

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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MINUTES **COUNCIL MEETING** **TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER & ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES AND LAND

"We respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe Peoples, in the Robinson-Huron and Williams Treaties areas. We wish to acknowledge the long history of First Nations and Metis Peoples in Ontario and show respect to the neighbouring Indigenous communities. We offer our gratitude for their care for, and teachings about, our earth and our relations. May we continue to honor these teachings."

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gail Degagne, in Council Chambers at 7:05 p.m., with Councillors, Bernadette Kerr, Claire Riley, and Paul Sharp. Councillor Nunzio Scarfone was absent with regrets. Staff member present was CAO Lesley Marshall, and OS Shawn Hughes. One Member of the public attended in person.

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2025-156 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as printed, with one addition being 11e) Boat Launch. **'Carried'**

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Minutes, Regular Council Meeting, July 8, 2025 (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-157 Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the July 8, 2025, Regular Council Meeting be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – June/July 2025

Resolution 2025-158 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Administration, Fire Department, Council, By-Law Enforcement Officer and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$34,938.54 and \$50,326.70 general accounts totaling \$ 489,027.35 and \$361,332.93 for the months of June and July 2025 be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS -None

7. OPEN FORUM

A member of the public spoke about Gravelle Road and the Landfill Site.

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

(a) Mayor and Council Reports

- Mayor Report, the mayor gave an update on the following topics: MNR Spraying, Speed Limits, Delegations for AMO Conference, Cassellhome/Cassellarms, Horseshoe Tournament, and the Phragmite group.

(b) Committee Reports

- Cassellholme Board of Management Meeting minutes, May 22, 2025 (Encl)
- Minutes, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority, Financial Statements 2024 (Encl)
- Powassan and District Union Public Library, Financial Statements 2024 (Encl)
- District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board, Financial Statements 2024 (Encl.)
- NBPSDHU – Financial Statements 2024 (Encl)

(c) Correspondence

- Ontario Provincial Police – Distribution of Police Record Check Revenue (Encl)
- Huron Shores – Resolution re: Opposition Mandatory Firefighter Certification (Encl)
- FONOM – Softwood Lumber Tariff Communication, June 30 2025 (Encl)
- Town of Aylmer, Resolution in support of Increased Income Threshold for Veterans (Encl)
- City of St. Catharines, Resolution re: Elect Respect Pledge (Encl)
- NCPSDHU, Community Drug Alert (Encl)
- Municipality of Tweed, follow-up with Premier of Ontario regarding proposals for Repatriation of OPP Costs and Housing Developers in Northern Ontario (Encls)
- Township of Goderich, Resolution in Opposition to Bill 17 (Encl)
- Trout Creek Lions' Club 1st Annual Lions' R.O.A.R. Fundraiser (Encl)
- MMAH, Housing and Homelessness service changes 2026 FIR (Encl)
- MPAC, Notice re: Aggregate Properties (Encl)

Resolution 2025-159 Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT - Printed August 7, 2025

Resolution 2025-160 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Budget Report Printed August 7, 2025, be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

(a) Public Works Activity Report July 4, 2025 – August 8, 2025, Operations Superintendent (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-161 Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Memo dated August 8th, 2025 from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes be received.

'Carried'

(b) Memo dated August 8, 2025 from OS regarding Argo & Canoe (Encl)

Resolution 2025-162 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Memo dated August 8th, 2025 from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes be received. **'Carried'**

11. NEW BUSINESS

a) Military Service Recognition, Royal Canadian Legion Ontario (Encl)

Resolution 2025-163 Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that Council agrees to place a business card -sized advertisement in the Military Service Recognition Book, Royal Canadian Legion Ontario. **‘Carried’**

b) Resolution of Support for the NORDS Program, FONOM (Encl)

Resolution 2025-164 Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: **WHEREAS** the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities; **AND WHEREAS** the funding provided through the NORDS pilot was very well received by the municipal sector, as it delivered timely and much-needed financial support to many communities across the North;

AND WHEREAS the program has allowed municipalities, such as the City of North Bay, to strategically stack multi-year allocations in order to support large-scale infrastructure initiatives critical to community development and economic growth;

AND WHEREAS the NORDS pilot program has clearly demonstrated its value and effectiveness in helping Northern municipalities address the infrastructure challenges tied to resource development and extraction;

AND WHEREAS rural and northern municipalities are also facing infrastructure degradation resulting from the increasing size and frequency of agricultural machinery and activity, which is currently outside the scope of the pilot;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Chisholm strongly urges the Government of Ontario to make the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) program a permanent fixture of its support to Northern municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province consider expanding program eligibility to recognize the significant impact that agricultural equipment and operations have on municipal infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;

AND FURTHER THAT municipalities be encouraged to continue utilizing the ability to stack NORDS allocations over multiple years to support the planning and delivery of major infrastructure projects;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, local MPP, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association, Rural Ontario Municipalities Association and all Northern Ontario municipalities for their awareness and support. **‘Carried’**

c) Request for letter of Support, FONOM, regarding proposal (encl) for the adoption of a 2+1 Highway System on Highway 11 & 17 (Encl)

Resolution 2025-165 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: That the request from letter of Support from FONOM regarding the proposal for the adoption of a 2+1 Highview System on Highways 11 & 17 is received; and further that a letter of Support signed by the Mayor be approved to be sent. **‘Carried’**

d) Ontario Community Environment Fund (MECP) (Encl).

Resolution 2025-166 Bernadette Kerr and Paul Sharp: That the correspondence from the Ontario Community Environment Fund be received, and further that the CAO be authorized to submit an application for this funding opportunity, with a summary report due back to Council for the meeting of September 9th, 2025. **'Carried'**
e) Discussion, Boat Launch

12. IN CAMERA

Resolution 2025-167 Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Council agree to add item 12 In Camera to discuss litigation or potential litigation, as per Section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act **'Carried'**

Resolution 2025-168 Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that Council adjourn to in camera at 7:57 p.m. **'Carried'**

Resolution 2025-169 Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that Council return to open session at 8:10 p.m. **'Carried'**

13. ADJOURNMENT

(a) By-law 2025-27 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.

Resolution 2025-170 Bernadette Kerr and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that By-law 2025-27, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at their regular Council Meeting on August 12, 2025, be read a first, second, and third time and passed this August 12, 2025. **'Carried'**

(b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

Resolution 2025-171 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that Council now adjourn this meeting to meet again on September 9th, 2025. Time: 8:11 p.m. **'Carried'**



Mayor, Gail Degagne



CAO Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Marshall