

The Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha

Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 17, 2025

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

Regular Session 2025 – 06 – 17

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
Judy Everett, Treasurer
Gary Geraldi, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management
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 9:30 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

Councillor McIlmoyl stated that she has been told by the Integrity Commissioner that on the Jack Lake Launch matter she has a conflict and will be leaving the Chambers when the item comes forward.

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan
Seconded by – Councillor McLellan

That the agenda be adopted, as presented.
Carried.

Long Standing Service Award

Mayor Amyotte presented Alana Solman, CAO with a Long Standing Service Award for 25 years of dedicated service.

Introduction of Planning Consultant

Mayor Amyotte welcomed Laura Stone, Planning Consultant, who will be providing in-house planning services for the Township.

Statutory Public Meetings and Adoption of Planning By-Laws

Presentations / Deputations / Petitions

Honourable Dave Smith, Member of Provincial Parliament

The Honourable Dave Smith provided provincial updates and information regarding strong mayor powers and infrastructure processes to make it easier for small communities to have water service. He spoke about technology and the Building Code and centralizing the Code across Canada to break down provincial barriers regarding labour shortages and trade. Provincial Grants are being reviewed to find ways to increase flexibility for smaller municipalities and to make the OCIP and OMPF more equitable and reasonable. The municipal tax file is under review to make it more predictable and easy to understand.

MPP Smith responded to questions from Council and was thanked for attending the meeting.

Deputation from MPP Dave Smith

25 - 168

Moved by – Councillor McLellan
Seconded by – Councillor O'Shea

That Council receive the presentation from the Honorable Dave Smith, MPP. Carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor McIlmoyl left the meeting at 10:08 a.m. prior to any discussion or voting on the Jack Lake Launch item due to a previously declared conflict of interest.

Jack Lake Launch and Deputation from Ambrose Moran

Mayor Amyotte read aloud the following statement:

“With the most recent events regarding the boat launch at FR52 on Jack Lake, I have a few things to say before the delegation begins. In the last week, a gate was installed at the access point to the boat launch. I've also been made aware of misinformation circulating in the community, particularly online, including false claims that the municipality was responsible for installing the gate. Let me be absolutely clear: this is not true. Any suggestion that I, members of Council, or Township staff orchestrated this action is entirely false.

Like I said back at our March 18th Council meeting: the boat launch is on private property. The private property owner has installed the gate and has every right to do so. The municipality does not control the access, the private property owner does. Regardless of the historical use, the municipality not in a position to pass a bylaw to regulate a public access launch over private property. Just because you have been doing something for a long time doesn't necessarily mean that you had the right to do so.

Let me reiterate that this matter wasn't even on Council's radar, until it was brought forward last summer with demands that we prohibit commercial use of the launch. But with all the confusion and lack of accurate information, Council felt it was important to proceed with a survey and a thorough review of the records to try and resolve this issue once and for all.

Now given how this matter has escalated and become toxic and divisive, I no longer support proceeding with the sale of the Township property at this location. My original support for declaring the property surplus was based on the hope that we could work collaboratively with a potential purchaser in maintaining some form of unrestricted public access. However, given how the situation has evolved, I no longer believe that outcome is feasible. Keeping the property in municipal ownership protects our access and guarantees that we will always have a key to the gate. And let's be clear that as a property owner, the Township will have a ROW to our property, but this ROW does not extend to include use by the public at large. It never did.

Therefore, I am looking for a mover for the following motion: That Council rescind motion 25-66 declaring the municipal property with roll number 1536-020-002-27407, known as the FR52 Jack Lake boat launch as surplus.”

Rescind Motion

25 – 169

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by – Councillor O'Shea

That Council rescind motion 25-66 declaring the municipal property with roll number 1536-020-002-27407 known as the FR52 Jack Lake boat launch as surplus and not be put up for sale. Carried.

Ambrose Moran, Jack Lake Boat Launch

Mr. Moran indicated that his purpose for attending the meeting has been accomplished. He clarified that the reason he stated the gate was installed in cooperation with the Township was because of the North Kawartha Fire Department lock on the gate. He suggested that there was still some sensitivity in the community that there was no commitment regarding the comments made at the March 18th meeting.

