

# Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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## MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026 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 7:02 p.m., with Councillors, Bernadette Kerr, Claire Riley, Nunzio Scarfone, and Paul Sharp. Staff member present was CAO Lesley Marshall. There were 2 people in attendance online.

### **2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

### **3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**Resolution 2026-17** Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as printed and amended, with the addition of New Business item 11 (d) Consultation for updates to the Source Protection Plan. **'Carried'**

### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – January 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

**Resolution 2026-18** Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the January 13, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

### **5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS** -None

### **6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS**

### **7. OPEN FORUM**

### **8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS**

#### (a) Mayor and Council Reports

- Mayor – General Update on the following topics: RFP Integrity Commissioner, OP review consultation with Dokis First Nation, Landfill position posting, funding, and Rec. family day event

#### (b) Staff Reports

- Final Report and Map Acceptance Notice, CWFPP (Encl.) Full document, and presentation by Fire Chief to follow at later date

#### (c) Committee Reports

- Powassan and District Union Public Library Board minutes of December 15, 2025 (Encl.)
- Powassan and District Union Public Library Board draft minutes of January 19, 2026 (Encl.)

#### (d) Correspondence

- Ministry of Food & Agribusiness – AIA Guidance Document (Encl.)
- Northwatch, Brennain Lloyd- Transportation of Radioactive Waste (Encl.)
- AMO – Second Intake of Rural Ontario Development Program Open (Encl.)
- Crime Stoppers, request to amplify awareness 2026 (Encl.)

**Resolution 2026-19** Claire Riley and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Mayor, Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be received. **‘Carried’**

**9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT** - None

**10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS** - None

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

(a) By-law 2026-05, Being a by-law to execute an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for the Ontario Pothole Prevention and Repair Program (Encl.)

**Resolution 2026-20** Paul Sharp and Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that By-law 2026-05, being a by-law authorize the Mayor and CAO Clerk-Treasurer to execute an Ontario Transfer Payments agreement for the Ontario Pothole Prevention and Repair Program, be read a first, second, and third time, and passed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026. **‘Carried’**

(b) Formal Statement of Opposition to Conservation Authority Consolidation, Resolution (Encl.)

**Resolution 2026-21** Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: WHEREAS the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990 (the “Act”), originally enacted in 1946, was established to allow municipalities to form conservation authorities that are equipped to develop and deliver local, watershed-based conservation, restoration and natural resource management programs on behalf of the province and municipalities; AND WHEREAS there are thirty-six (36) conservation authorities in Ontario, each of which is distinct and reflects the unique environmental, geographic and community needs of its watershed; AND WHEREAS on October 31, 2025, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks announced the Government’s intention to introduce legislation which would amend the Act to create the Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency and consolidate Ontario’s 36 conservation authorities into seven (7) regional conservation authorities.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm wishes to formally state that it opposes the consolidation of Ontario’s conservation authorities without knowing the full financial and operational impact to municipalities and the conservation authorities. **‘Carried’**

(c) IC&I Sources – Recycling Collection, contract collection costs ongoing discussion (Encl.)

(d) Consultation for updates to the Source Protection Plan. (Encl.)

**Resolution 2026-22** Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Notice of Public Consultation on the proposed Source Protection Plan and Assessment Report Updates, deadline to comment March 1, 2026, from the North Bay – Mattawa Conservation Authority, be received. **‘Carried’**

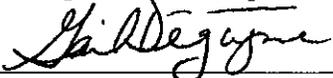
**12. ADJOURNMENT**

(a) By-law 2026-06 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.

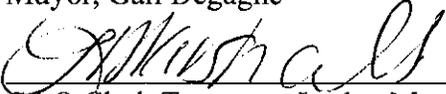
**Resolution 2026-23** Paul Sharp and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that by-law 2026-06, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at the January 27, 2026, Council meeting, be read a first, second, and third time and passed this January 27, 2026. **'Carried'**

(b) Resolution re: Adjournment

**Resolution 2026-24** Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that Council now Adjourn this meeting. Time: 7:44 p.m. **'Carried'**



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Mayor, Gail Degagne



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CAO Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Marshall