



Regular Council Minutes

9:00 AM - Friday, September 11, 2026
Council Chambers

Present: Mayor Gerry Lichty; Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl; Councillor John Inglis; Councillor Fred Fowler; Councillor Vernon Hermer; Councillor Wayne Good; and Councillor Mike Hage

Also Present: Corey Klatt, Chief Administrative Officer, Dipl. M.A. (CAO); Tara Mieske, Clerk/Planning Manager, Dipl. M.A., M.M. (CPM); Adam Robinson, Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief (DESFC); Brooke Ross, Manager of Community Development, Dipl. M.A., M.M. (MCD); Kelly Watkins, Treasurer, Dipl. M.A., M.M.; and Darwyn Sproule, Public Works Manager, P. Eng. (PWM)

1. Call to Order

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

The Mayor read the Township's Traditional Land Acknowledgement.

3. Approval of Agenda

a) *September 11, 2026*

261-26 Moved by Councillor Wayne Good, Seconded by Councillor Mike Hage

Be It Resolved That Council approves the Agenda dated September 11, 2026, as circulated.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None declared.

5. Business Profile

None.

6. Presentations

None.

7. Delegations

None.

8. Adoption of Minutes

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

262-26 Moved by Councillor Wayne Good, Seconded by Councillor Mike Hage

Be It Resolved That Council adopts the Minutes of a Regular Meeting of Council held August 13, 2026 as circulated.

Carried

9. Business Arising Out of Minutes

a) *Resolution #198-26: Hydro One Community Partnership Grant*

263-26 Moved by Councillor Mike Hage, Seconded by Councillor Wayne Good

Whereas at the meeting held June 11, 2026, Council passed Resolution #198-26 approving the submission of an Application for Funding to Hydro One to purchase trailer signs and arrow signs;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council receives for information an email from the Public Works Manager advising the application was not successful; and that due to the high demand Hydro One will launch another funding cycle in 2027 and the Township is encouraged to apply.

Carried

b) *ALTO Letter*

264-26 Moved by Councillor Wayne Good, Seconded by Councillor Mike Hage

Whereas at the meeting held February 6, 2026, Council passed Resolution #41-26 receiving for information an email dated January 20, 2026, from ALTO providing information regarding the public consultation process for the proposed High Speed Rail (HSR) network between Toronto and Quebec City;

And Whereas Council does not support the proposed corridor going through the Township of North Frontenac; and directed staff to provide the resolution to the Federal Minister of Transportation; the Prime Minister of Canada; the Premier of Ontario; MPP John Jordan; MP Scott Reid; and the President of ALTO;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council receives for information a letter dated September 2, 2026, from the Honourable Steven McKinnon, Minister of Transport, acknowledging the correspondence regarding the proposed HSR initiative; and advising ALTO will submit a refined corridor and proposed station locations plan for approval in

2026; and that the development of a final rail alignment plan will proceed through three stages prior to a final investment decision, expected in 2029;

And That the Government of Canada recognizes the impacts and risks of large linear infrastructure projects on agricultural lands and farming operations; and ALTO has developed a land acquisition strategy to guide how lands required for the HSR network will be identified accessed and acquired; and any additional questions and comments should be provided to ALTO directly.

Carried

10. Communications

a) *Communications of Interest*

265-26 Moved by Councillor Mike Hage, Seconded by Councillor Wayne Good

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information Section 'A' Items of the Clerk's Administrative Report entitled "Communications of Interest."

Carried

b) *Communications 'B' Section - Action Items*

None.

11. Council, CAO, and Managers' Administrative Reports

a) *Clerk/Planning Manager: Shore Road Allowance Closure Approval in Principle - Tenpenny/Marrato*

266-26 Moved by Councillor Wayne Good, Seconded by Councillor Mike Hage

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Clerk/Planning Manager's Administrative Report entitled "Shore Road Allowance Application for Approval in Principle – Tenpenny/Marrato";

And That Council approves in principle the Application to close, stop up and sell part of the Shore Road Allowance lying in front of Lot 9, Registered Plan 1100, geographic Township of Miller (Buckshot Lake).

