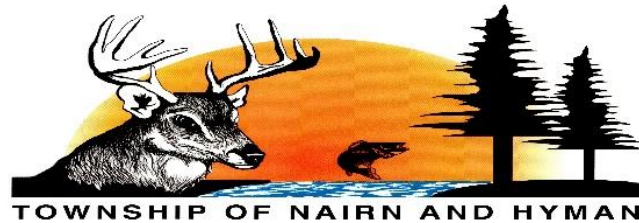


# MINUTES

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF NAIRN AND HYMAN



Monday March 9, 2026

The Regular Council Meeting was held at the Nairn Community Centre on Monday March 9, 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 (attended virtually)
	Trevor McVey	Deputy Mayor
	Wayne Austin	Councillor
	Rod MacDonald	Councillor
	Karen Richter	Councillor
	Belinda Ketchabaw	CAO, Clerk Treasurer

## **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF**

None.

## **DELEGATIONS**

- a) Donna Cortolezzis attended to give a Council an update on the Historical Committee. She requested that Council consider expanding the original scope of the committee as they would like to move forward with producing a book that covers the history of the area up to present day as well as what was missed in the first book. She brought several different samples of books that could be produced along with the estimated prices. Council will discuss this further.
- b) Nancy Lacasse, Integration Lead-Espanola Hospital and Health Center, attended to present to Council the Community Strategic Plan and LaCloche Foothills Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2026-2029.
- c) Chris Wray, Integrity Commissioner (PMC Consulting) attended virtually to present an Integrity Commissioner Inquiry Report for the Township of Nairn and Hyman on the matter of a complaint against Council as a whole.

## **INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

### **RESOLUTION # 2026-4-44**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accept the Integrity Commissioner's Report as presented on March 9, 2026;

**AND FURTHER THAT** Council will follow his recommendations.

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTED COUNCIL MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-45**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

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

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2026
- b) Closed Session Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2026
- c) Special Council Meeting/Public Meeting Minutes – February 24, 2026

**CARRIED**

**RECEIVED MINUTES AND REPORTS**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-46**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

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

**CARRIED**

**ENDORSEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY OF CARE NETWORK COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE LACLOCHE FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-47**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council endorse the CCPN Community Strategic Plan and the LaCloche Foothills Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and that this plan be adopted pursuant to subsection 248(1) of the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**CAO REPORT RE: 2025 FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL UPDATE**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-48**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**WHEREAS** Council receives Report #2026-9 entitled 2025 Fourth Quarter (Q4) Financial Update for information; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accepts the report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**CAO REPORT RE: RENEGOTIATED WINTER MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT - MTO**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-49**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**WHEREAS** Council receives Report #2026-10 entitled Renegotiated Winter Maintenance Agreement – Ministry of Transportation for information; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the revised agreement reflecting a 20% increase in compensation for winter maintenance services provided by the Township; and

**FURTHER THAT** By-law No. 2026-10 be given three readings to execute the agreement between the Township and Ministry of Transportation.

**CARRIED**

**MUNICIPAL SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-50**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accepts the Municipal Superintendent's Report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-51**

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Trevor McVey

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accepts the Fire Chief's report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**ACCEPTED LACLOCHE OPP DEPARTMENT BOARD MINUTES**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-52**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accepts the LaCloche OPP Department Board Minutes dated November 27, 2025 and the Nairn and Hyman Year End Report as presented.

**CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PUBLIC HEALTH SUDBURY AND DISTRICTS RE: FOOD INSECURITY**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-53**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**WHEREAS** food insecurity means inadequate or insecure access to food because of financial constraints; and

**WHEREAS** U.S. tariffs are generating economic uncertainty, leading businesses, organizations, and food charities to predict increasing costs of living, including food prices, which will ultimately lead to increased household food insecurity; and

**WHEREAS** the Board of Health for Public Health Sudbury & Districts has identified household food insecurity as a serious public health problem that is strongly linked to adverse mental health conditions, increased risk of several chronic diseases, and is associated with increased healthcare costs; and

**WHEREAS** local monitoring food affordability data show that social assistance rates are not enough to cover the costs of living; and

**WHEREAS** evidence demonstrates that to effectively address the problem of household food insecurity policies that improve incomes are required.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Township of Nairn and Hyman supports the call upon the provincial government to further protect workers with limited incomes from the impact of U.S. Tariffs and economic uncertainty; these include increasing the earning exemption to better support those working toward leaving the Ontario Works (OW) program, implementing revisions to social assistance such as increasing rates to reflect the real costs of living, indexing the OW rate to inflation, and establishing a Social Assistance Research Commission to determine evidence-based social assistance rates in communities across the province based on local/regional costs of living, including the cost of food informed by Ontario Nutritious Food Basket (ONFB) data collected by PHUs; and **FURTHER THAT** the Township of Nairn and Hyman supports the call upon the federal government to recognize the urgency of transformative income solutions such as a national Basic Income Guarantee program and support Bill S-206 – An Act to develop a national framework for a guaranteed livable basic income; and

**FURTHER THAT** a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Health, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, to local members of parliament, to Public Health Sudbury and Districts and to the Sudbury Espanola Manitoulin Elliot Lake Ontario Health Team

**CARRIED**

**CAO REPORT RE: NAIRN CENTRE WELCOME SIGNS**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-54**

MOVED BY: Trevor McVey

SECONDED BY: Karen Richter

**WHEREAS** Council has received the correspondence from the MTO regarding the required permits for the Nairn Centre Welcome signs and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs Staff to apply for the permits and the fees be added to the 2026 Municipal Budget.

**CARRIED**

**REHABILITATION OF THE SPANISH RIVER BRIDGE**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-55**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Trevor McVey

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council has received the information from LEA Consulting regarding the design for the Rehabilitation of the Spanish River Bridge; and

**FURTHER THAT** Council requests that the repairs are completed as soon as possible and that materials, equipment and labour are sourced locally if possible.

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAW TO ADOPT AN AGREEMENT FOR WINTER MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-56**

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Trevor McVey

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** “Being a By-law to Adopt an Agreement for Winter Maintenance Services Between His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as Represented by the Minister of Transportation (Hereinafter Called the “Ministry) and the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman (Hereinafter Called the “Township”)”, be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed in open council and its number shall be 2026-10.

**CARRIED**

**MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-57**

MOVED BY: Trevor McVey

SECONDED BY: Karen Richter

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** that Council move into closed session at 7:23 p.m. for the purpose stated in section 239.2 of the Municipal Act:

- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose

**CARRIED**

**Resolution # 2026-4-58 was dealt with in closed session and is in a sealed envelope and filed in the office of the CAO/Clerk**

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-59**

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Trevor McVey

**BE IT RESOLVED** that council return to the open meeting at 7:42 p.m. and report on the general discussions held in closed session:

- Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, as the Township has been named in an application to the Ontario Superior Court.

**CARRIED**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Nil

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

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-60**

MOVED BY: Trevor McVey

SECONDED BY: Karen Richter

**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 2026-11.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-4-61**

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Trevor McVey

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the meeting of March 9, 2026, do now adjourn at 7:46 p.m. to meet again on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 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.**