

Minutes

Regular Council Meeting
Township of the North Shore
Wednesday, January 14th, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Council: Tony Moor - Mayor
Richard Welburn - Ward 1 - electronic
Len Menard - Ward 2 - electronic - *joined meeting at 6:02PM*
Tracey Simon - Ward 3 - electronic
Robin Green - Councillor at Large - electronic

Staff: Rachel Jean Schneider - Municipal Clerk/Deputy Treasurer
Craig Davidson - Interim Treasurer
Matt Simon - Public Works Manager/Fire Chief/By-Law

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RESOLUTION #26-01

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

- a) KPMG - Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2024, Combined Audit Planning and Findings Report for the year ended December 31, 2024

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- a) Minutes for the Regular meeting December 17, 2025

RESOLUTION #26-02

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 December 17, 2025, Regular Council meeting

CARRIED

COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORT

REPORTS AND MOTIONS OF MUNICIPAL STAFF, COMMITTEES AND COMMUNICATION

- a) Environmental Committee Terms of Reference - Clarification of wording

RESOLUTION #26-03

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 providing clarification of the wording included in the Terms of Reference for the Environmental Committee that were approved by Council at the November 5th, 2025, Regular Council meeting, for information purposes.

CARRIED

- b) Appointment to Property Standards Appeals Committee

RESOLUTION #26-04

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 approve that Lena Gauthier Martysz be appointed to the Property Standards Appeals Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council term

CARRIED

- c) Poster for Town Hall Meeting January 28, 2026, at 7PM

RESOLUTION #26-05

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 poster for the January 28, 2026, Town Hall Meeting being held at 7PM at the Township of The North Shore Council Chambers for information purposes.

CARRIED

- d) Quarterly Reports - Fourth Quarter 2025 - Administration, Fire Department and Public Works

RESOLUTION #26-06

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 4th Quarter reports for 2025 for Administration, Public Works and the Fire Department for information purposes, and direct the Clerk to seek presentation from Jeff Edwards to Council at a future meeting

CARRIED

- e) Integrity Commissioner Complaint Statistics - January 1, 2024 - December 3, 2025, the 2024 year, and the 2025 year

RESOLUTION #26-07

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 charts showing the Integrity Commissioner Complaint statistics from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2025, for the 2024 year and the 2025 year, for information purposes.

CARRIED

f) Library Agreement Extension

RESOLUTION #26-08

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 extend By-Law 2000-16 to continue the agreement between the Township of The North Shore and the Blind River Public Library

CARRIED

g) Blind River Public Library - 100th Anniversary Celebration

RESOLUTION #26-09

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 as presented, the letter dated December 17th, 2025, and poster from the Blind River Public Library regarding their 100th Anniversary Celebration on July 7th, 2026, that Council approve the DRAFT congratulatory letter as presented, and that Council make a decision on who will be attending the monumental celebration.

CARRIED

h) Use of Fire Protection Grant

RESOLUTION #26-10

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 further that Council authorizes the purchase of the equipment noted in the Transfer Payment Agreement with the Office of the Fire Marshall for the Fire Protection Grant through Sole Source Supply.

CARRIED

Consent Agenda

a) 2025 Sparkle Festival Winners

b) Letter regarding the Municipal Forest Fire Management Agreement

RESOLUTION #26-11

Moved by: R. Green

Seconded by: T. Simon

BE IT RESOLVED That Council receive items a and b of the January 14th, 2026, Consent Agenda for information purposes.

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

a) Appointment to Environmental Committee

RESOLUTION #26-12

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 for consideration, and that Council approve that Scott McCharles be appointed to the Environmental Committee for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council term

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

CARRIED

b) Employee Policy

RESOLUTION #26-13

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 staff report as presented for consideration, and that Council defer the item of approving the Employee Policy until staff bring back a report to a future meeting showing the financial implications of adding Remembrance Day and Truth and Reconciliation Day as holidays and implementing a paid half hour lunch for full time non-salaried employees

Craig Davidson left Council Chambers at 7:29PM

Craig Davidson returned to Council Chambers at 7:32PM

Councillor Welburn requested a recorded vote.

Results:

Councillor R. Green - Yea

Councillor L. Menard - Yea

Councillor T. Simon - Yea

Councillor R. Welburn - Yea

Mayor T. Moor - Yea

CARRIED

c) Use of Township Vehicle Policy

RESOLUTION #26-14

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 Use of Township Vehicles Policy

CARRIED

- d) Criminal Record Check Policy

RESOLUTION #26-15

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 as presented for consideration, and that Council approve the proposed amendments to the Criminal Record Check Policy.

CARRIED

INTRODUCTION, READING, AND CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

- a) By-Law 26-01 being a by-law to approve an Office Unforeseen Incidents Policy for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore.

RESOLUTION #26-16

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 26-01 being a by-law to approve an Office Unforeseen Incidents 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 26-02 being a by-law to provide for interim tax levy for the year 2026 for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore.

RESOLUTION #26-17

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 26-02 being a by-law to provide for interim tax levy for the year 2026 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 26-03 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing for the year 2026 for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore.

RESOLUTION #26-18

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 26-03 being a by-law to authorize temporary borrowing for the year 2026 for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore be read a first, second and third time enacted and passed.

CARRIED

- d) By-Law 26-04 being a by-law approving extension of budget expenditure for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore.

RESOLUTION #26-19

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 26-04 being a by-law approving extension of budget expenditure for the Corporation of the Township of The North Shore be read a first, second and third time enacted and passed.

CARRIED

- e) By-Law 26-05 being a by-law to authorize entering into and execution of an Agreement with the Office of the Fire Marshal for the Corporation of the Township of the North Shore

RESOLUTION #26-20

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 26-05 being a by-law to authorize entering into and execution of an Agreement with the Office of the Fire Marshal 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 4 questions asked during the Question Period of the January 14, 2026, meeting:

Question 1:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - No name given

Ward of property/residence - No ward given

Question asked (in general terms) - Are salaries based on a certain amount of hours per year?

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

Question 2,3:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - No name given

Ward of property/residence - No ward given

Question asked (in general terms) - Are the people who rent permanent spots at Lauzon Lodge tenants?
Will salaried staff get paid for the proposed holidays in the employee policy?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Clerk explains that Council directed staff to have this information regarding the Employee policy brought back at a later date.

Question 4:

Name of Resident/Member of the Public - No name given

Ward of property/residence - No ward given

Question asked (in general terms) - Of the 15 fire calls listed how many were on public highways?

Answer given by Council (in general terms) - The Fire Chief states 8.

CLOSED SESSION

REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

RESOLUTION # 26-21

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. 26-06, Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Regular meeting held January 14th, 2026, be read a first, second and third time, enacted and passed.

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION # 26-22


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 January 14th, 2026, do now adjourn at 7:49 PM to meet again on the 4th day of February 2026 at 6:00 p.m., or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED


Tony Moor, Mayor


RQR Rachel Schneider, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer