

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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MINUTES

COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 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."

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2026- 48 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as printed. 'Carried'

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – February 24, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

Resolution 2026-49 Moved by Nunzio Scarfone and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the February 24, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. 'Carried'

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – February 2026

Resolution 2026-50 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the February 2026 Payroll in the amount \$ 36,410.22 and the General Accounts Report in the amount of \$191,496.12 paid in accordance with the approved budget and delegated authority, be received. 'Carried'

6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

7. OPEN FORUM

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

- (a) Mayor and Council Reports - None
- (b) Staff Reports
 - Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)
- (c) Committee Reports
 - Draft Minutes, Committee of Adjustment, March 3, 2026 (Encl.)
 - Draft Minutes, Recreation Committee, January 7, 2026 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Golden Sunshine, January 20, 2026 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Lake Nosbonsing OPP Board, March 3, 2026. (encl.)
 - Letter, North Bay, Parry Sound Health Unit, Re: Beach Sampling (Encl.)
 - Report, Board of Health, Re: Highlights from Medical Officer of Health (Encl.)
 - DNSSAB Highlights, February 2026 (Encl.)

(d) Correspondence

- Letter, OPP Detachment Board James Bay East Re: Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (Encl.)
- Resolution, Circular Materials Ontario, Re: Blue Box Services (Encl.)
- Resolution, Re: Small Northern New Residential property tax class(Encl.)

Resolution 2026-51 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the following Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be received:

Mayor and Council Reports

Staff Reports

- Tax Arrears Report

Committee Reports

- Draft Minutes, Committee of Adjustment, March 3, 2026
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- Resolution, Re: Small Northern New Residential property tax class **‘Carried’**

9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT – Printed March 4, 2026 (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-52 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed March 4, 2026, be received. **‘Carried’**

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

(a) Memo to Council from OS Shawn Hughes Re: Activity Report (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-53 Moved by Nunzio Scarfone and Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Activity Report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes, dated February 6, 2026, to March 5, 2026, be received. **‘Carried’**

11. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Resolution Support from Mun. of East Ferris Re: Regional Fire and Emergency Services Training Centre (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-54 Moved by Claire Riley and Paul Sharp: WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris is planning the construction of a new fire hall that will serve as a regional fire training centre for fire departments including from across the Nipissing, East Parry Sound, and East Sudbury districts;

AND WHEREAS the closest accredited and operational training facilities are currently located in Huntsville, Haileybury, and Sault Ste. Marie, requiring significant travel, increased costs, and reduced training frequency for volunteer and composite departments in our region;

AND WHEREAS the summer 2025 storm in the Municipality of Calvin demonstrated the effectiveness of regional collaboration under a declared state of emergency, highlighting the value of joint training and coordinated emergency response;

AND WHEREAS a regional training centre in East Ferris would allow firefighters to train closer to home, reduce operational costs, foster inter-departmental collaboration, and improve readiness for future emergencies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Township of Chisholm supports the Municipality of East Ferris in its application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for funding assistance to construct the East Ferris Regional Fire Training Centre;

AND FURTHER THAT that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Municipality of East Ferris to demonstrate our municipality's support for this important regional initiative. **'Carried'**

(b) Resolution Support from the District of Nipissing Social Services Board (DNSSAB), Re: Homelessness Advocacy Motion. (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-55 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Township of Chisholm supports a resolution from the District of Nipissing Social Services Board (DNSSAB) directing the DNSSAB CAO to communicate with the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada, advocating for funding to support homelessness services and support, including maintaining the 24-hour emergency low-barrier shelter services from May 1 to October 31, as well as additional emergency shelter overflow spaces. And further that this resolution be forwarded to MPP Vic Fedeli and MP Pauline Rochefort. **'Carried'**

12. ADJOURNMENT

(a) By-law 2026-10 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.

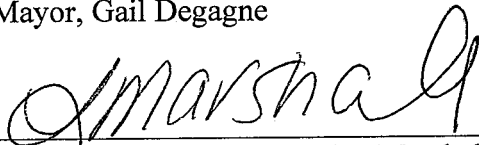
Resolution 2026-56 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that by-law 2026-07, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at the March 10, 2026, Council meeting, be read a first, second, and third time and passed this March 10, 2026. **'Carried'**

(b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

Resolution 2026-57 Moved by Nunzio Scarfone and Seconded Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council now adjourn this meeting. Time: 7:07 **'Carried'**



Mayor, Gail Degagne



CAO Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Marshall