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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Kelly Picken, Clerk
Date: May 26, 2026
Subject: Authorization of Absence of Councillor

Recommendation:

That Council authorize a leave absence for Councillor Jim O'Shea for a period of three months, until September 1, 2026, as requested by Councillor O'Shea.

Background:

A request from Councillor O'Shea for a three-month leave has been received by Mayor Amyotte. Councillor O'Shea was absent from the April, 7, 21 and May 5 and 19th, 2026 regular meetings of council and the April 21 and May 19, 2026, Committee of Adjustment meetings.

Analysis:

As it pertains to a Council member absence, the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, Section 259 (1) (c) states:

"Vacant seat

259 (1) The office of a member of council of a municipality becomes vacant if the member,
(c) is absent from the meetings of council for three successive months without being authorized to do so by a resolution of council;"

To prevent this council seat being declared vacant it is timely for Council to pass a resolution to authorize Councillor Jim O'Shea's absence until September 1, 2026.



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Following the three-month authorized absence, if Councillor O'Shea requires additional time absent Council may make an additional motion to authorize his absence. The Act does not prescribe a limit on how long Council may authorize an absence.

Financial Implications:

No changes to the 2026 approved budget.

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Strategic Plan, Governance; 3. Provide effective, clear and transparent Township communication

Consultant(s) Sourced:

Alana Solman, CAO

Attachment:

None