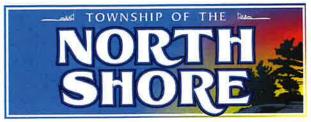
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Minutes

Regular Council Meeting
Township of the North Shore
Wednesday, October 1st, 2025
6:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Council:

Tony Moor - Mayor

Richard Welburn - Ward 1 Len Menard - Ward 2 Tracey Simon - Ward 3

Robin Green - Councillor at Large

Staff:

Matt Simon, Public Works Manager/Fire Chief - left meeting at 8:03 PM

Rachel Schneider, Municipal Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Craig Davidson - Interim Treasurer - electronic

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION #25-204

Moved by:

R. Green

Seconded by: T. Simon

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 June 18th, 2025

RESOLUTION #25-205

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 18th, 2025, Regular Council meeting

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b) Minutes for the Special meeting September 2nd, 2025

RESOLUTION #25-206

Moved by: R. Green Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council of the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore approve the

minutes of the September 2nd, 2025, Special Council meeting

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

REPORTS AND MOTIONS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNICATION

a) Legal Fees to be Paid - Invoice #204303

RESOLUTION #25-207

Moved by: L. Menard Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore review the

attached invoice from Cunningham Swan, Invoice #204303 for information purposes

CARRIED

b) Notice of Integrity Commissioner Reports - October 15th, 2025, Regular Council meeting RESOLUTION #25-208

Moved by: R. Green Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the report regarding notice of x2 Integrity Commissioner reports being brought to the October 15th, 2025, Regular Council meeting for information purposes, and that Council direct staff to schedule with the Integrity Commissioner to attend the October 15th, 2025, Regular Council meeting to provide explanation of the reports received and answer any questions.

CARRIED

c) Quarterly Reports - Second Quarter 2025 - Administration, Fire Department and Public Works RESOLUTION #25-209

Moved by: R. Green Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the 2nd Quarter reports for 2025 for Administration, Public Works and the Fire Department for information purposes and direct the Fire Chief to bring back a report at a future meeting explaining Fire Fighter training and a separate report regarding the subject of the potential purchase of a new fire truck.

CARRIED

d) Treasury Department Activities - January 1 to June 30, 2025

RESOLUTION #25-210

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 regarding the activities of the Treasury Department in the first six months of 2025 for information purposes.

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e) Budget Variance Report - to June 30 2025

RESOLUTION #25-211

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 regarding the Budget Variance up to June 30, 2025, for information purposes

CARRIED

f) Sealed Bid Result - 1983 American LaFrance Fire Truck

RESOLUTION #25-212

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 accepts the Sealed bid from T. Scott Mooney in the amount of \$1800.00 for the 1983 American LaFrance Fire Truck

CARRIED

g) Lauzon Village Road Culvert

RESOLUTION #25-213

Moved by: R. Green Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the report regarding the Lauzon Village Road culvert replacement, for information purposes and direct staff to provide additional information with respect to the expense of \$61,870.08 for the Lauzon Village Road culvert replacement, including 3 quotes and details regarding approval.

The Mayor called a Recess at 6:28 PM The Mayor resumed the meeting at 6:29 PM

CARRIED

h) Township of The North Shore Public Bulletin Boards

RESOLUTION #25-214

Moved by: R. Green Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report regarding the public bulletin boards located at the three Canada Post mailbox locations in the community for consideration, and that Council approve to keep the mailboxes in place, unlocked and accessible for the public to use.

Councillor Welburn requested a recorded vote.

Results:

Councillor R. Green - Yea Councillor L. Menard - Yea Councillor T. Simon - Yea Councillor R. Welburn - Nay Mayor T. Moor - Yea

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i) 70km on Highway 17 - section of Algoma Mills

RESOLUTION #25-215

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 report regarding the 70km speed reduction from approximately Pine Drive to Lauzon Village Road in Algoma Mills (1.7km) and the efforts of the Municipality and community members over the years to reduce the speed for information purposes.

CARRIED

Fire Protection Grant 2025-26

RESOLUTION #25-216

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 as presented, and that Council approve to keep the grant application submitted by staff under the Fire Protection Grant 2025-26 in place as the application submission was due by 5:00 PM on September 30, 2025.

CARRIED

k) Hydro One - Vegetation Maintenance Program 2026 - Council permission requested RESOLUTION #25-217

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 regarding the Hydro One Vegetation Maintenance Program in 2026 for consideration and that Council approve the use of Garlon RTU and/or Navius that may be selectively applied by Hydro One where deemed necessary to control the regrowth of vegetation in the areas as outlined on the attached map and email

CARRIED

Accessibility Policy

RESOLUTION #25-218

Moved by: R. Green Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report as presented for consideration, and that Council review and approve the proposed amendments to the Accessibility Policy.

CARRIED

m) Accessibility Plan - January 2026-January 2030

RESOLUTION #25-219

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 as presented for consideration, and that Council review and approve the proposed Multi-Year Accessibility Plan for January 2026-January 2030

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Water Billing Request

RESOLUTION #25-220

Moved by: R. Green Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report as presented for consideration, and that Council affirm that the water flat rate charged is for a year as the utility rates are already somewhat subsidized through the general tax levy.

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

- a) Letter from OPP regarding the distribution of Police Record Check revenue to Municipalities
- b) Email and document from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks regarding changes to environmental permissions for storm water management works
- c) Letter to Mayor from Lafarge Canada Inc.
- d) Confederation College Indigenous Reconciliation Action Plan
- e) MMAH Proposed updates to the Projection of Methodology Guideline
- Letter from Ministry of the Environment, Conservations, and Parks regarding updates to their Compliance Policy
- g) Letter from the Ministry of Natural Resources regarding the proposed Geologic Carbon Storage
- h) Letter and information provided from Lauzon Aviation regarding the "Pathfinder Wind Project"

RESOLUTION #25-221

L. Menard Moved by: Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED That Council receive items a to h of the October 1st, 2025, Consent Agenda for information purposes.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Town Hall Meetings a)

RESOLUTION #25-222

Moved by:

R. Green Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report as presented for consideration, that Council suspend Section 4.7 - Town Hall Meetings of the Township of The North Shore Procedure By-Law for the purposes of the first Town Hall Meeting, and that Council approves that the first Town Hall Meeting be held in a moderated, open question period format

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #25-223

Moved by: R. Green Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED that Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore schedule the first Town Hall Meeting for January 28th, 2026 at 7:00 PM as agreed upon by Council, that Council direct staff to hire Liisa Cotnam as moderator for the first Town Hall Meeting, that Council direct staff to proceed with the planning of the first Town Hall Meeting in accordance with the listed provided direction.

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INTRODUCTION, READING, AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

a) By-Law 25-29 being a by-law to temporarily suspend the Town Hall Meetings Policy

RESOLUTION #25-224
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 25-29 being a by-law to temporarily suspend the Town Hall Meetings Policy for 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 16 questions asked during the Question Period of the October 1st, 2025, meeting:

Questions 1-7:

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

Questions asked (in general terms) - Does the Township have a Workplace Harassment Policy (referring to items on the public bulletin board as harassment and then comparing how harassment can happen at a Christmas party as an example of what could be considered the workplace)? On grant line in Interim Treasurer's report it shows \$376,400 budgeted but there is a negative of \$188,200, does this mean more money to be received in increments or do we have to charge more to get more grants? Is the NORDS funding expiring at the end of the fiscal year? Does Council always take or is it policy to always take lowest bids when taking tenders? Why was the culvert done of Lauzon Village Road and not Riverview when Capital available in this year's budget - why not done before Riverview? Were tenders put out for Riverview as it was passed in the budget and why not (stating sends strong message to Serpent River residents, 3 Councils now)? Can there be a follow up?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor states that the question is if the public bulletin board is the workplace. The Interim Treasurer explained that the CMPF payments are received 4 times per year and in his report (for the first 6 months of 2025) the Township only had received 2 payments, and reminded that the topic of NORDS and grants has been explained throughout the budget, and gave update that he will provide a report no later than November regarding plans as he has been asked to go back to 2021 to find things eligible to use money on. The Mayor explains that all details are considered like timelines, etc., stated that companies were contacted but do not have capacity to complete (Riverview). Councillor Welburn said 3 roads talked about in Spring but now in October and only one road done, how he doesn't remember a tendering process, nothing done and money gone. The Mayor explains money not gone. Councillor Welburn adds no one will do work now, and that money will be gone in March 2026 so Township will have to pay.

