

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

Municipal Office/Council Chambers: 2847 Chiswick Line, Powassan, Ont. P0H 1Z0

Phone (705)724-3526 - Fax (705)724-5099 info@chisholm.ca

MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 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 2026-113 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented and amended to add a new Business agenda item as follows: Recognition of years of Service Marie Rosset at the Powassan Library **'Carried'**

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – June 9, 2026 (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-114 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the agenda be adopted as presented and amended to add a new Business agenda item as follows: Recognition of years of Service Marie Rosset at the Powassan Library. **'Carried'**

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

(a) BDO 2025 Draft Financial Statements – Dean Decaire (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-115 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm receives the presentation from BDO and approves the Draft 2025 Financial Statements. **'Carried'**

7. OPEN FORUM

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Resolution 2026-116 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the following Staff, Committee and Correspondence reports be received:

- Mayor and Council Reports
 - Mayor – General Update
- Staff Reports
- Committee Reports
 - DRAFT Minutes, General Government, April 17, 2026 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Golden Sunshine, April 21, 2026 (Encl.)
- Correspondence
 - Letter, AECOM (MTO), Re: Rehabilitation of Highway 69 (Encl.)
 - AMO Policy Update Re: Bill 100, Build Communities Strong (Encl.)

- Letter, Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement Re: Bill 97 Amendments to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Encl.)
- Resolution Support from Town of Petawawa Re: Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Service in Ontario (Encl.)
- Resolution Support from Wawa Re: Emergency Room Wait Times (Encl.) **‘Carried’**

9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

- (a) Memo to Council from OS Shawn Hughes Re: Activity Report (Encl.)
Resolution 2026-117 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Activity Report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes, dated May 9, 2026 to June 18, 2026, be received. **‘Carried’**

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) DRAFT Summary of comments received from the MMAH and the Public for the Township of Chisholm Draft Official Plan Update – JL Richards (Encl, Schedules available at meeting)
Resolution 2026-118 Moved by Nunzio Scarfone and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council receives the Draft Summary of comments received from the MMAH and the Public for the Township of Chisholm Draft Official Plan Update from JL Richards. **‘Carried’**

12. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) By-law 2026-21 being a by-law to adopt the 2026 budget (Encl.)
Resolution 2026-119 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Claire Riley: Be it resolved that by-law 2026-26, being a by-law to adopt the 2026 Budget, be read a first, second and third time and passed this June 23, 2026. **‘Carried’**
- (b) By-law 2026-22 being a by-law to establish tax ratios for property classes for 2026 (Encl.)
Resolution 2026-120 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that By-law 2026-22, being a by-law to establish tax ratios for property classes for 2026, be read a first, second and third time and passed this June 23, 2026. **‘Carried’**
- (c) By-law 2026-23 being a by-law to establish tax rates for 2026 (Encl.)
Resolution 2026-121 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that by-law 2026-23, being a by-law to establish tax rates for 2026, be read a first, second, and third time and passed this June 23, 2026. **‘Carried’**
- (d) By-law 2026-24 being a by-law to Regulate the Placement of Election Signs in the Township of Chisholm (Encl.)
Resolution 2026-122 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Claire Riley: Be it resolved that by-law 2026-24 to regulate the placement of election signs in the Township of Chisholm, be read a first, second and third time and passed this June 23, 2026. **‘Carried’**
- (e) Resolution Support from FONOM Re: Northern Ontario Policing Grant (Encl.)
Resolution 2026-123 Moved by Nunzio Scarfone and Seconded by Paul Sharp:
 WHEREAS Municipalities across Northern Ontario face disproportionately high policing costs due to low population densities, geographic isolation, and limited municipal tax bases;
 AND WHEREAS many Northern communities rely on the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) for policing services, while others operate municipal police services that are also experiencing significant cost pressures;
 AND WHEREAS recent increases in policing costs have placed unsustainable pressure on municipal budgets, forcing communities to make difficult decisions between maintaining

public safety and funding essential municipal services such as infrastructure, roads, water systems, and recreation facilities;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario municipalities provide essential services across a vast geographic region while supporting key sectors of Ontario's economy including mining, forestry, transportation, and energy;

AND WHEREAS municipalities require predictable and equitable provincial support to ensure policing costs remain sustainable and communities remain safe;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the corporation of the Township of Chisholm call on the Government of Ontario to establish a \$100 million Northern Ontario Policing Grant, phased in over three years, to support the 157 municipalities across Northern Ontario served by both the Ontario Provincial Police and municipal police services; AND THAT the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipal leaders, including FONOM and NOMA, to design and implement a sustainable funding framework that recognizes the unique economic and geographic realities of Northern Ontario.

AND THAT the grant include a base funding allocation for all municipalities, with additional funding distributed based on population to ensure equitable support across communities of varying sizes; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of the Solicitor General, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), and all Northern Ontario Municipalities.

'Carried'

- (f) Recognition for years of Service at Powassan and District Union Public Library

Resolution 2026-124 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council recognizes Marie Rosset for her many years of Service at the Powassan and District Union Public Library and agrees to contribute to a retirement acknowledgment as per the internal retirement policy. **'Carried'**

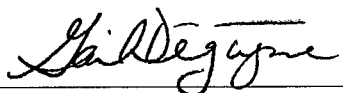
13. ADJOURNMENT

- (a) By-law 2026-25 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.

Resolution 2026-125 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that by-law 2026-25 Being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the June 23, 2026 Council meeting, be read and first second and third time and passed this June 23, 2026. **'Carried'**

- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment

Resolution 2026-126 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that this meeting now be adjourned. Time: 8:50 p.m. **'Carried'**



Mayor, Gail Degagne



CAO Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Marshall