

# **The Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha**

## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 6, 2025**

### **Hybrid Meeting held in the North Kawartha Council Chambers, 280 Burleigh Street, Apsley**

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#### **Regular Session 2025 – 05 – 06**

**Members Present:** Mayor Carolyn Amyotte, Deputy Mayor Jim Whelan,  
Councillors: RuthAnne McIlmoyl, Colin McLellan, Jim O'Shea

**Staff Present:** Alana Solman, Chief Administrative Officer  
Connie Parent, Clerk  
Kelly Picken, Deputy Clerk  
Matt Aldom, Chief Building Official / By-law Enforcement Officer  
Bree Martin, Building and Planning Assistant  
Edward Hilton, Economic Development Officer

(all attendees participated in-person unless noted electronic)

#### **Others Present:**

#### **Call to Order and Welcome**

Mayor Amyotte called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m., welcomed everyone and informed those in attendance that the meeting will be recorded and uploaded to the Township YouTube Channel for public viewing.

#### **Land Acknowledgement**

Mayor Amyotte recited the Land Acknowledgement.

#### **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

No declarations.

#### **Adoption of the Agenda**

25 - 118

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That the agenda be adopted, as amended, as follows:

Reschedule the delegation from MPP Dave Smith to a future meeting

Add Policy Update from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to the Consent Agenda

Add Staff Report and attachments regarding the Fire Grant Agreement. Carried.

### **Statutory Public Meetings and Adoption of Planning By-Laws**

The Statutory Public meeting was declared open to hear an application to purchase a shore road allowance.

The public was informed that this was their opportunity to provide written or verbal submissions with respect to the application.

### **Application to Purchase Shoreline Road Allowance**

#### **Shoreline Road Allowance Designated as Part 1 on Plan 45R-17765 - PIN 28271-0356(LT) (Gronke)**

Bree Martin identified the lands and explained the purpose and effect of the application.

#### **Submissions:**

No submissions.

25 - 119

Moved by – Councillor O'Shea

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That Council approve the application to stop up, to close and sell to the abutting land owners or their respective nominees those lands and premises described as Pt of Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 20, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Chandos, Township of North Kawartha, being Part 1 on Plan 45R-17765, being all of PIN 28271-0356 (LT) 600 Renwick Road, Roll # 1536-010-200-34100. Carried.

#### **By-Law 2025-0030**

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded – Councillor McIlmoyl

That By-Law 2025-0030 being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha to stop up, to close and sell to the abutting landowners or their respective nominees those lands and premises more particularly described as Pt Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 20, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Chandos, Township of North Kawartha being Part 1 on Plan 45R-17765, being all of PIN 28271-0356 (LT) be read and adopted in open Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025. Carried.

### **Presentations / Deputations / Petitions**

#### **John Lovatsis, Director, Chandos Lake Property Association (electronic)**

Mr. Lovatsis attended the meeting to update Council regarding his conversations with the

County of Peterborough and possible locations for a Boat Cleaning Station sign. It was identified that the map provided did not capture the boat launch area. Mr. Lovatsis will return to a future meeting with alternate locations in the launch area.

25 – 120

Moved by – Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That Council receive John Lovatsis's presentation on the Boat Cleaning Sign. Carried.

### **County of Peterborough Report**

25 - 121

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That the verbal County Report from Mayor Amyotte be received. Carried.

### **Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Report**

25 - 122

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That the verbal Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Report from Councillor McLellan be received. Carried.

### **Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) of Council:**

Regular Minutes

25 - 123

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on April 15, 2025 be adopted, as presented. Carried.

### **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

#### **Consent Agenda**

#### **Support for Letters to Minister Flack – Strong Mayor Powers**

25 – 124

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by – Councillor McIlmoyl

That the Council of the Township of North Kawartha supports the letter dated April 22, 2025

addressed to the Honourable Rob Flack from the Mayor of the Town of Parry Sound requesting the provincial government to repeal the Strong Mayor Powers legislation and further supports the May 5, 2025 Association of the Municipalities of Ontario Policy Update including the May 2, 2025 letter to the Honourable Rob Flack from the President of AMO regarding Strong Mayor Powers. Carried.