Questions 8,9:

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

Questions asked (in general terms) - Is the Township not billing MTO for fire calls on the highway (as could be huge source of revenue)? Is MTO billing pending revenue?

<u>Answer given by Council (in general terms)</u> - The Fire Chief explained the MTO does get billed but process is slow, referring to how Blind River was involved in a call and they also have not received response, and said for revenue it depends on if the billing is approved. Councillor Welburn asks to get a report to show billing was filed.

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Questions 10,11:

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

Questions asked (in general terms) - What information has been received about chemicals to be used by Hydro One (referring to item 7k and saying Council does not have to say yes)? When is the Glyphosate issue going to Council?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor asked if Rhonda is willing to provide questions. The Clerk explains the Resolution of Support regarding the use of glyphosates is going to the October 15th meeting.

Questions 12:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Lisa Bell Murray Ward of property/residence - Ward 1

Questions asked (in general terms) - In Administration quarterly report regarding Lauzon at capacity it says meeting with CAO, what does that mean?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Clerk explains COA stands for Committee of Adjustment who had a meeting on June 25, 2025, and are currently waiting to hear back from the planner.

Questions 13,14:

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

Questions asked (in general terms) - Would Council consider making an Environmental Committee to make recommendations to Council? Can we put under old business?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor states that something could be put out to gauge interest.

Questions 15:

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

Questions asked (in general terms) - Is now a good time for the Township to ask as a friendly request to LaFarge and Carmeuse to monitor the output of particulate matter that is coming out of stacks?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor states that has been noted.

Questions 16:

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

Questions asked (in general terms) - What is the plan for the gazebo at Pater? Gazebo was supposed to be at Cookhouse but was moved to Pater, but it hasn't been done so where are we with that?

<u>Answer given by Council (in general terms)</u> - The Public Works Manager explains that the gazebo has been put exactly where Council wanted it on top of the hill, stating you can see the top of it from below at the boat launch or you can walk up the hill to see where it has been added. Councillor Welburn explained an update would have been nice as he went down to the area a couple of times, and how an email could have been sent so Council could explain to residents as the Public Works Manager said there were no meetings to provide an update.

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M. Simon exited Council Chambers at 7:50 PM

CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #25-225

Moved by: R. Green Seconded by: T. Simon

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 legal and human resource matters

CARRIED

The Mayor called a recess at 7:51 PM

- L. Menard exited Council Chambers at 7:51 PM
- T. Simon exited Council Chambers at 7:51 PM
- R. Green exited and returned to Council Chambers at 7:51 PM
- T. Simon returned to Council Chambers at 7:54 PM
- L. Menard returned to Council Chambers at 7:55 PM
- M. Simon returned to Council Chambers at 7:55 PM

The Mayor resumed the meeting at 7:55 PM

- M. Simon left the meeting at 8:03 PM
- L. Menard exited and returned to Council Chambers at 8:20 PM
- R. Green exited and returned to Council Chambers at 8:20 PM

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

RESOLUTION #25-226 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 8:20 PM and report as follows: Council gave direction to the Mayor and Clerk regarding the legal and human resources matters and that Council accept Kayleigh Hurtubise as a volunteer firefighter cadet provided she meets all qualifications.

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CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

RESOLUTION # 25-227

Moved By: L. Menard 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. 25-30, Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Regular meeting held October 1st, 2025, be read a first, second and third time, enacted and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION # 25-228

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 October 1st, 2025, do now adjourn at 8:22 PM to meet again on the 15th day of October 2025 at 6:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

Tony Moor, Mayo

Rachel Schneider, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer