



Minutes

Regular Council Meeting
Township of the North Shore
Wednesday, October 22nd, 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
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 #25-229

Moved by: L. Menard

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

a) Cunningham Swan - Integrity Commissioner Reports dated June 20, 2025, and August 7, 2025

RESOLUTION #25-230

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 October 15th, 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 #25-231

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 June 20, 2025, for File number 36669-25 involving the Councillor of Ward 1 Richard Welburn

Councillor Simon requested a recorded vote.

Results:

Councillor R. Green - Nay

Councillor L. Menard - Yea

Councillor T. Simon - Nay

Councillor R. Welburn - Nay

Mayor T. Moor - Yea

DEFEATED

RESOLUTION #25-232

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council seek advice from the Integrity Commissioner regarding the penalty for Councillor Welburn to attend meetings via ZOOM only for the remainder of this term.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes for the Special meeting of September 30th, 2025

RESOLUTION #25-233

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 30th, 2025, Special Council meeting

CARRIED

- b) Minutes for the Regular meeting October 1st, 2025

RESOLUTION #25-234

Moved by: R. Green

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council of the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore approve the minutes of the October 1st, 2025, Regular Council meeting

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

REPORTS AND MOTIONS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNICATION

- a) Algoma Mills Speed Reduction (verbal update)

RESOLUTION #25-235

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 verbal update from Mayor Moor about the Algoma Mills Speed Reduction for information purposes

CARRIED

b) Grant Updates report

RESOLUTION #25-236

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 providing updates for the various ongoing grants for information purposes.

CARRIED

c) Quarterly Reports - Third Quarter 2025 - Administration, Fire Department and Public Works

RESOLUTION #25-237

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 3rd Quarter reports for 2025 for Administration, Public Works and the Fire Department for information purposes

CARRIED

d) Treasury Department Activities - Third Quarter

RESOLUTION #25-238

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 activities of the Treasury Department for the 3rd Quarter of 2025 for information purposes.

CARRIED

e) Budget Variance Report - Third Quarter 2025

RESOLUTION #25-239

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 Budget Variance for the third quarter of 2025, for information purposes

CARRIED

f) Integrity Commissioner Complaint Statistics - January 1, 2024 - October 1, 2025

RESOLUTION #25-240

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 accompanied chart regarding the Integrity Commissioner Complaint statistics from January 1, 2024, to October 1, 2025, for information purposes.

CARRIED

g) Proposed Letter of Support from Mayor - FONOM proposal to expand Highway 11 and Highway 17 in Northern Ontario

RESOLUTION #25-241

Moved by: N/A

Seconded by: N/A

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore receive the staff report and letter from FONOM regarding the proposal to expand Highway 11 and Highway 17 in Northern Ontario using the 2+1 model for consideration, and that Council review and approve that the attached support letter to be signed by the Mayor and sent to the listed recipients.

CARRIED

h) Resolution of Support - Opposition of Strong Mayor Powers and Request for Removal
RESOLUTION #25-242

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has imposed "Strong Mayor Powers" on municipalities without broad consultation or consent; and

AND WHEREAS over 120 municipalities have passed resolutions opposing these powers and requested their removal, some as early as 2023; and

AND WHEREAS strong mayor powers concentrate authority in one office, undermining democratic governance, council collaboration, and transparency; and

AND WHEREAS municipalities are most effective through shared leadership and local decision-making; AND THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of The North Shore opposes the imposition of strong mayor powers and requests immediate removal from the list of designated municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), and the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO)

CARRIED

i) Resolution of Support - Exemption to Ontario regulation 343/22 - Firefighter Certification Requirements
RESOLUTION #25-243

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: R. Green

WHEREAS the Ontario government has enacted O. Reg. 343/22, establishing mandatory certification requirements for firefighters under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997

AND WHEREAS Council for the Township of The North Shore acknowledges the importance of standardized firefighter training and safety

AND WHEREAS these mandatory certification requirements pose significant challenges for small, rural, and northern municipalities due to limited financial and training resources, geographic barriers, and reliance on volunteer fire departments

AND WHEREAS the implementation of these requirements without additional flexibility or support may negatively impact the Township of The North Shore's ability to recruit and retain volunteer firefighters and provide adequate fire protection to its residents

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore formally opposes the mandatory firefighter certification requirements as currently outlined in O. Reg. 343/22

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Solicitor General, Premier of Ontario, MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin Bill Rosenberg, the Fire Marshal, AMO, FONOM, NOMA and all Ontario municipalities.

T. Simon exited Council Chambers at 7:06 PM

T. Simon returned to Council Chambers at 7:08 PM

CARRIED

j) Resolution of Support - Support of Elect Respect Campaign
RESOLUTION #25-244

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: R. Green

WHEREAS democracy is healthy when everyone is able to participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community;

AND WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment;

AND WHEREAS social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office;

AND WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office;

AND WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and called on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

AND WHEREAS H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process;

AND WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan "Parliamentary Civility Pledge" to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of The North Shore Council supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct.

AND THAT the Township of The North Shore Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect campaign and sign the online pledge at

www.electrespect.ca

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

CARRIED

k) Resolution of Support - End aerial spraying of Glyphosate

RESOLUTION #25-245

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

WHEREAS the use of aerial spraying of glyphosate for forestry poses significant biodiversity loss, harmful health effects on wildlife, loss of use of land for recreational, tourism, and hunting/ gathering purposes, water contamination, and concerns about the effects on human health.