25 – 170

Moved by - Councillor O'Shea

Seconded by - Deputy Mayor Whelan

That Council receive Ambrose Moran's presentation regarding the Jack Lake Boat Launch. Carried.

Mr. Ewart, upon request of Council, spoke on the Jack Lake Launch issues regarding easements and prescriptive right-of-way access.

25 – 171

Moved by - Deputy Mayor

Seconded by - Councillor O'Shea

That Council receive the presentation from John Ewart, Municipal Solicitor. Carried.

Recess

Mayor Amyotte declared a recess at 10:58 a.m. Council reconvened at 10:12 am.

Councillor McIlmoyl returned to the meeting.

Mark & Janice Langlois

Janice and Mark Langlois attended the meeting to request to purchase the unopened municipal road allowance on the east side of their property. They have been at their property since 2003 and since that time the road allowance has never been used and left untouched. They would like to purchase 33 ft. of the road allowance with their waterfront neighbour purchasing the other 33 ft. They informed Council that they discovered in the Spring blue ribbons in the trees along the road allowance to the water's edge with trees cut down at ground level and covered in dirt with branches removed. This is new activity and with clearing of trees things have changed and they have concern that people will use the allowance as a deeded access and 4-wheelers to access the water.

The Browns were present at the meeting and indicated that they were in agreement with the Langlois to each purchase 33 ft. of the unopened municipal road allowance abutting their properties.

Mayor Amyotte explained that approval in principle is not the final decision and there will still be an opportunity for the public to speak.

25 – 172

Moved by – Deputy Mayor

Seconded by - Councillor O'Shea

That Council clarifies that approval in principle is for 33 ft to each property owner on either side of the unopened municipal road allowance. Carried.

County of Peterborough Report

25 - 173

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by – Councillor O'Shea

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

Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Report

No report.

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

Regular Minutes

25 - 174

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Councillor O'Shea

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on June 3, 2025 be adopted, as presented. Carried.

Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None

Consent Agenda

Canada's National Observer, A weaponized AI Chatbot Flooding City Councils with Climate Misinformation

25 - 175

Moved by – Councillor O'Shea

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council receives the article from Canada's National Observer, *A weaponized AI Chatbot Flooding City Councils with Climate Misinformation* and further directs staff to forward the article to the MP and MPP. Carried.

25 - 176

Moved by – Councillor O'Shea

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor

That Council receives the balance of the consent agenda items:

1. Monthly Activity Reports
 - a) Building
 - b) Emergency Services Department
 - c) Parks and Recreation / Waste Department
 - d) Public Works Department
2. City of Peterborough, May 20, 2025, Resolution regarding Bill 6, Safter Municipalities Act
3. District of Parry Sound Municipal Association, May 23, 2025, Resolution supporting Municipal Ethics Through Access and Education
4. Canada's National Observer, A weaponized AI chatbot is flooding city councils with climate misinformation
5. AMO Policy Update – [Submissions on Bill 5 and 2](#)
6. Bill 5
 - a) Municipality of Kincardine, May 14, 2025
 - b) Prince Edward County, May 27, 2025
 - c) Township of Archipelago, May 23, 2025
 - d) Town of Plympton-Wyoming, May 27, 2025
 - e) Strathroy-Caradoc, June 20, 2025
7. June is Seniors Month 2025
 - a) Factsheet
 - b) Poster
 - c) Tipsheet
 - d) Draft Proclamation
8. Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus (EOWC) June 2025 Newsletter
9. Peterborough County Council Resolution Re: Comments on Bill 17 – the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025
 - a) Resolution
 - b) Staff Report with Appendix A and B

Carried.

Staff Reports

Municipal Property – Roll Number 1536-020-002-27407 and Property Owned by 1693373 Ontario Inc. Roll Number 1536-020-002-27300 (Jack Lake Boat Launch Area)

25 - 177

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor

That Council receives the staff report dated June 5, 2025, regarding property roll number 1536-020-002-27300, as prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer. Carried.

