

MINUTES

Joint Fire Committee Kaladar Barrie

9:00 AM - Friday, February 13, 2026

Northbrook Fire Hall 11905 Highway 41 Northbrook, Ontario



Present: Addington Highlands Members: Councillor Ken Hook; Councillor Kirby Thompson and Councillor Helen Yanch
North Frontenac Members: Councillor Vernon Hermer, and Councillor Roy Huetl

Also Present: Casey Cuddy, Fire Chief (Kaladar Barrie); Brooke Drechsler, Secretary; and Kelly Watkins, Treasurer (North Frontenac)

1. Call to Order

The Secretary called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

a) February 13, 2026

1-26 Moved by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Kirby Thompson

Be It Resolved That the Committee approves the Agenda dated February 13, 2026, as amended, to appoint a Chair for 2026.

Carried

3. Appointment of Chair

a) Appointment of Chair for 2026

2-26 Moved by Councillor - Addington Highlands Helen Yanch, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That, as per the Procedural Policy, a Chair must be selected annually;
And That the Committee selects Kirby Thompson as Chair of the Committee for 2026.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None declared.

5. Delegations

None.

6. Adoption of Minutes

a) *Minutes of the Meeting(s) to be adopted by Committee*

3-26 Moved by Councillor - Addington Highlands Helen Yanch, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That the Committee adopts the Joint Fire Committee Minutes dated December 19, 2025, as circulated.

Carried

7. Business Arising Out of Minutes

8. Member Reports and Staff Administrative Reports

a) *Kaladar Barrie Fire Chief: Budget Review*

Note: North Frontenac Councillor Wayne Good arrived at 9:19 a.m.

4-26 Moved by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor - Addington Highlands Helen Yanch

Be It Resolved That the Committee receives the Administrative Report from the Kaladar Barrie Fire Chief entitled "Budget Review".

Carried

b) *Kaladar Barrie Fire Chief: 2026 Draft Budget*

5-26 Moved by Councillor Wayne Good, Seconded by Councillor Ken Hook

Be It Resolved That the Committee requests the Kaladar Barrie Fire Chief bring back additional information regarding the Cancer Prevention Program, specifically testing for fire fighters, for the Committee to review at a future meeting.

Carried

6-26 Moved by Councillor - Addington Highlands Helen Yanch, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That the Committee receives for information the 2026 Draft Budget for the Kaladar Barrie Fire Department:

And That the Committee instructs the Fire Chief to make the following change:

- Increase the contribution to the Reserves to \$250,000

And That the Committee instructs the Clerks to provide the Budget to each Council for consideration.

Carried

c) ***Kaladar Barrie Fire Chief: Wildfire Work Boots***

7-26 Moved by Councillor - Addington Highlands Helen Yanch, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That the Committee receives the Kaladar Barrie Fire Chief's Administrative Report entitled "Wildfire Work Boot Allowance";

And That the Committee does not approve the proposed increase;

And That the reimbursement will remain at \$150.

Carried

d) ***Kaladar Barrie Fire Chief: Quick Updates***

8-26 Moved by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor - Addington Highlands Helen Yanch

Be It Resolved That the Committee receives the Administrative Report from the Kaladar Barrie fire Chief entitled "Quick Updates".

Carried

9. Financial Reports

a) ***Treasurer's Report***

9-26 Moved by Councillor - Addington Highlands Helen Yanch, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That the Committee receives for information the following from the Treasurer for the Kaladar/Barrrie Fire Department:

1. Budgetary Control for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;
2. General Ledger for the period of January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025;

And That the attached 2025 information is unaudited financial information and is subject to adjustments that may be identified when audit work is performed on our year-end financial statements, which could result in significant differences from this unaudited financial information.

Carried

10. Communications

None.

11. Public Forum

None.

12. Closed Session

None.

13. Rise and Report

None.

14. Adjournment

a) *Motion to Adjourn*

10-26 Moved by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor - Addington Highlands Helen Yanch

Be It Resolved That the Committee adjourns the Meeting at 10:44 a.m. until June 5, 2026, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Chair

Secretary