Carried

b) *Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief: Fire Prevention Week October 4 - 10, 2026*

267-26 Moved by Councillor Wayne Good, Seconded by Councillor Mike Hage

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Director of Emergency Services, Fire Chief (DESFC)'s Administrative Report entitled "Fire Prevention Week - October 4 - 10, 2026";

And That the North Frontenac Fire Department (NFFD) is joining forces with the Not for Profit National Fire Protection Association to remind and educate local residents about

the importance of “Charge Into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower”;
And That Council declares October 4 - 10, 2026, as Fire Prevention Week;
And That Council approves of the NFFD’s planned events, and demonstrations;
And That Council instructs the Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief to place a copy of the Mayoral Declaration and an advertisement outlining the events associated with Fire Prevention Week while emphasizing the importance of the “Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging is a Superpower” campaign in the Frontenac News and on the Township’s Social Media and Website.

Carried

- c) ***Manager of Community Development: 2026 Local Government Week - October 19 - 25***

268-26 Moved by Councillor Wayne Good, Seconded by Councillor Mike Hage

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Manager of Community Development’s (MCD) Administrative Report entitled “2026 Local Government Week – October 19-25”;

And That Council approves the Local Government Week initiatives including Fire Chief for the Day, Social Media Campaign and Municipal Office, Public Works Facility and Fire Station Tour & Presentations/Activities for local schools at the Municipal Office on Thursday October 22, 2026 if the local schools are interested.

Carried

- d) ***Manager of Community Development and Economic Development Task Force: 2026 Work Plan Update***

269-26 Moved by Councillor John Inglis, Seconded by Councillor Mike Hage

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Manager of Community Development’s (MCD) and the Economic Development Task Force (EDTF)’s Administrative Report entitled “Economic Development Task Force – 2026 Work Plan Update”;

And That Council approves the removal of SummerFest from the Economic Development Task Force Work Plan and assigns responsibility for the planning, coordination and delivery of the annual SummerFest to the Manager of Community Development, with authority to recruit community volunteers as required;

And That Council approves the discontinuation of WinterFest;

And That Council instructs the Manager of Community Development to provide a cost analysis of SummerFest for 2027 Budget deliberations;

And That Council approves the removal of the Mural Project from the Economic Development Task Force Work Plan and assigns responsibility for administration of the annual program, including the selection of mural locations, to the Manager of Community Development;

And That Council approves the removal of the National Tradesperson Day Breakfast from the Economic Development Task Force Work Plan, with the annual initiative continuing to be administered by the Manager of Community Development;

And That Council approves the removal of the *Improvement of the Township Community Improvement Plan* initiative from the Economic Development Task Force Work Plan, as the project has been completed;

And That the Economic Development Task Force will update its Work Plan accordingly and redirect its efforts toward the development and implementation of new economic development initiatives for Council's consideration in 2027.

Carried

- e) ***Manager of Community Development: Quilts at Clar Mill Community Hall***
270-26 Moved by Councillor Mike Hage, Seconded by Councillor Wayne Good

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Manager of Community Development's (MCD) Administrative Report entitled "Quilts at Clar Mill Community Hall";

And That Council confirms the ownership of the "Loon Quilt" to be with the Plevna Craft Club and that Council authorizes the Plevna Craft Club to rotate this quilt with new quilts as they deem necessary; however, Council is only authorizing this one location rotation and no new additional quilt hangers shall be hung in the hall due to space limitations.

And That Council confirms the ownership of the "Millennial Quilt" to be with the Township, and the Township will continue to display this quilt on a permanent basis at the Clar Mill Hall, and that the Plevna Craft Club be permitted to clean the Millennial Quilt as necessary; however, it shall be re-hung immediately after.

