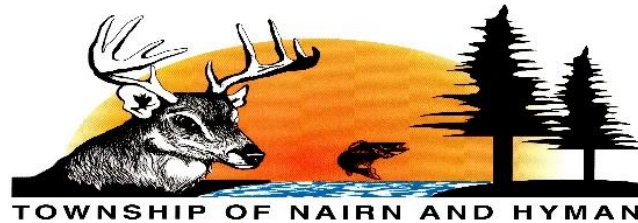


# MINUTES

THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF NAIRN AND HYMAN



Monday April 13, 2026

The Regular Council Meeting was held at the Nairn Community Centre on Monday April 13, 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)
	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**

- a) Mayor Amy Mazey has declared a pecuniary interest on Agenda Item 7 g) -Fire Chief's Report, because she is a volunteer firefighter.
- b) Councillor Wayne Austin has declared a pecuniary interest on Agenda Item 7 g) -Fire Chief's Report, because a family member is involved.

## **DELEGATIONS**

- a) Kyra Knapp, KBL Consulting; Louisa Nadeau, Manager of Economic Development & Regional Transit; Joseph Burke, CAO/Clerk -Town of Espanola – Presented to Council the completed LaCloche Foothills Region Economic Diversification Strategy.

## **ADOPTED COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **RESOLUTION # 2026-5-62**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

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

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2026
- b) Closed Session Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2026

**CARRIED**

## **RECEIVED MINUTES AND REPORTS**

### **RESOLUTION # 2026-5-63**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

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

**CARRIED**

**ENDORSEMENT OF THE LACLOCHE FOOTHILLS REGION ECONOMIC DIVERSIFICATION STRATEGY**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-64**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council endorse the 2026-2031 LaCloche Foothills Region Economic Diversification Strategy as presented; and

**FURTHER THAT** Council wishes to thank all who were involved in the preparation of this strategy.

**DEFERRED**

**CAO REPORT RE: MUNICIPAL DISASTER RECOVERY ASSISTANCE**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-65**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**WHEREAS** Council has received the CAO Report #2026-11 entitled Update - Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance for information; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council authorizes the execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement for this grant funding by giving By-law 2026-12 three readings at the April 13, 2026, meeting.

**CARRIED**

**CAO REPORT RE: COUNCIL REMUNERATION FOR 2026**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-66**

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**WHEREAS** Council has received the CAO's Report #2026-13 entitled, Council Remuneration Review – 2026, for information; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs that they will receive an 2 % increase in remuneration in 2026.

**CARRIED**

**CAO REPORT RE: COUNCIL REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-67**

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council has received the CAO's Report 2026-12, entitled 2025 Statement of Council Remuneration and Expenses for information.

**CARRIED**

**MUNICIPAL SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-68**

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 # 2026-5-69**

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

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

**CARRIED**

**TEMPORARY CHAIR**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-70**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Karen Richter

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Councillor Richter will be the chair for Item 7g.

**CARRIED**

**PURCHASE OF REFURBISHED SCOTT AIR PACKS**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-71**

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs that the Fire Chief is authorized to purchase 8 refurbished Scott Air packs at \$2,500.00 each and that the amount be pulled out of fire reserves.

**CARRIED**

**MAYOR TO RETURN TO CHAIR**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-72**

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Amy Mazey

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the chair returns to Mayor Mazey

**CARRIED**

**2026 RECREATION BUDGET**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-73**

MOVED BY: Karen Richter

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**WHEREAS** Council notes the Township of Nairn and Hyman Community Parks and Recreation Committee Resolution #2026REC-6 containing the 2026 Recreation Budget; and **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council approves the budget for the Nairn & Hyman Clean Up for \$500.00; and

**FURTHER THAT** the remainder of the budget will be discussed at the Budget meeting.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE RE: HEAVY TRUCKS ON MINTO STREET DURING HIGHWAY CLOSURE**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-74**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council accepts the Correspondence Agenda Item 8 a) from Inspector Robert Walsh regarding heavy trucks on Nairn streets during a highway closure is noted as received.

**CARRIED**

**ESPANOLA HIGH SCHOOL BURSARY DONATION**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-75**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**WHEREAS** Council has received the correspondence from the Espanola High School, regarding the request for a bursary donation; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council defers this decision to the May Council meeting.

**CARRIED**

**LACLOCHE AREA MUNICIPAL TREE PLANTING RELAY**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-76**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**WHEREAS** Council has received the correspondence from the Espanola High School, inviting our community to take part in the LaCloche Area Municipal Tree Planting Relay; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs that the Township will participate in the relay again this year.

**CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE FROM FONOM RE: URGING ONTARIO TO ACT AS MANITOBA  
ADVANCES COMPASSIONATE INTERVENTION LEGISLATION**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-77**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**WHEREAS** Council has received the correspondence from FONOM urging the Province of Ontario to move forward with targeted amendments to the Mental Health Act; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports FONOM's recommendations to enable short-term, medically supervised intervention; to provide pathways to treatment and stabilization; and reduce pressure on frontline municipal and health services.

**CARRIED**

**SUPPORT RESOLUTION RE: CHIP-AND-TAR SURFACE TREATMENT**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-78**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**WHEREAS** Council has received the motion from the Municipality of Northeastern Manitoulin & the Islands urging the Ministry of Environment to reconsider the grade of oil allowable to be used in the tar-and-chip surface treatment; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the resolution; and

**FURTHER THAT** this motion be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment, AMO, Good Roads, FONOM, MPP Rosenburg and the Municipality of NEMI.

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAW TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE KING IN RIGHT OF ONTARIO AS  
REPRESENTED BY THE MINISTER OF MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND HOUSING**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-79**

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 Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (the "Ministry") and the Corporation of the Township of Nairn and Hyman (the "Municipality")" be read a first, second and third time, and finally passed in open council and its number shall be 2026-12.

**CARRIED**

**BY-LAW TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-80**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** "Being a By-law to Appoint a Committee of Adjustment for 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 2026-13.

**CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTION RE: NAIRN & HYMAN HISTORIC BOOK**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-81**

MOVED BY: Wayne Austin

SECONDED BY: Rod MacDonald

**WHEREAS** Council has received the Notice of Motion from Mayor Mazey regarding the Nairn & Hyman Historic Book; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council agrees to the Committee using the historic materials from the first book and combine that with new materials and stories that cover the areas history to present day so that new technology and better print options may be utilized; and

**FURTHER THAT** Council supports the production of the book and that Council will approve a budget at the budget meeting.

**CARRIED**

**NOTICE OF MOTION RE: HEAVY TRUCKS ON LOAD RESTRICTED STREETS DURING HIGHWAY CLOSURES**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-82**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**WHEREAS** Council has received the Notice of Motion from Mayor Mazey regarding heavy trucks on load restricted streets during highway closures; and

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council directs that staff write a letter to the MTO to set up a meeting to discuss heavy truck traffic on local streets during a highway closure with the Mayor and CAO.

**CARRIED**

**QUESTION PERIOD**

Nil

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

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-83**

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 2026-14.

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION # 2026-5-84**

MOVED BY: Rod MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Wayne Austin

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the meeting of April 13, 2026, do now adjourn at 6:36 p.m. to meet again on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. for a budget meeting and then at 6 p.m. for the regular Council meeting.

**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.**