read a first, second and third time, enacted and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

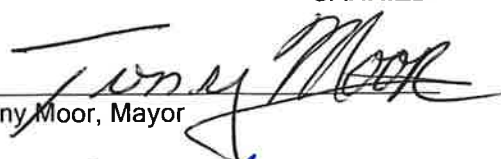
RESOLUTION # 25-156

Moved By: L. Menard

Seconded By: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore Regular Council meeting of May 21st, 2025, do now adjourn at 7:24 PM to meet again on the 22nd day of May 2025 at 6:30 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED


Tony Moor, Mayor


Rachel Schneider, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer