



***Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 18, 2026
1 Johnson Drive, Desbarats***

The following minutes are comprised of resolutions and the Clerk's interpretation of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM.

Present: R. McKinnon, K. Stobie, G. Grant

Staff: J. Maguire, J. Boucher, R. Smith, R. Ford, F. Labelle, G. LeClair, R. Romberg

Councillor E. McKinnon joined the meeting at 6:04 pm

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

Councillor J. Kern joined the meeting at 6:06 pm

No Declaration of Pecuniary Interest was filed at this time.

Res. 2026-017 K. Stobie, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL call this regular meeting to order at 6:01PM.

(cd)

Council dealt with item A1, tender opening for the Sale of Surplus Property.

Res. 2026-018 E. McKinnon, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE do accept the tender from William Ahde in the amount of \$7,500.00 for property #1.

(cd)

Res. 2026-019 G. Grant, E. McKinnon

RESOLVED THAT WE do accept the tender from Algoma Veterinary Clinic Professional Corporation in the amount of \$200,000.00 for property #3 being Margaret Street, which is subject to the provided Conditions.

(cd)

Council returned to the regular agenda.

Res. 2026-020 J. Kern, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approve the minutes for the January 21, 2026 meeting as presented.

(cd)

Res. 2026-021 K. Stobie, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approves the statements for February 2026 as presented.

(cd)

Res. 2026-022 G. Grant, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts the staff and committee reports for January 2026 as presented.

(cd)

Res. 2026-023 G. Grant, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL give the third and final reading to By-Law No. 2025-1146, being a by-law to authorize a franchise agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Johnson and Enbridge Gas Inc.

(cd)

Res. 2026-024 G. Grant, K. Stobie

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of St. Joseph has petitioned the Ministry of Health to review and increase its funding contribution to regional Public Health Units beyond the proposed 1%;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Health mandates that Public Health Units deliver a range of programs and services under provincial legislation, standards and directives;

AND WHEREAS this 1% is insufficient to accommodate rising costs associated with the operation of Algoma Public Health, including staffing, provincially mandated programs, service delivery obligations and inflationary pressures;

AND WHEREAS insufficient provincial funding for provincially mandated public health programs result in additional operation costs being downloaded to municipalities through higher levy requirements;

AND WHEREAS increased municipal levies may lead to higher property taxes, creating unnecessary and undue financial hardship for families within the Algoma District;

THEREFORE, the Corporation of the Township of Johnson supports the Township of St. Joseph's Resolution #2026-07, urging the Province to fully fund the costs associated with provincially mandated public health programs and assume responsibility for its appropriate portion of public health cost increases, in order to prevent these costs from being downloaded to municipalities.

(cd)

Res. 2026-025 K. Stobie, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THE COUNCIL supports the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, in their efforts to seek provincial endorsement and financial support of enhanced school bus safety measures across Ontario, including the implementation of school bus stop-arm camera systems and other child safety technologies.

(cd)

Res. 2026-026 G. Grant, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL supports the Township of Assiginack in their efforts to retain Lifelabs locations in Northern Ontario.

(cd)

Res. 2026-027 G. Grant, K. Stobie

WHEREAS the Municipal Act S.O. 2001 CH.25, as amended, Section 239 (2) Permits Closed Meetings;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL proceeds into Closed Session at 6:45 PM in order to address matter(s) pertaining to:

239 (2)(d) Labour relations or employee negotiations.

(cd)

Res. 2026-028 G. Grant, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL return to open meeting at 7:45 PM.

(cd)

Staff provided Council with information regarding the Chief Building Services for the municipality. Council directed that additional information be provided prior to making a final decision.

Res. 2026-029 E. McKinnon, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt By-Law 2026-1163 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council.

(cd)

Res. 2026-030 E. McKinnon, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL agrees to adjourn at 7:50 PM and meet again on March 18, 2026 or at the call of the Mayor.

(cd)

Mayor: Reg McKinnon

Deputy Clerk: Janet Boucher

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