Review of Procedure By-Law 2023-0075

25 - 178

Moved by – Deputy Mayor

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That staff be directed to provide public notice that it is the intention of Council to consider the adoption of housekeeping amendments to the procedure by-Law at the regular meeting of Council scheduled for July 15, 2025. Carried.

Recess

Mayor Amyotte declared a recess at 11:58 a.m. Council reconvened at 12:01 p.m.

143 Burleigh Street Proposed Parking Lot Design

25 - 179

Moved by – Deputy Mayor

Seconded by – Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council direct staff to take back the recommendations made with respect to the report and bring back a revised concept to the next meeting; and further that traffic counts be taken in the meantime. Carried.

Peterborough Family Health Team – New Lease Agreement

25 - 180

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Councillor O’Shea

That Council pass a by-law to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into a new lease agreement with the Peterborough Family Health Team for a portion of the municipally owned building located at 183 Burleigh Street, Apsley. Carried.

Invitation to Peterborough Family Health Team

25 – 181

Moved by – Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor

That Council direct staff to reach out to the Peterborough Family Health Team to provide an update. Carried.

Employee Compensation and Pay Equity Review

25 - 182

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Councillor O’Shea

That Council authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer to proceed with the Employee Compensation and Pay Equity Review to be completed by the Township’s Human Resources consultant, HARBR Human Resources in 2025 and further, if required that \$13,000 be transferred from General Reserves. Carried.

Review of Application(s) to Purchase Unopened Municipal Road Allowance (Brown) 226 Doc Evans Road

25 - 183

Moved by – Deputy Mayor

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council receive the staff report regarding the proposed purchase of the unopened road allowance for 226 Doc Evans Road. Carried.

RFP-05-25 – Parks and Recreation Pick-Up Truck Purchase

25 - 184

Moved by – Deputy Mayor

Seconded by – Councillor O’Shea

The Township of North Kawartha Parks and Recreation Department purchase a white 2025 4x4 Dodge Ram 2500 Crew Cab Pick-Up Truck from Vance Motors in Bancroft for a price of \$75,668.00 before taxes, as included in the 2025 Capital Equipment Budget. Carried.

Request for Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance (MDRA)

25 - 185

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Whereas the municipality of the Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha recently

experienced an ice storm on March 29, 2025 and has experienced incremental operating and capital costs, the council of the Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha hereby requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to activate the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance program;

And Further that Judy Everett, Treasurer, is given delegated authority to verify and attest to the accuracy of the attached claim. Carried.

Reports from Boards and Committees

North Kawartha Library Board

25 - 186

Moved by – Councillor O’Shea

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Council receives the North Kawartha Library Board minutes for the meeting held on April 22, 2025. Carried.

New Business and Unfinished Business

Mayor Amyotte announced the Re-Painting Party scheduled on Friday, June 20th at 11:00 a.m. at the North Kawartha Library.

Correspondence

Ambrose Moran, Possibility of Establishing Community Brush Depots

25 - 187

Moved - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded - Councillor McLellan

That Council refer the correspondence from Ambrose Moran, regarding the possibility of establishing community brush depots, based on the feasibility of the suggestions. Carried.

Closed Session

25 - 188

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Councillor McLellan

That the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public at 1:54 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 (**Personnel**). Carried.

25 - 189

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That Council arise and come out of closed session at 2:17 p.m. Carried.

Report Out

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

By-Laws

Moved by – Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Councillor McLellan

That By-Law 2025-0042 being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to execute a lease agreement between the Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha and the Peterborough Family Health Team (the Tenant) to lease a portion of the municipal owned building at 183 Burleigh Street, in the Township of North Kawartha, in the County of Peterborough be read and adopted in open Council on the 17th day of June, 2025. Carried.

Confirmatory By-Law 2025-0043

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor

That By-law 2025-0043 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of a regular meeting of the Township of North Kawartha held on the 17th day of June, 2025 be read and adopted in open Council on the 17th day of June, 2025. Carried.

Adjournment

25 - 190

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council adjourn proceedings. Carried.

Council adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Carolyn Amyotte, Mayor

Connie Parent, Clerk