

The Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 7, 2026

Hybrid Meeting held in the North Kawartha Council Chambers,

280 Burleigh Street, Apsley

Regular Session 2026 – 04 – 07

Members Present: Mayor Carolyn Amyotte, Deputy Mayor Jim Whelan,
Councillors: RuthAnne McIlmoyl and Colin McLellan

Members Absent: Councillor Jim O'Shea

Staff Present: Alana Solman, Chief Administrative Officer
Jason Post, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Connie Parent, Clerk
Kelly Picken, Deputy Clerk
Matt Aldom, Chief Building Official / By-law Enforcement Officer
(electronic)
Judy Everett, Treasurer
Dianna Everson, Deputy Treasurer
Gary Gerald, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management
(electronic)
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 9:33 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

26 - 93

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Deputy Mayor Whelan

That the agenda be adopted, as presented. Carried.

Statutory Public Meetings

No statutory public meetings.

Presentations / Deputations / Petitions

John Lovatsis, Director, Chandos Lake Property Owners Association (CLPOA)

Mr. Lovatsis requested that the Township employ a seasonal part-time staff member on a trial basis to improve upon usage of the Boat Cleaning Station at the Chandos Beach Boat Launch and to promote lake quality. The CLPOA would pay 100 % of the wages to the Township and the Township would be the employer.

Mr. Lovatsis also updated Council with respect to the proposed Boat Cleaning Signage. He would like to work with Township staff for approval and will proceed with obtaining quotations from sign companies.

Mr. Geraldini advised that Council supported the two locations proposed at a previous meeting.

Council and staff explained the challenges with respect to hiring a student. It was suggested that there may be an opportunity to obtain volunteers. Mr. Lovatsis will take back to the CLPOA the logistics that have to be overcome with respect to hiring a student.

26 – 94

Moved by – Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That Council receives the presentation from John Lovatsis, Director of the Chandos Lake Property Owners Association. Carried.

County of Peterborough Report

26 - 95

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

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

Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Report

26 - 96

Moved by - Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

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

26 - 97

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Deputy Mayor Whelan

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on March 17, 2026, be adopted, as amended. Carried.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None

Consent Agenda

Resolution from the Township of Greater Madawaska

26 - 98

Moved by - Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by – Councillor McLellan

That the Council of the Township of North Kawartha supports the resolution from the Township of Greater Madawaska which in turn supports the resolution from the Township of North Glengarry calling for an extension and review of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF). Carried.

26 - 99

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Council receives the balance of the consent agenda items:

1. Township of Oro Medonte, March 13, 2026, Request for Provincial Legislation amendments – Health and Safety Concerns
2. Municipality of Bluewater, March 17, 2026, Request for the Provincial Consultation and Transparency Regarding Potential Changes to English Public School Board Governance

3. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, March 19, 2026, Inspection of 2026-2027 Annual Work Schedule for Bancroft-Minden Forest
4. Eastern Ontario Warden’s Caucus (EOWC), March 19, 2026, Resolution – The EOWC Opposes ALTO High-Speed Rail Project in its Current Form
5. Township of Great Madawaska, March 19, 2026, Resolution – Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) Extension
6. Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands, March 26, 2026, Resolution to Utilize Chip-And-Tar Surface Treatment
7. Town of Saugeen Shores, March 23, 2026, Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include \$10M per year in the 2026 provincial budget for Heritage Helping Housing (HHH) grant funding
8. Ryan ULC, March 25, 2026, Unfreeze Ontario – The Cost of Inaction. Carried.

Staff Reports

Additional Costs – Office Space Renovation – 135 Burleigh Street, Apsley

26 - 100

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Deputy Mayor Whelan

That Council approve the additional costs of \$1,942.50 (excluding HST) provided by Rubicon General Contracting Limited in Change Order # 3 and \$ 1,794.00 (excluding HST) in Change Order # 4 R1 for the office space renovation project at 135 Burleigh Street, Apsley, and an additional \$4,850.00 (excluding HST) as quoted by Rubicon General Contracting Limited for the construction of a sloping barrier-free concrete walkway and landing at the rear entrance of the building and further that these funds be taken from future capital reserves. Carried.

North Kawartha Library Boiler

26 – 101

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by – Councillor McIlmoyl

The Township of North Kawartha authorize Battye Mechanical to remove and replace the Triangle Tube Prestige Solo 175 series boiler at the North Kawartha Apsley Library with an NTI Trinity TRX 199 high efficiency boiler for \$7,350.00 plus applicable taxes, on an emergency basis due to premature failure of the current boiler. Further as these funds are not included in the 2026 budget, they be taken from Future Capital Reserves.

Burleigh Street Radar Sign

26 – 102

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by – Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council approve the removal of the existing northbound radar speed sign located south of the Apsley Public Library, as requested by Peterborough County. Carried.

