

Corporation of the Township of Chisholm

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MINUTES **COUNCIL MEETING** **TUESDAY, JULY 14, 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 (Online), and Paul Sharp. Staff member present was CAO Lesley Marshall, OS Shawn Hughes. Presenters present was CEMC Ray Ford and Alternate CEMC Bryan Brooks. There were 3 people in attendance in person and 1 online.

2. NOTIFICATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Resolution 2026-136 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Agenda for this meeting be adopted as amended with the addition to New Business 12.i) Winter Sand Tender results and 12. h) Chiswick Line Culvert Replacement. 'Carried'

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) June 23, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

Resolution 2026-137 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the June 23, 2026 Regular Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. 'Carried'

(b) June 29, 2026 Special Council Meeting

Resolution 2026-138 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the June 29, 2026 Special Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. 'Carried'

(c) July 7, 2026 Special Council Meeting

Resolution 2026-139 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the July 7, 2026 Special Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. 'Carried'

(d) July 9, 2026 Special Council Meeting

Resolution 2026-140 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Minutes of the July 9, 2026 Special Council Meeting, be adopted as printed and circulated. 'Carried'

5. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS – June 2026

Resolution 2026-141 Moved by Nunzio Scarfone and Seconded by Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the June 2026 Payroll in the amount \$ 36,332.05 and the General Accounts Report in the

amount of \$236,832.69 paid in accordance with the approved budget and delegated authority, be received. **‘Carried’**

6. PRESENTATION AND DELEGATIONS

- (a) CEMC Ray Ford and Alternate CEMC Bryan Brooks – After Action Report – Declared Emergency (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-142 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Claire Riley: Be it resolved that the Council receives the After Action Report for the Emergency Declared April 16, 2026, from CEMC Ray Ford and Alternate CEMC Bryan Brooks. **‘Carried’**

7. OPEN FORUM

8. MAYOR STAFF COMMITTEE AND GOVERNMENT REPORTS

Resolution 2026-143 Moved by Paul Sharp 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
- Tax Arrears Report (Encl.)
- Committee Reports
 - DRAFT Minutes, Committee of Adjustment, July 7, 2026 (Encl.)
 - Minutes, Cassellholme Board, May 28, 2026 (Encl.)
 - DNSSAB’s June Highlights
 - Medical Officer of Health Report Highlights June 2026
 - DNSSAB Board Report (Encl.)
- Correspondence
- Letter, Ministry of Northern Economic Development and Growth (Encl.)
- Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act, Updates (Encl.)
- FONOM Re: Billy Bishop Airport (Encl.)
- FONOM Media Release Re: Northern Sheild Energy Corridor (Encl.)
- Resolution, Town of Halton Hills Re: Ontario’s Invasive Plants Rules (Encl.) **‘Carried’**

9. REVIEW BUDGET REPORT – Printed July 10, 2026 (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-144 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Budget Report printed July 10, 2026, be received. **‘Carried’**

10. PUBLIC WORKS REPORTS

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

Resolution 2026-145 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Activity Report from Operations Superintendent Shawn Hughes, dated June 19, 2026 to July 10, 2026, be received. **‘Carried’**

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

12. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) DRAFT Official Plan (Available online or by request)

Resolution 2026-146 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr: WHEREAS Council has completed a review and update of the Official Plan pursuant to Sections 26 and 17 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended;

AND WHEREAS Council held a Special Meeting open to the public on **June 29, 2026** to discuss revisions that may be required to the Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS Council consulted with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, prescribed public bodies, and Indigenous communities, on the Official Plan Review process;

AND WHEREAS Council held a Open House pursuant to the Planning Act on **April 21, 2026** for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the proposed Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS Council held a Public Meeting pursuant to the Planning Act on **July 14, 2026** for the purpose of receiving additional public comments regarding the proposed Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS Council has considered all oral and written submissions respecting the proposed Official Plan;

AND WHEREAS Council is satisfied that the proposed Official Plan has regard to matters of provincial interest as set out in Section 2 of the Planning Act, is consistent with the Provincial Planning Statement and conforms/does not conflict with the Growth Plan for Northern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS Council considers the proposed Official Plan to represent good planning and to be in the public interest;

AND WHEREAS Council wishes to defer consideration of the Prime Agricultural Area Boundary shown on Schedule A of the proposed Official Plan pending further review;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council directs staff to prepare the by-law necessary to adopt the Official Plan, except the Agriculture land use designation boundary shown on Schedule A – Land use Plan.
2. Council hereby defers its decision respecting the Agriculture land use designation boundary shown on Schedule A – Land Use Plan pending further review and consideration.

