



***Minutes of the Regular Meeting
October 15, 2025
1 Johnson Drive, Desbarats, ON
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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,
Absent with regret: K. Stobie
Staff: J. Boucher, C. Goertzen, R. Smith, P. Trotter

Res: 2025-140 J. Kern, G. Grant
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.

Cynthia Campbell, Executive Director of HNCEA was in attendance to provide information and invite Council to attend a Community Economic Development workshop on November 13, 2025. The following resolution was passed.

2025-141 J. Kern, E. McKinnon

WHEREAS community economic development is a key priority for the municipality; and
WHEREAS participation provides professional development opportunities and regional events enhances Council's ability to support local businesses, foster partnerships, and pursue funding opportunities; and

WHEREAS the upcoming Community Development Workshops presented by HNCEA Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness and Ministry of Rural Affairs to be held on November 13th, 2025 at the Sowerby Hall from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM or 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, will provide valuable insights, networking opportunities, and resources relevant to the Municipality's economic development goals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the attendance of Council members attending the Community Economic Development Workshop and that the Clerk will notify H.N.C.E.A. of the number of attendees, as well as any dietary needs on or before November 10, 2025.

FURTHER THAT all related registration, travel and accommodation expenses be approved in accordance with the Municipality's policies.

(cd)

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

Res: 2025-142 J. Kern, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approves the minutes of the August 17, 2025 meeting of Council as presented.

(cd)

Res: 2025-143 G. Grant, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts the statements for the month of September, 2025 as presented.

(cd)

Res: 2025-144 G. Grant, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts the Staff and Committee Reports for September, 2025.

(cd)

Various staff committee reports were discussed.

Staffing requirements during bookings at the Johnson Township Community Centre were discussed. Council will review the information and address the matter at the next meeting.

Ongoing discussions have been occurring regarding firefighter certification deadlines under Ontario Regulation 343/22. The challenge is multifaceted:

- The availability of volunteers to take the required training
- the time commitment by the volunteers to invest in such training
- There is lack of availability of locally run courses – courses fill up quickly, if they are available
- the financial challenge faced by municipalities to provide the training,
- The certification challenge is felt by many municipality's in our area and will continue to put small rural fire departments at risk.

Surplus property within the municipality was discussed. The following resolution was adopted to declare specific properties as surplus to the needs of the municipality.

Res: 2025-145 E. McKinnon, J, Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in accordance with By-Law 2025-1152, the Council of the Township of Johnson declares that the following municipal properties surplus to the needs of the municipality:

- Roll Number 5716 000 00203616 0000
Plan1M536 Pt Lot 10 RP1R13631 Pt 2
- Roll Number 5716 000 0001 00700 0000
Con 6, Lot 4 Spt
- Roll Number 5716 000 004166002 0000
Margaret Street, Plan 1106, RP 1R13926 Part 1

and, THAT the Clerk circulate notification in accordance with By-Law 2025-1152.
(cd)

By-law No. 2025-1154 was presented to Council – the by-law allows for the adoption of a staff performance management policy. The following by-law was adopted as presented.

Res: 2025-146 G. Grant, J. Kern

Be it resolved that Council adopt By-law No. 2025-1154, being a by-law to adopt a Performance Management Policy for the Corporation of the Township of Johnson.

(cd)

The MOECP – Drinking Water Inspection Report was received and the following resolution was passed, adopting the report.

Res:2025-147 G. Grant and J. Kern

Resolved that Council accept the MOECP – Desbarats Drinking Water Inspection report – DDWS#220002805, as presented.

(cd)

Correspondence was received from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 211, advising for their 2025 Remembrance Day Services on Tuesday November 11, 2025 at 12:30 PM at the Desbarats Cenotaph, and seeking Council participation to lay a commemorative wreath. In addition, a resolution was adopted to support the poppy campaign for 2025.

Res: 2025-148 E. McKinnon, J, Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL support the Royal Canadian Branch 211 2025 Poppy Fund Drive.
(cd)

Two items of correspondence were received from the Township of Tarbutt regarding the shared landfill.

As discussed at previous meetings, the treatment of boats in the landfill was considered. Wood and Aluminum boats would continue to have a tipping fee applied of \$8.00 a foot, however fiberglass boats will be accepted, and have tipping fee applied of \$15 a foot. Those boats would be set aside for eventual crushing.

In addition, the use of a bulldozer at the landfill has been secured. This was required as there is a large quantity of non household and household waste being dumped into the back cell. Council consideration was being sought to install a gate on the road to the back cell. Access would only be gained when the attendant determines that the load cannot be dumped into the bin. Council was in support of both of these initiatives.

Res: 2025-149 G. Grant, J. Kern

WHEREAS Council acknowledges receipt of Correspondence from the Township of Tarbutt regarding two landfill related items:

THEREFORE, Council supports the recommended tipping fee adjustment addressing tipping fees for Wooden/Aluminum Boats and tipping fees for fiberglass boats;

AND FURTHER, that Council support the placement of a gate at the landfill to limit traffic to the back cell.

(cd).

Correspondence was received from the Honourable Todd McCarthy (Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks, regarding transitioning the blue box system from municipal control to a producer run model where the Producer Responsibility Organizations (PRO's) will be running a province wide blue box collection system. It is estimated that this will save municipalities in Ontario over \$171 million dollars annually. This transition will be complete in 2026. The process will not come without challenges. The Producer Responsibility Organizations (PRO's) will not be responsible for collecting blue box waste from industrial, commercial and institution sources.

Res: 2025-150 J. Kern, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL pass By-law Number 2025-1155, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council on October 15, 2025.

(cd)

Res: 2025-151 G. Grant, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL agrees to adjourn and to meet again on November 19, 2025 or at the call of the Mayor.

(cd)

Mayor: Reg McKinnon

Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Janet Boucher

APPROVED