25 - 125

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Council receives the following consent agenda items:

1. Monthly Activity Reports for March (March reports rescheduled from April 15, 2025)
  - a) Emergency Services Department
  - b) Parks and Recreation / Waste Department
2. Howick Township, April 11, 2025, Installation of New Utility Poles in Howick Township through the Accelerated High-Speed Internet Project (AHSIP)
3. Prince Edward-Lennox & Addington Social Services, April 10, 2025, Ontario Works Financial Assistance Rates
4. Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) April Newsletter
5. City of Peterborough
  - February 24, 2025, Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax, Sustainable Infrastructure Funding
  - February 24, 2025, Tariff Motion
6. Strong Mayor Powers
  - Town of Saugeen Shores, April 14, 2025
  - Tillsonburg, April 14, 2025
  - Kingsville Ontario, April 16, 2025
  - Town of Aylmer, April 16, 2025
  - Town of Parry Sound, April 22, 2025
  - Township of Zorra, April 24, 2025
7. Durham Region, March 27, 2025, Motion to amend a prior motion to remove references to "Swastika" from the motion and replace them with "nazi symbols of hate"
8. Town of Parry Sound, April 17, 2025, Resolution to call for inclusive research to reflect diversity of Canadian communities

9. Town of Georgina, April 7, 2025, Resolution regarding salt management
  10. Champlain Township, April 24, 2025, Resolution regarding surveillance and monitoring of heavy vehicles in Ontario
  11. Township of Larder, April 25, 2025, Support for the resolution from the Town of Fort Frances regarding the Sovereignty of Canada.
- Carried.

## **Staff Reports**

### **Request for Approval in Principle to Purchase Unopened Municipal Road Allowance**

25 - 126

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by – Councillor McLellan

That Council approve in principle the purchase of the unopened municipal road allowance (MRA) adjacent to their property located within, Part of Lot 16, Concession 10, Chandos Ward, having Roll #1536-010-101-01800 and municipally known as 226 Doc Evans Road.

Carried.

### **Fire Protection Grant Amending Agreement for Additional Funds**

25 - 127

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council adopt a By-Law authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the Fire Protection Grant Amending Agreement. Carried.

### **Alternative Voting Methods for the 2026 Municipal / School Board Election**

25 – 128

Moved by – Councillor McLellan

Seconded by – Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council receive the report from the Clerk / Election Returning Officer and further that a by-law be passed at the end of the meeting to approve telephone and internet voting for the 2026 municipal and school board elections. Carried.

### **Frank Real Estate Inc. – Lease Extension Agreement**

25 – 129

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That Council pass a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a lease extension agreement with Frank Real Estate Inc. (tenant) c.o.b. as Royal LePage for a portion of the municipally owned building located at 135 Burleigh Street, Apsley. Carried.

## **Reports from Boards and Committees**

### **North Kawartha Library Board**

25 - 130

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That Council receives the North Kawartha Library Board minutes for the meeting held on February 25, 2025. Carried.

## **New Business and Unfinished Business**

### **Correspondence**

#### **Lasswade Christian Cemetery**

25 - 131

Moved – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded - Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council receive the request from the Lasswade Christian Cemetery Board and direct staff to bring back a draft Cemetery Grant Policy for consideration. Carried.

### **Closed Session**

25 - 132

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public at 10:27 a.m. as the subject matter being considered is pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, S. 239 (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (**Recruitment**) and (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board (**Court Proceedings**). Carried.

25 - 133

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council arise and come out of closed session at 11:53 a.m. Carried.

## **Report Out of Closed Session**

Mayor Amyotte reported out of closed session that direction was provided to staff based on the items listed for discussion.

## **RFP-02-25 Municipal Office Basement Renovation**

25 – 134

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That Council approve the proposal from Tans-Truss Group for the Municipal Office basement renovation project in the amount of \$63,845 including HST for all of the work that was included in the scope of work in RFP-02-25. Carried.

## **By-Laws**

Moved by – Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Councillor McLellan

That By-Law 2025-0031 being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the Amending Agreement for the Fire Protection Grant with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of the Solicitor General and that;

By-Law 2025-0032 being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha to provide for alternative voting methods for the 2026 municipal and school board elections and that;

By-Law 2025-0033 being a by-law of the Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a Lease Agreement between The Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha and Royal LePage Frank Real Estate for the purpose of leasing a portion of 135 Burleigh Street, Apsley and that;

By-Laws 2025-0031, 2025-0032 and 2025-0033 be read and adopted in open Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025. Carried.

## **Confirmatory By-Law 2025-0034**

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That By-law 2025-0034 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of a regular meeting of the Township of North Kawartha held on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025 be read and adopted in open Council on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025. Carried.

## **Adjournment**

25 - 135

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That Council adjourn proceedings. Carried.

Council adjourned at 11:58 a.m.

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Carolyn Amyotte, Mayor

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Connie Parent, Clerk