



Minutes

Regular Council Meeting
Township of the North Shore
Wednesday, March 4th, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Craig Davidson - Acting Clerk/Interim Treasurer
Matt Simon - Public Works Manager/Fire Chief/By-Law

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Mayor offered a Land Acknowledgement.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION #26-80

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 - None were noted

PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a) Minutes for the Regular meeting February 18, 2026

RESOLUTION #26-81

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 February 18, 2026, Regular Council meeting

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

REPORTS AND MOTIONS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNICATION

a) Use of Municipal Resources for Election Purposes Policy

RESOLUTION #26-82

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore approve the draft policy for the Use of Municipal Resources for Election Purposes;

AND FURTHER THAT Staff be directed to prepare the necessary By-Law for Council's consideration.

CARRIED

b) Use of NORDS

RESOLUTION #26-83

Moved by: L. Menard

Seconded by: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore approve the use of NORDS Funds as outlined in the Staff report.

CARRIED

c) Administrative Activities

RESOLUTION #26-84

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 Administrative Activities Report for information purposes.

CARRIED

d) Support - Town of Bracebridge - Elect Support

RESOLUTION #26-85

Moved by: R. Green

Seconded by: T. Simon

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 call 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 Council of the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore 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 FURTHER THAT the North Shore calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the Elect Respect Campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca ;
AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed as appropriate.

CARRIED

e) Support - Perry - Reduced Rate postal distribution for library materials

RESOLUTION #26-86

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore support Resolution #2026-078 of the Township of Perry requesting the Government of Canada maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation.

CARRIED

f) Support - Joly - 2+1 Highway Program on Highways 11 & 17

RESOLUTION #26-87

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore support Resolution 2026-060 of the Township of Joly endorsing the adoption and phased implementation of a 2+1 Highways program on Highways 17 and 11 as a nation-building project;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premiere of Ontario, the Minister of Transport (Canada), the Minister of Infrastructure (Canada), the Ontario Minister of Infrastructure, our local MP and MPP, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association.

CARRIED

g) Support - Magnetawan - Broadband Affordability

RESOLUTION #26-88

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore support Resolution #2026-20 of the Municipality of Magnetawan calling on the Government of Canada to strengthen affordability requirements tied to federal broadband funding and universal access programs.

CARRIED

h) Support - St. Charles/Hornepayne - Small Northern New Residential Property Tax Class

RESOLUTION #26-89

Moved by: R. Green

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore support Resolution 2026-22 of the Municipality of St. Charles calling on the Minister of Finance to amend the Assessment Act to create a new assessment class for Small Northern New Residential which would enable lower ratios for new residential construction.

CARRIED

- i) Support - Papineau-Cameron - Ontario Veterinary College enrollment capacity

RESOLUTION #26-90

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore support Resolution 2026-50 of the Township of Papineau-Cameron requesting the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and the Canadian Veterinary College allow more qualifies applicants to pursue certification as large animal veterinarians.

CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) HNCEA - Save the Date
- b) Good Roads Alert - MTO Proposes Regulation
- c) TAMPO Newsletter
- d) Great Lakes Waterfront Trail
- e) Algoma Public Health Update
- f) Algoma Public Health Board Minutes - November 26, 2025
- g) Good Roads Board Nomination Report

RESOLUTION #26-91

Moved by: T. Simon

Seconded by: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED That Council receive items a to g of the March 4, 2026 Consent Agenda for information purposes.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

INTRODUCTION, READING, AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

- a) By-Law 26-17 - Employee Policy

RESOLUTION # 26-92

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. 26-17, Being a By-Law to Adopt an Employment Policy, be read a first, second and third time, enacted and passed.

CARRIED

- b) By-26-18 - Delegation - Tax Arrears Extension Agreements

RESOLUTION # 26-93

Moved By: T. Simon

Seconded By: R. Welburn

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore hereby approve By-Law No. 26-18, Being a By-Law to Delegate the Authority for the execution of tax arrears extension agreements to the Treasurer, be read a first, second and third time, enacted and passed.

CARRIED

NOTICES OF MOTION

a) Staffing Discussion

RESOLUTION # 26-94

Moved By: R. Welburn

Seconded By: L. Menard

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Council of the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore direct administration to prepare agenda items to provide the basis for Council's discussion of administrative continuity and succession planning.

CARRIED

QUESTION PERIOD

Janice Gamble - Ward 1 - Question regarding the next Police Services Board Meeting
Acting Clerk responding noting the information will be requested

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

RESOLUTION # 26-95

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. 26-19, Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting held March 4, 2026, be read a first, second and third time, enacted and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION # 26-96

Moved By: L. Menard

Seconded By: R. Green

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore Regular Council meeting of March 4th, 2026, do now adjourn at 6:39 p.m. to meet again on the 18th day of March 2026 at 6:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED


Tony Moor, Mayor


Craig Davidson, Acting Clerk