



***Minutes of the Regular Meeting
August 20, 2025
1 Johnson Drive, Desbarats***

The following minutes are comprised of resolutions and the Deputy Clerk's interpretation of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: R. McKinnon, G. Grant, J. Kern, E. McKinnon, K. Stobie,
Staff: J. Boucher, P. Trotter, F. Labelle, D. Methot

Res: 2025-114 K. Stobie, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL calls this regular meeting of Council to Order at 6:00 PM.
(cd)

Recognition of the Land Acknowledgment was given by Mayor Reg McKinnon.

No Declaration of Pecuniary Interest was filed at this time.

The minutes, statements and staff reports were approved as presented.

Res: 2025-115 K. Stobie, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approves the minutes of the July 22, 2025 meeting of Council as presented.
(cd)

Res: 2025-116 J. Kern, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts the statements for the month of July, 2025 as presented.
(cd)

Res: 2025-117 E. McKinnon, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts the Staff and Committee Reports for July, 2025.
(cd)

Council revisited the draft tipping fee schedule and the Landfill Burning Policy. The following resolution was passed. Further discussion and clarification will be obtained on the contaminated waste fees. The load size(s) of the contaminated waste would need to be identified in order that the appropriate fee be charged.

Res: 2025-118 E. McKinnon, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt the updated Tipping Fee Schedule, to take effect as soon as both Council's have passed the respective by-laws, excluding the contaminated waste section;

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approve the updated Landfill Burning Policy as circulated.
(cd)

Subsequent to the site visit for Consent Application #2024-12 (Orchard), the following resolution was passed.

Res: 2025-119 K. Stobie, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL further consider Consent Application #2024-12 (Orchard);

AND BE IT RESOLVED THAT Section 5.10 of the Official Plan permits limited new rural and seasonal lots can be created by consent, provided that they have frontage on a public road that is maintained year-round and can be adequately serviced;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Johnson recommend that the severed and the retained portions front onto a maintained road.

(cd)

Facility rental fees were considered by Council. After considerable discussion, the following resolution was adopted to accept the Facility Rental Rates for October 2025 to September 2026.

Res: 2025-120 E. McKinnon, J. Kern

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL support Agenda Item 8, Recreation Page 5, being the proposed Facility Rental Rates for October 1, 2025 to September 30, 2026 as amended.

(cd)

The draft Request for Quotation for the Active Transportation Plan was presented for Council consideration. Funding had been received to create an Active Transportation Strategy for the municipality. The following resolution was adopted to approve the RFQ for circulation.

Res: 2025-121 J. Kern, G. Grant

RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL support Agenda Item 8 Rec (Pages 6 – 8) being the RFQ: Active Transportation Plan, as presented.

(cd)

As noted in previous minutes, Council is committed to the development of an economic development committee within the municipality and the following resolution was adopted, setting the first meeting date of this initiative.

Res: 2025-122 E. McKinnon, G. Grant

WHEREAS THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF JOHNSON is committed to develop an economic development committee within the municipality;

AND WHEREAS the municipality is seeking interested individuals, businesses, investors, community groups and government agencies that would like to participate in a factfinding meeting to determine the interest in such a committee;

THEREFORE, Council proposed a meeting date of October 2, 2025 at the Johnson Arena at 7 PM.

(cd)

Correspondence was received from the Bruce Mines Agricultural Society, inviting members of Council to attend the opening ceremonies of the Central Algoma Exhibition in Bruce Mines on September 5th.

Res: 2025-123 G. Grant, K. Stobie

WHEREAS correspondence be received from the Bruce Mines Agricultural Society

AND WHEREAS COUNCIL is invited to attend the Opening Ceremonies of the Central Algoma Exhibition, Bruce Mines, Ontario at 6 PM on September 5th;

THEREFORE, Mayor Reg McKinnon agrees to attend on behalf of the municipality.

(cd)

Correspondence was received from the owner of 29 Main Street regarding a draft site plan for a preliminary discussion regarding a request to sever land. The following resolution was adopted acknowledging the same.

Res: 2025-124 G. Grant, J. Kern

RESOLVED that we do acknowledge receiving a draft site plan for a Draft Planning Application to sever (29 Main Street).

(cd)

Correspondence was received from the Township of North Glengarry regarding the Blue Box Program, request the Province consider amending the regulation to include ineligible sources,

to ensure producers are responsible for the end of life management on recycling products from all sources.

Res: 2025-125 J. Kern, K. Stobie

RESOLVED that we support the Township of North Glengarry in their efforts to have the Ontario Regulation 391/21 (Blue Box Program) amended, for the inclusion of currently ineligible sources and so that producers are responsible for the end of life management on recycling products from all sources.

(cd)

The municipality has received requests from our banking facility dealing with our municipal accounts and investments to ensure that our signing authority documentation is up to date and current. As a result, the following resolution was adopted, confirming information that information.

Res: 2025-126 E. McKinnon, G. Grant

WHEREAS the Corporation of the Township of Johnson has opened or proposed to open one or more investment accounts in the name of the Corporation with brokers, dealer or Management companies;

AND WHEREAS confirmation of signing authorities have been requested to provide instructions, and to execute and deliver documents required by the Financial Company relating to the:

- a) opening, administration or closure of investment accounts
- b) Purchase, sale or redemption of any investment in the Investment Accounts

AND WHEREAS the Treasurer/Deputy Clerk of the Corporation be and is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to certify under the seal of the Corporation or otherwise to each Financial Company that request such documents

- a) A copy of the resolution
- b) Specimen signatures of the authorized signatories

THEREFORE, this resolution will be in effect and is binding upon the Corporation, as long as it has not been repealed or replaced by another resolution.

(cd)

Correspondence was received from the City of North Bay and the Township of Larder Lake, requesting the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines to make the NORDS Pilot Program a permanent funding source. The following resolution was passed to support their request.

Res: 2025-127 E. McKinnon, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED that we do support the municipalities of the City of North Bay and the Township of Larder Lake, requesting the Minister of Northern Development to make the NORDS

Pilot program a permanent funding source to address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource sector activities.

(cd)

Res: 2025-128 E. McKinnon, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL pass By-law Number 2025-1150, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council on August 20, 2025.

(cd)

Res: 2025-129 K. Stobie, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL agrees to adjourn and to meet again on September 17, 2025 or at the call of the Mayor.

(cd)

Mayor: Reg McKinnon

Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Janet Boucher