



For Immediate Release – July 20, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE: FIRE SERVICES RESTRUCTURING & STATION CONSOLIDATION

The Township of Nairn and Hyman wishes to advise residents that following a comprehensive review by Fire Chief Richard Austin, a recommendation has been put forward to Council to formally close Firehall Station #2 (Sand Bay) effective December 31, 2026. This recommendation is driven by a critical and ongoing shortage of volunteer firefighters within our municipality. Operating a secondary station without the minimum necessary crew members presents a significant safety liability to our first responders.

The Council of the Township of Nairn and Hyman recognizes that this is an important matter for the community and wishes to provide residents with an opportunity to receive information regarding the Fire Chief's recommendation and to provide comments before considering the recommendation. In support of this public consultation, a Special Council Meeting & Public Information Session has been scheduled as follows:

Special Council Meeting & Public Information Session

Date: Thursday, September 3, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Nairn Community Centre, 64 McIntyre St., Nairn Centre

Residents are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about the recommendation and to share their comments with Council. For those who are unable to attend, they may also submit written comments to the Municipal Office prior to the meeting: by email to belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca, in person or by mail, with the subject line: "Fire Services Restructuring Feedback".

The Township extends its deepest gratitude to all the dedicated volunteer firefighters, and our primary focus remains the safety and protection of all residents. If you would like to receive a copy of the Fire Chief's Report or to learn more about how you can serve your community by becoming a volunteer firefighter, please contact the Municipal Office at belindaketchabaw@nairncentre.ca or call 705-869-4232.

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