AND WHEREAS new scientific evidence published since Health Canada's last assessment of glyphosate in 2017 has linked glyphosate-based end-use products to cancer, metabolic and neurological diseases, reproductive toxicity, and ecosystem harm

AND WHEREAS the Province of Quebec banned the use of glyphosate for forestry purposes in 2001 and replaced aerial herbicide spraying with manual forest thinning as a safer alternative forest management method

AND WHEREAS municipalities have a limited ability to address the issue of the aerial spraying of glyphosate, particularly on crown land, and require provincial leadership and regulation;

AND WHEREAS many residents in the Township of The North Shore and surrounding communities have expressed concern regarding the potential environmental and public health risks associated with aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has a responsibility to protect the environment and public health, and must take action to reduce the harm caused by aerial spraying of glyphosate;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

1. The Council of the Township of The North Shore formally requests that Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Province of Ontario and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and updated risk assessments are completed and reviewed;
2. The Council of the Township of The North Shore calls for the Province of Ontario to form and fund an expert stakeholder advisory committee to advise on the best courses of action to protect the land, vegetation, wildlife, waterways, air and humans from the harmful effects of aerial spraying of glyphosate.
3. The Township of The North Shore commits to working with the Province of Ontario and other municipalities to advocate for stronger Provincial leadership on aerial spraying of glyphosate

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT A copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following: the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Health, MPP Bill Rosenberg, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, and other relevant provincial and regional agencies.

CARRIED

l) Resolution of Support - Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS)

RESOLUTION #25-246

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: T. Simon

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities

AND WHEREAS the program has been well received and has allowed municipalities, such as the Township of The North Shore, to strategically accumulate multi-year allocations in order to support larger-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth

AND WHEREAS the Township of The North Shore recognizes the importance of modern, safe, and efficient infrastructure to support economic growth and industrial competitiveness

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities

AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding the program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities

AND FURTHER THAT the Township of The North Shore formally supports the principle of stacking (accumulating) funding from multiple grant and infrastructure programs to advance strategic capital works, and requests continued flexibility from higher levels of government to enable effective financial planning and timely delivery of large-scale municipal infrastructure initiatives

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Development, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, Algoma Manitoulin MPP Bill Rosenberg, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario (FONOM), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support.

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

- a) Letter from OPP regarding the review of the OPP cost recovery model

RESOLUTION #25-247

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council receive item a of the October 22nd, 2025, Consent Agenda for information purposes.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Lauzon Village Road Culvert Replacement

RESOLUTION #25-248

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 regarding the Lauzon Village Road Culvert replacement for information purposes.

CARRIED

INTRODUCTION, READING, AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

- a) By-Law 25-31 being a by-law to approve an Accessibility Policy for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore.

RESOLUTION #25-249

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore approve By-Law 25-31 being a by-law to approve an Accessibility 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 9 questions asked during the Question Period of the October 22nd, 2025, meeting:

Question 1:

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

Question asked (in general terms) - Concern expressed about impact of constituents of Ward 1 if the Ward 1 Councillor was required to ZOOM in to meetings only, stating in person meetings are better to collaborate and for teamwork, and that interactions with Councillors in person is better. The Question was if Council would consider this when deliberating their decision.

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor provided thanks.

Question - No question asked:

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

Question asked (in general terms) - Comments on pecuniary interest and conflict of interest. No question asked

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor provides thanks

Questions 2,3:

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

Question asked (in general terms) - Comments of differences between October 1st and October 22nd reports to Council regarding the Lauzon Village Road culvert, comments on competitive quotes and plastic culverts. Questions - were same companies approached in 2025 as 2024? Why did Council accept first report?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor asks the Interim Treasurer to speak on item. The Interim Treasurer explains that Council gave direction to provide latest report and more information was provided.

Question 4:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - Rudy Wosing
Ward of property/residence - Ward 1

Question asked (in general terms) - Comments on suggestion regarding Ward 1 ZOOMing into meetings, resolving issues, and moving on with business. Question - Why are we considering to remove him?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Mayor provides thanks

Question 5,6,7,8:

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

Question asked (in general terms) - What other work is needed to be done throughout the Township? Do we have a tender? Is a tender out? Are we working on these projects? Suggests developing a Committee to help staff get work done if there is no time to do it, and a process being followed so the Community can justify how money is being spent.

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Public Works Manager explains work completed and in process for other roads in the Township, speaks of funding and money allocated. Councillor Welburn questions the PWM on Riverview Road being completed, saying project will not be completed.

Councillor Simon called a Point of Procedure stating going off topic. The Mayor clarified conversation about culvert.

Question 9:

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

Question asked (in general terms) - When will the road surface over the culvert that was replaced on Lauzon Village Road be returned to a driveable state?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Public Works Manager explained that the area was back bladed last week and the upcoming work to the area next week, which is being completed according to the availability of the suppliers.

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW
RESOLUTION # 25-250

Moved By: T. Simon

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. 25-32, Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Regular meeting held October 22nd, 2025, be read a first, second and third time, enacted and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION # 25-251

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 22nd, 2025, do now adjourn at 7:47 PM to meet again on the 5th day of November 2025 at 6:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED



Tony Moor, Mayor



Rachel Schneider, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer