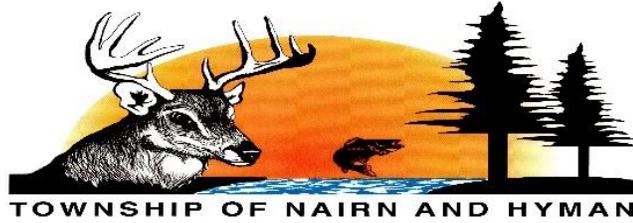


# MINUTES

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF NAIRN AND HYMAN



Monday January 12, 2026

The Regular Council Meeting was held at the Nairn Community Centre on Monday January 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. (The meeting was open to the public and recorded to allow for viewing on our website)

PRESENT:	Amy Mazey	Mayor
	Wayne Austin	Councillor
	Rod MacDonald	Councillor
	Karen Richter	Councillor
	Belinda Ketchabaw	CAO, Clerk Treasurer

**ABSENT WITH REGRETS:**

Trevor McVey	Deputy Mayor
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**DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

Councillor Wayne Austin has declared a pecuniary interest on Agenda Item 7 e) – Fire Chief’s Report, because of a family member involved

**DELEGATIONS**

Jerry Thibeault attended to request that Council consider amending the Township’s Hiring Policy and practices to give Nairn & Hyman residents preference when applying for job postings. He also requested that Council consider extra maintenance work and an extension to Minto Street to allow for more space for snow removal.

**ADOPTED COUNCIL MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-1-1**

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the following council minutes be accepted as presented:

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2025
- b) Closed Session Meeting Minutes – December 8, 2025

**CARRIED**

**RECEIVED MINUTES AND REPORTS**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-1-2**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Karen Richter

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Minutes and Reports Items 7 a) to g) are noted as received.

**CARRIED**

**CAO REPORT RE: POTHOLE PREVENTION AND REPAIR PROGRAM – GRANT APPLICATION UPDATE**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-1-3**

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**WHEREAS** Council receives Report #2026-1 entitled Pothole Prevention and Repair Program – Grant Application Update for information; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council endorses staff’s recommendation to use the funding for the purchase of hot asphalt repair equipment to enhance the Township’s repair capabilities.

**CARRIED**

**CAO REPORT RE: FIRE PROTECTION GRANT**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-1-4**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Karen Richter

**WHEREAS** Council receives Report #2026-2 entitled Fire Protection Grant (Year Two Submission) – Funding Approval and Transfer Payment Agreement for information; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes the execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement for this grant funding by giving By-law 2026-1 three readings at the January 12, 2026 meeting.

**CARRIED**

**CAO REPORT RE STATUS UPDATE – DRAFT SALE AND OTHER DISPOSITION OF MUNICIPAL LAND POLICY**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-1-5**

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**WHEREAS** Council receives Report #2026-3 entitled Status Update- Draft Sale and Other Disposition of Municipal Land Policy for information; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs that a two-year development requirement be established as the default expectation for the sale of municipal land to be applied to residential, commercial and industrial zoned lands, with Council retaining discretion to approve alternative timelines or exemptions at the time of sale depending on the intended use and complexity of development; and

**FURTHER THAT** development obligations be secured through Development Agreements and registered on title so that they bind the current owner and any subsequent owners, unless otherwise approved by Council.

**CARRIED**

**ACCEPTED MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-1-6**

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accepts the following minutes as presented:

- a) Public Health Sudbury & Districts – Unapproved Minutes, November 20, 2025
- b) LaCloche Foothills Municipal Association – Meeting Report -Approved November 20, 2025
- c) Township of Nairn and Hyman – Community Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes: January 6, 2026

**CARRIED**

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-1-7**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Karen Richter

**WHEREAS** Council receives the January 2026 Fire Chief's Report for information; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accepts the following persons as volunteer firefighters once medicals are received:

- Patia Denomme
- Brody Martel

**CARRIED**

**LETTER OF SUPPORT RE: INSTALLATION OF A HISTORICAL PLAQUE**

**COMMEMORATING THE SPANISH RIVER TRAIN WRECK OF 1910**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-1-8**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council agrees to provide a letter of support regarding the installation of a historical Plaque at the Spanish River Rest Stop commemorating the Spanish River Train Wreck of January 21, 1910; and

**FURTHER THAT** Council requests that other grant revenue options be researched first and that if financial or other support is still needed that this request be forwarded to Council.

**CARRIED**

**DRAINAGE CONCERNS – TAYLOR STREET**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-1-9**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**WHEREAS** Council previously considered a request regarding drainage concerns and the culvert located at 75 Taylor Street and based on a report from the Municipal Superintendent, adopted Resolution No. 2025-13-228 determining that the culvert is functioning as intended and does not require replacement or repair at this time; and

**WHEREAS** Council has now received further correspondence from the property owners expressing disagreement with Council's decision and requesting that the culvert and ditch be restored to a deeper condition; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs that this issue will be revisited in the spring.

**CARRIED**

**2026 FONOM CONFERENCE**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-1-10**

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**WHEREAS** Council has received correspondence that the 2026 FONOM Conference will be held in Timmins on May 11-13, 2026.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Council directs that the Mayor and CAO attend the conference and approves the fees and travel costs associated.

**CARRIED**

**SUPPORT RESOLUTION RE: REQUEST TO RESCHEDULE THE 2026 PROVINCIAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISE**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-1-11**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman hereby support the Township of Tarbutt's resolution requesting that Emergency Management Ontario and the Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response to reschedule the 2026 Provincial Exercise to a date that does not fall within 90 days on either side of the 2026 Municipal Election on October 26, 2026; and

**THAT** a copy of this resolution be circulated to AMO, FONOM, AMCTO, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister and Deputy Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, and the Ontario Fire Marshall, and the Township of Tarbutt.

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAW TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HIS MAJESTY THE KING IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO AS REPRESENTED BY THE SOLICITOR GENERAL**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-1-12**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** "being a By-law of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman to Enter into an Agreement with his Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Solicitor General (the "Province") and the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman (the "Recipient")" be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed in open council and its number shall be 2026-1.

**CARRIED**

**RECEIVED FOR INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-1-13**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the For Information Only Item 11 a) Ontario Provincial Police Annual Billing Statement is noted as received.

**CARRIED**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

- a) Danny Whalen asked a question regarding who is responsible for the Blue Box Program and if there could be sand available at the Town Garage for residents to come get a bucket during icy weather.
- b) Jerry Thibeault asked if people were allowed to live in sheds on their property.

**BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NAIRN AND HYMAN**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-1-14**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**RESOLVED THAT** "Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman" be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed in open council and its number shall be 2026-2.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-1-15**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the meeting of January 12, 2026, do now adjourn at 7:05 p.m. to meet again on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026, or at the call of the Mayor.

**CARRIED**

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**Mayor**

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**Clerk**

**These minutes shall not be considered as official minutes until they have been approved by council at their next meeting.**