

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025 AT 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 7:03 p.m., with Councillors, Bernadette Kerr, Claire Riley, Nunzio Scarfone, and Paul Sharp. Staff member present was CAO Lesley Marshall.

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2025-231 Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as presented. **'Carried'**

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) November 25, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

Resolution 2025-232 Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the November 25, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – November

Resolution 2025-233 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Administration, Fire Department, Council, By-Law Enforcement Officer and Public Works payroll accounts in the amount of \$35,257.88 and general accounts totaling \$218,930.92 for the month of November 2025 be accepted as presented. **'Carried'**

6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

7. OPEN FORUM

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

(a) Mayor and Council Reports

- Mayor. The mayor reported on the following topics: Castle Arms,

(b) Staff Report

- Taxes Owing Report

(c) Committee Reports

- Minutes, Recreation Committee, November 13, 2025 (Encl.)

- Minutes, Golden Sunshine, September 16, 2025 (Encl.)
- Town Hall Meeting, Castle Arms, Dec 11, 2025 (Encl.)

(d) Correspondence

- Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Update on Environmental Assessment Regulation for municipal infrastructure (Encl.)
- Resolution, Township of Southwold, Re: Conservation Authorities Act
- Resolution, City of Welland, Re: Justice and Protection of Canadas Children (Encl.)
- Resolution, East Gwillimbury, Re: Unleashing the Economy Act (Encl.)
- Resolution, Town of Wasaga, Re: Emerald Ash Borer Infestation (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-234 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 December 4, 2025

Resolution 2025-235 Nunzio Scarfone and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed December 4, 2025, be accepted as presented. **‘Carried’**

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

11. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) By-law 2025-31 – Being a By-law to Authorize Voting by Mail (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-236 Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that by-law 2025-31, being a by-law to authorize voting by mail by requested voters, for the 2026 Municipal Election, be read a first, second, and third time and passed this December 9, 2025. **‘Carried’**

- (b) 2026 Ontario Provincial Police annual billing statement (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-237 Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council receives the 2026 Ontario Provincial Police Annual Billing Statement. **‘Carried’**

- (c) Resolution Support, FONOM, Re: Building Improvements to Hwy 11/17 (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-238 Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution forwarded by FONOM, endorsing the adoption and phased implementation of a 2+1 highway program on Highway 17 and 11 as a nation-building project, and urge the Government of Canada to designate this initiative as a project of national interest under the Building Canada Act and to partner with Ontario to co-fund an accelerate planning, design, procurement, and construction, and urges the governmental of Ontario to expand the announced pilot to a corridor-wide program, and further that the full resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation (Canada), the Minister of Infrastructure (Canada), MP Pauline Rochfort, and MPP Vic Fedeli, Federation of Norther Ontario Municipalities (FCM), and Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA). **‘Carried’**

- (d) Resolution Support from Parry Sound supporting a resolution from Wawa, Re: Alcohol Container Return System. (Encl.)

Resolution 2025-239 Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution from the Town of Parry Sound urging the Government of Ontario to develop an accessible, province-wide, and publicly accountable alcohol container return system, and collaborate meaningfully with municipalities, retailers, environmental organizations, and experts to implement a fair, effective, and inclusive solution that ensures the long term success of Ontario’s deposit-return and recycling systems, and further that this resolution e forwarded to the Premier of

Ontario, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, and MPP Vic Fedeli 'Carried'

12. IN CAMERA

Resolution 2025-240 Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm now enter into in camera to discuss two items under Section 239(2)(b) and 1 item under 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act. Time: 7:23 p.m. 'Carried'

12.1 Adoption of In-camera minutes of October 14th, 2025;

- (a) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, as per Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act.
- (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, as per Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act.
- (c) Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board, as per Section 239(2)(e) of the Municipal Act.

Resolution 2025-241 Paul Sharp and Claire Riley: Be it resolved that Council now return to regular session. Time: 7:40 p.m. 'Carried'

13. ADJOURNMENT

- (a) By-law 2025-36 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.

Resolution 2025-242 Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that By-law 2025-36, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting December 9th, 2025, be read a first, second, and third time, and passed this December 9th, 2025. 'Carried'

- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

Resolution 2025-243 Bernadette Kerr and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that Council now adjourn this meeting. Time: 7:40 p.m. 'Carried'



Mayor, Gail Degagne



CAO Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Marshall