



Minutes
Special Meeting of Council
May 13th, 2026
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 6:05 PM.

Present: R. McKinnon, K. Stobie, G. Grant, J. Kern,
Absent with regrets: E. McKinnon
Staff: R. Smith, D. Methot

Recognition of the Land Acknowledgment was given by Mayor McKinnon.

No Declaration of Pecuniary Interest was filed at this time.

Res: 2026-076 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL call this special meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

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This meeting was called to review the 2026 budget. Noted below is a summary of items that impacted the 2026 Tax Rate. Line item increases are as follows:

- Taxation from 2025 new development totaled approximately \$31,400.00
- The Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund increased by \$48,700.00. There has been no increase in this grant for Johnson Township for several years.
- Computer support and services have increased by approximately \$6,000
- Professional fees increased by \$15,000.00.
- Fire Training Costs -increased by \$12,000.00 to support mandatory training
- Policing services increased by \$17,674.00
- Change in building services resulted in an increase of \$4,000.00 over last year's allocation
- Algoma Public Health Unit - \$3,149.00
- Algoma District Social Family Services - \$19,686.00

The recommended tax increase for 2026 is 1.5%.



In addition, Council reviewed the 2026 water and sewer rates. As a part of the water and sewer Financial Plan, in order to keep in line with annual budget increases and repairs, as well as allowing for funds to be set aside in reserve for future replacement, the rate increase for 2026 will be 3 %. Therefore, for ratepayers who utilize the town services, the blended tax rate increase for those householders is 2.1%.

By-laws for the adoption of tax rates and water and sewer increases will addressed at the next meeting of Council.

Res: 2026-077 K. Stobie, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts By-Law 2026-1172 being a By-Law to confirm, adopt and ratify the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on May 13th, 2026.

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Res: 2026-078 G. Grant, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL agree to adjourn at 7:00 PM and to meet again on May 20th, 2026 or at the call of the Mayor.

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Mayor: Reg. McKinnon

Deputy Clerk Janet Boucher