

# Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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## MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 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 Deputy Mayor Paul Sharp, in Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m., with Councillors, Bernadette Kerr, Claire Riley, and Nunzio Scarfone. Mayor Gail Degagne was absent with regrets. Staff member present was CAO Lesley Marshall.

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

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

**Resolution 2026-38** Moved by: Claire Riley, Seconded by: Bernadette Kerr

Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as printed.

**'Carried'**

### **4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – February 10, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

**Resolution 2026-39** Moved by Nunzio Scarfone and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the February 10, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. **'Carried'**

### **5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS**

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

### **7. OPEN FORUM**

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

(a) Mayor and Council Reports

- Mayor – General Update

(b) Staff Reports

(c) Committee Reports

- Minutes, General Government, November 19, 2026 (Encl.)
- DRAFT Minutes, General Government, February 19, 2026 (Encl.)

(d) Correspondence

- North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit, Board of Health 2026 Ontario Budget (Encl.)
- Municipality of East Ferris, Notice of Public Meeting RE: OP Amendment (Encl.)
- Township of Southgate, Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act. (Encl.)
- Mun. of Magnetawan, RE: Broadband Infrastructure Costs (Encl.)

**Resolution 2026-40** Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the following Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be received:

Committee Reports

- Minutes, General Government, November 19, 2026
- DRAFT Minutes, General Government, February 19, 2026

Correspondence

- North Bay Parry Sound Health Unit, Board of Health 2026 Ontario Budget
- Municipality of East Ferris, Notice of Public Meeting RE: OP Amendment
- Township of Southgate, Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act.
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**'Carried'**

**9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT**

**10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS**

**11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

(a) Short Term Rentals – Staff Report from CAO Lesley Marshall (Encl.)

**Resolution 2026-41 Moved by Nunzio Scarfone and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr:** Be it resolved that the staff report dated February 20, 2026 from CAO Lesley Marshall, regarding Short-term Rentals be received, and further that the Council approve the recommendation as presented in the report. **'Carried'**

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

(a) By-law 2026-08, Being a by-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner (Encl.)

**Resolution 2026-42 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr:** Be it resolved that by-law 2026-08, being a by-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm, be read a first, second and third time and passed this February 24, 2026. **'Carried'**

(b) Building Permit Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 2025 (Encl.)

**Resolution 2026-43 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone:** Be it resolved that the Council receives the Building Permit Fee Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 2025. **'Carried'**

(c) Dates to consider for Official Plan Review Open House (Encl.)

**Resolution 2026-44 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr:** Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm authorize JL Richards to proceed with the preparation of the required public notices and to confirm the format of the open house to be held on March 31, 2026. **'Carried'**

(d) Resolution Support, Township of Perry, RE: Reduced Rate Postage for Library Material (Encl.)

**Resolution 2026-45 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr:** Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution from the Township of Perry calling upon the Government of Canada to maintain and protect reduced-rate postal distribution for library materials through legislation and requests that the Minister responsible for Canada Post ensure continued, affordable postal access for libraries and interlibrary loan services. **'Carried'**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

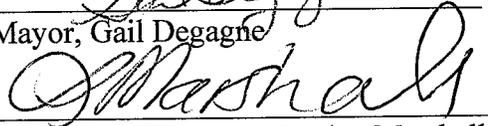
(a) By-law 2026-09 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.

**Resolution 2026-46 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone:** Be it resolved that by-law 2026-09, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the February 24, 2026 Council meeting, be read a first, second and third time and passed this February 24, 2026. **'Carried'**

(b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

**Resolution 2026-47 Moved by Claire Riley and Bernadette Kerr:** Be it resolved that Council now adjourn this meeting. Time: 7:25 p.m. **'Carried'**

  
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Mayor, Gail Degagne

  
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CAO Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Marshall