Micro Surfacing Tender (T-01-2026)

26 - 103

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Council authorize staff to enter into an agreement with Miller Paving Limited for the provision of micro surfacing services in accordance with Bid Number T-01-2026, issued through the County of Peterborough's 2026 group purchasing tender. Carried.

Protection for Municipal Public Works Workers and Contractors

26 - 104

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That Whereas municipal public works employees and contracted service providers are responsible for maintaining critical infrastructure including roads, sidewalks, bridges, drainage systems, and winter maintenance operations that are essential to public safety and emergency response; and

Whereas during significant weather events and emergencies, these workers act as frontline responders, ensuring routes remain open for ambulances, fire services, police, school transportation, and the travelling public; and

Whereas municipalities across Ontario are reporting an increase in harassment, threats, intimidation, and dangerous interference from members of the public directed at municipal workers and subcontractors while they perform their duties; and

Whereas these behaviours have included verbal abuse, threats of violence, obstruction of equipment, and actions that delay or disrupt winter maintenance and emergency response operations, placing workers and the broader public at risk; and

Whereas interference with municipal operations during storms and emergencies jeopardizes service levels, delays critical response times, and creates significant occupational health and safety risks; and

Whereas the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors (AORS) has formally called on the Province of Ontario to strengthen legislative protections, enforcement support, and consequences for those who threaten or obstruct municipal public works staff and contractors;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Council of the Township of North Kawartha supports the calls to action advanced by the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to improve

protections for municipal public works workers and subcontractors; and

Be it further resolved that the Province of Ontario be requested to introduce legislative and enforcement measures that:

- Recognize municipal public works workers and contractors as essential service providers during declared significant weather events and emergencies;
- Deter and penalize interference, threats, harassment, or obstruction of municipal operations; and
- Provide clear direction and support to police services to proactively respond to these incidents;

And be it further resolved that a letter conveying Council's support for these measures be sent to:

- The Honourable David Piccini, Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors and neighbouring municipalities for their consideration. Carried.

Community Emergency Preparedness Grant Agreement

26 - 105

Moved by - Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council receive the Treasurer's report regarding the 2025-26 Community Emergency Preparedness Grant Agreement. Carried.

2025 Council and Committee Remuneration Report

26 - 106

Moved by - Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Council confirms receipt of the attached 2025 Council and Committee Statements of Remuneration prior to the March 31st deadline. Carried.

Request for Financial Support, Teeny Tiny Summit 2026

26 - 107

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Council approve up to \$2,000 from General Reserves to support costs associated with the Teeny Tiny Summit on May 28, 2026, to be hosted at the Burleigh Falls Inn. Carried.

RED Program Update from EDO March 2026

26 - 108

Moved by - Deputy Mayor Whelan
Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council Authorize staff to discontinue the Downtown Revitalization process funded through the former Rural Economic Development (RED) Grant administered by the Ministry of Rural Affairs. Carried.

Proposed Transfer of Glen Alda Community Cemetery

26 - 109

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl
Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Council authorize the Clerk to sign the Bereavement Authority of Ontario’s “Cemetery Transfer and Acceptance by Mutual Consent” form to facilitate the transfer of the Glen Alda Community Cemetery to the Township; and further that Council directs the municipal solicitor to proceed with the transfer of cemetery lands to the Township. Carried.

Proposed Transfer of Glen Alda Community Cemetery Assets and Resignation of Bank of Nova Scotia (Scotiabank) as Trustee

26 – 110

Moved by – Councillor McLellan
Seconded by – Councillor McIlmoyl

That the Council of the Township of North Kawartha supports the transfer of the Glen Alda Community Cemetery Care and Maintenance Funds from the Bank of Nova Scotia (Scotiabank) accounts to the Township’s dedicated cemetery account at the Royal Bank;

And Further that Council supports the transfer of funds from the Glen Alda Community Cemetery operating account at the Royal Bank to the Township’s dedicated cemetery account at the Royal Bank. Carried.

Reports from Boards and Committees

No reports.

Correspondence

No correspondence.

Closed Session

26 - 111

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public at 10:57 a.m. as the subject matter being considered is Pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board and (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose **(Claim / Court Action)** and (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. 2001, c. 25, s. 239 (2); 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 26. **(Negotiations)**. Carried.

26 - 112

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Deputy Mayor Whelan

That Council arise and come out of closed session at 11:42 a.m. Carried.

Report Out of Closed Session

Mayor Amyotte reported out of closed session that direction was provided regarding the items listed for discussion.

Announcements

No announcements.

Confirmatory By-Law 2026-0024

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That By-law 2026-0024 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of a regular meeting of the Township of North Kawartha held on the 7th day of April, 2026 be read and adopted in open Council on the 7th day of April, 2026. Carried.

Adjournment

26 - 113

Moved by - Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council adjourn proceedings. Carried.

Council adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Carolyn Amyotte, Mayor

Connie Parent, Clerk