‘Carried’

(b) Resolution Re: Disaster Relief Fund (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-147 Moved by Nunzio Scarfone and Seconded by Claire Riley: Whereas the Township of Chisholm recently experienced a Flood disaster, and subsequently declared a state of emergency April 16, 2026 and has experienced incremental operating and capital costs, the council of the Township of Chisholm hereby requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to activate the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance program; and further that CAO Clerk Treasurer is given delegated authority to verify, and attest to the accuracy of the details in the claim submission. **‘Carried’**

(c) DNSSAB Re: Appointment of East Nipissing Representative to Board (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-148 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that Council received correspondence from the District of Nipissing Social Services Administration Board regarding the appointment of the East Nipissing Representative to DNSSAB Board for the 2027-2030 Term; and understand that this is a rotation for appointment unless a certain municipality requests to have their member sit on the board. **‘Carried’**

(d) Powassan Agricultural Society Invitation Re: Powassan Fall Fair (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-149 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm Authorizes the Mayor to attend the Powassan Fall Fair Opening Ceremonies September 5, 2026. **‘Carried’**

(e) Resolution Municipal Finance Officers Association Re: Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-150 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Bernadette Kerr:

WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada

and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has regulated municipal infrastructure asset management through O. Reg 588/17 (Asset Management Planning for Municipal Infrastructure) under the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015;

AND WHEREAS municipal asset management plans and the Financial Accountability Office of Ontario have identified that municipalities have significant state-of-good-repair backlogs and renewal needs for infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS increased geopolitical uncertainty is threatening the economic prosperity of Canada, Ontario, and every municipality;

AND WHEREAS municipal infrastructure is a key enabler and preserver of economic prosperity;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario (MFOA) has heard from its members and their municipalities concerns regarding the potential erosion of existing municipal infrastructure and thus service levels in light of the ongoing focus on housing-enabling infrastructure by grant funding programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that **THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CHISHOLM** supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure. **'Carried'**

(f) Resolution support from Village of Burk's Fall, Re: Huntsville Cancer Clinic (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-151 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm receives the resolution and petition regarding the Huntsville Cancer Clinic and supports the retention of the Cancer/Oncology Clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital Site. **'Carried'**

(g) Resolution Support from Municipality of Mattawan Re: Healthy Smiles Ontario (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-152 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Chisholm joins other municipalities and Health Units calling on the Ministry of Health to increase reimbursement rates under the Healthy Smiles Ontario Schedule of Dental Services and Fees to align with the Ontario Dental Association Suggested Fee Guide for General Practitioners; and furthermore that this resolution be sent to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Ontario, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alpha), the Ontario Dental Association, and the Honourable MPP Vic Fedeli. **'Carried'**

- (h) Approval to purchase culvert for Chiswick line

Resolution 2026-153 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone:

Be it resolved that Council authorize the purchase of one Multi-Plate - 152 mm x 51 mm Corrugation Profile Culvert, from ARMTECH for \$90,615.33, under the requirements of 5.6 of the Procurement by-law, noting the 5 week production process to meet the tendered project timelines, and permit timelines associated with the construction necessary to re-open Chiswick Line this year. **'Carried'**

- (i) Tender 2026-02 Results Winter Sand (Encl.)

Resolution 2026-154 Moved by Paul Sharp and Seconded by Claire Riley: Be it resolved that tender 2026-02 be awarded to A. Miron Topsoil, in the total amount of \$84,983.91 inclusive of HST. **'Carried'**

13. ADJOURNMENT

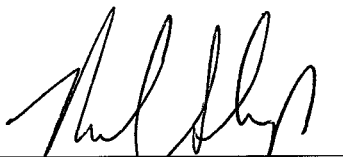
- (a) By-law 2026-26 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting.

Resolution 2026-155 Moved by Bernadette Kerr and Seconded by Nunzio Scarfone:

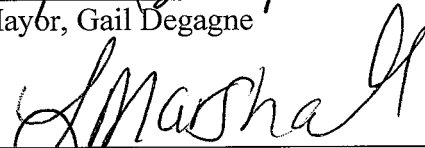
Be it resolved that by-law 2026-26 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting, July 14, 2026, be read a first, second and third time and passed this July 14, 2026. **'Carried'**

- (b) Resolution re: Adjournment.

Resolution 2026-156 Moved by Claire Riley and Seconded by Paul Sharp: Be it resolved that the Council now adjourn this meeting. Time: 8:21 p.m. **'Carried'**



Mayor, Gail Degagne



CAO Clerk Treasurer, Lesley Marshall