Carried

- f) ***Public Works Manager: Revision to the 10 year Capital Plan (Culverts) for 2026***
271-26 Moved by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Public Works Manager's Administrative Report entitled "Revision to the 10 year Capital Plan (Culverts) for 2026";

And That the revision to the plan has been approved by the CAO under the authority of the Lame Duck delegation By-law #2026-22.

Carried

- g) ***Treasurer: 2027 Insurance Renewal***
272-26 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Treasurer's Administrative Report entitled "2027 Insurance Renewal";

And That the 2027 Insurance Renewal be approved by the CAO under the authority of the Lame Duck delegation By-law #2026-22.

Carried

12. External Committees/Local Boards/Task Force Notes and Reports

- a) ***Committee of Adjustment/Planning Advisory Task Force***
273-26 Moved by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Minutes of the Committee of Adjustment/Planning Advisory Committee dated July 27, 2026.

Carried

b) *Housing Advisory Task Force*

274-26 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Minutes of the Housing Advisory Task Force dated August 12, 2026;

And That Council defers discussion regarding the Housing EXPO/Home Show in the amount of \$5,000 until the 2027 Budget, where an Administrative Report will be provided by the Manager of Community Development with the proposed concept supported by the HATF.

Carried

c) *Economic Development Task Force*

275-26 Moved by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Minutes of the Economic Development Task Force dated August 17, 2026.

Carried

d) *Enviromental Task Force*

276-26 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl

Be It Resolved That Council receives for information the Minutes of the Environmental Task Force dated August 25, 2026;

And That Council receives the update regarding the net-metering project and will consider a revised business case early in 2027 given the additional options being investigated by the Environmental Task Force.

Carried

13. Giving Notice of Motion (By a Member of Council to the Clerk for Council's consideration for inclusion on the next Meeting Agenda)

None.

14. Motions, Written Notice of which has been Given (By a Member of Council and approved by Council at a prior Meeting)

None.

15. Council Portfolio Verbal Reports

Each Council member has a portfolio for which they are responsible and provided a

verbal report for information purposes.

16. Introduction and Reading of By-laws

Please see Rise and Report.

17. Public Forum

The Mayor invited comments from the public attending the meeting in person and virtually. These Public Comments will not form part of the Council Minutes.

Note: The DESFC and MCD left the meeting at this time.

18. Closed Session

a) *Closed Meeting of Council*

277-26 Moved by Deputy Mayor Roy Huetl, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Be It Resolved That Council retires to Closed Session at 9:52 a.m. to:

- a. Adopt Minutes of a Closed Meeting held August 13, 2026;
- b. Discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, more specifically a potential lease of land between the Township and a resident;
- c. Consider Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-Client Privilege, including Communications Necessary for that Purpose; and Personal Matters about an Identifiable Individual, more specifically a Confidential Complaint regarding a Township Road and the Chief Building Official position;
- d. Discuss Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, more specifically an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal

Carried

19. Rise and Report (Overview of the Closed Session by the Presiding Officer)

a) *By-law to Appoint a Chief Building Official*

278-26 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler

Be It Resolved That leave be given the Mover to introduce the following By-law(s) that have been circulated to all members of Council:

- By-law #2026-47 To Appoint Chief Building Official - Chris Beeg

And That these By-law(s) be read a first, second and third time and finally passed.

Carried

20. Confirmatory By-law

a) ***Confirming By-law #2026-48***

279-26 Moved by Councillor Fred Fowler, Seconded by Councillor Vernon Hermer

Be It Resolved That By-law #2026-48, being a By-law to confirm all actions and proceedings of Council for its Regular Meeting held September 11, 2026 be read a first, second, and third time and finally passed.

Carried

21. Adjournment

a) ***Motion to Adjourn***

280-26 Moved by Councillor Vernon Hermer, Seconded by Councillor Fred Fowler

Be It Resolved That Council adjourns the Meeting at 11:28 a.m. until October 2, 2026, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Mayor

Clerk