

The Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha

Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held on December 10, 2025

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

Regular Session 2025 – 12 – 10

Members Present: Mayor Amyotte, Deputy Mayor Jim Whelan,
Councillors: RuthAnne McIlmoyl, Colin McLellan, Jim O'Shea
(Councillor O'Shea arrived at 9:47 a.m. and left at 11:20 a.m.)

Staff Present: Alana Solman, Chief Administrative Officer
Connie Parent, Clerk
Keely-Anne Johnson, Secretary / Reception
Matt Aldom, Chief Building Official / By-law Enforcement Officer
Jesse Lambe, Fire Chief
Judy Everett, Treasurer
Dianna Everson, Deputy Treasurer
MacKenzie Sykes, Finance Assistant / IT Coordinator
Jason Post, Public Works Manager
Gary Gerald, Director of Parks and Recreation and
Waste Management (electronic)
Edward Hilton, Economic Development Officer (electronic)

Cathie Leard, North Kawartha Library Board Chair
Debbie Hall, CEO, North Kawartha Library

(all attendees participated in-person unless noted electronic)

Others Present:

Call to Order and Welcome

Mayor Amyotte called the meeting to order at 9:30 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 - 373

Moved by – Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor

That the agenda be adopted, with New Business items moved to the beginning of the meeting. Carried.

Crowe Valley Conservation Authority

25 - 374

Moved by – Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Council receive the letter, dated November 26, 2025, from Crowe Valley Conservation Authority and the 2026 Draft Budget. Carried.

Peterborough County OPP Detachment Board 2026 Budget

25 - 375

Moved by – Deputy Mayor

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Council approve the Peterborough County OPP Detachment Board 2026 Budget as provided by the Board, including North Kawartha's requisition amount of \$5,865.86 and further that this recommendation be provided to the Peterborough County OPP Detachment Board for their information. Carried.

Presentations / Deputations / Petitions

Alana Solman, CAO/Judy Everett, Treasurer

Ms. Solman utilized a power point presentation to explain the budget process and to identify the various external and internal impacts to the 2026 budget. An overview of the items included in the draft budget was provided along with the items not included in the 2026 budget being identified for consideration of Council. The draft budget is currently at a 10.51% increase budget to budget this includes an adjustment made after the slide deck was prepared.

Mrs. Everett advised that this represents a 9.64% increase in the tax rate.

Gary Gerald, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management

Mr. Gerald advised that the majority of increase in the Parks and Recreation budget is in wages and heat and hydro. He presented the Budget Information Papers (BIP).

Mr. Gerald continued with an explanation for the Waste budget increase and presentation of the related BIPs.

Recess

Mayor Amyotte declared a recess at 10:36 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:49 a.m.

Matt Aldom, Chief Building Official/By-Law Enforcement Officer

Mr. Aldom presented BIPs for the Building / By-law budget and responded to questions from Council.

Jason Post, Public Works Manager

Mr. Post presented BIPs for the Public Works budget and responded to questions from Council.

Jesse Lambe, Fire Chief

Chief Lambe presented the BIPs for the Fire Department and responded to questions from Council.

Alana Solman, Chief Administrative Officer

Ms. Solman presented the BIPs for Planning and Police Services budgets. She reviewed the Emergency Planning budget.

Cathie Leard, Library Board Chair and Debbie Hall, CEO, North Kawartha Public Library

Ms. Leard and Ms. Hall attended the meeting to present the Library budget. Ms. Hall indicated that there may be some further adjustments related to staff wages. There was discussion with respect to the timeline for adoption of the budget.

Judy Everett, Treasurer

Ms. Everett presented the BIPs for the Administration (General Government) budget. Ms. Everson responded to questions regarding the increase in tax arrears.

Ms. Everett presented the Health and the Conservation Authority budgets.

Budget Wrap-up

Ms. Everett advised that there will be some additional review of the budget when year end gets closer however large changes are not expected. She requested direction from Council.

There was general discussion regarding the budget and the impact on the taxpayer and those on fixed incomes. Options discussed to lower the tax rate included reducing the Asset Management Plan contribution in 2026, the possibility of budgeting the new staff positions for eight months instead of 10 months, reducing the cost of living adjustment (COLA) on staff wages, taking an amount from reserves and utilizing some of the OMPF funding for operations. There was a request for a list of outstanding projects which are being funded from

previous OMPF.

Direction to Staff

25 - 376

Moved by – Deputy Mayor

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Council direct staff to bring the budget back with a maximum increase of 5.0% budget to budget. Carried.

Closed Session

No closed session.

Confirmatory By-Law 2025-0079

25 - 377

Moved by – Councillor McLellan

Seconded by – Councillor McIlmoyl

That By-Law 2025-0079 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha at its Special Council Meeting held on the 10th day of December, 2025 be read and adopted in open Council on the 10th day of December, 2025. Carried.

Adjournment

25 - 378

Moved by – Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor

That Council adjourn proceedings. Carried.

Council adjourned at 12:39 p.m.

Carolyn Amyotte, Mayor

Connie Parent, Clerk