



*Minutes*  
*Council Meeting*  
*August 19th, 2026*  
**1 Johnson Drive, Desbarats, ON**  
**POR 1E0**

The following minutes are comprised of resolutions and the Clerk's interpretation of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

Present: R. McKinnon, K. Stobie, G. Grant, J. Kern, E. McKinnon  
Staff: J. Boucher, J. Maguire, G. LeClair, F. Labelle, R. Romberg, D. Methot, C. Goertzen, M. Brisson

Res: 2026-134 K. Stobie, G. Grant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL call this regular meeting to order at 6:03 PM.  
(cd)

Recognition of the Land Acknowledgment was given by Mayor McKinnon.

No Declaration of Pecuniary Interest was filed at this time.

Res: 2026-135 G. Grant, K. Stobie  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt the Addendum for the August 19, 2026 regular council meeting. (cd)

Res: 2026-136 G. Grant, K. Stobie  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt the minutes for the July 22, 2026 meeting, as presented.  
(cd)

Res: 2026-137 K. Stobie, G. Grant  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approve the statements for July 2026 as presented. (cd)  
(cd)

Res: 2026-138 K. Stobie, G. Grant, K. Stobie  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts the following plans as provided by the Municipalities Health and Safety Representative:  
A) Standing Policy and Operational framework (Ontario)  
B) Working Alone Policy  
C) Municipal Ice Arena (Fire Safety Plan)  
(cd)



Res: 2026-139 K. Stobie, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt the staff and committee reports for July 2026. (cd)

Res: 2026-140 K. Stobie, G. Grant

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**WHEREAS** Council recognizes that access to sustainable, high-quality health care services is essential to the health and well-being of residents throughout the Central Algoma health care catchment area; and

**WHEREAS** Council attended a public presentation entitled “**Central Algoma Health Care- A Vision for the Future,**” where local physicians outlined the challenges impacting the long – term sustainability of health care services, including aging infrastructure, increasing patient needs, changing demographics, and physician recruitment and retention challenges associated with the current health care delivery model; and

**WHEREAS** Council recognizes the important role of hospitals, physician practices, nurse practitioner-led clinics, and other community health care partners for proactively identifying these challenges and bringing forward a collaborative vision to strengthen health care services for current and future generations;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Johnson supports the principles and objectives of the **Central Algoma Health Care – A Vision for the Future** initiative and supports and encourages the establishment of a collaborative working group comprised of municipalities, physicians, health care organizations, and community representatives to advance planning for a sustainable health care model for the Central Algoma health care catchment area: and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Council supports the evaluation of opportunities to enhance the long-term sustainability of health care services, including physician recruitment and retention strategies, continued support for local primary health care services, and the consideration of a new health care facility to meet the future needs of the communities served; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Johnson respectfully encourage municipalities, health care organizations, and community partners within the Central Algoma health care catchment area to support this initiative and participate in the collaborative planning process; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this resolution be forwarded to municipalities within the Central Algoma health care catchment area, the Boards of the Thessalon Hospital and St. Joseph Island Hospital, the local physicians and health care partners, the North Shore Health Network, the Honorable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, and Bill Rosenberg MPP for Algoma-Manitoulin, for their information and consideration.



Res: 2026-140 E. McKinnon, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL support the Physicians of Central Algoma and the North Shore Health Network in the continuous work to strengthen the healthcare services and better meet the needs of residents currently served by Bruce Mines Health Clinic and Thessalon and Richards Landing-Matthews sites.

(cd)

Res: 2026-141 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL support the Town of Whitby Resolution #166-26 in their request to have the Government of Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions. (cd)

Res: 2026-142 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THE COUNCIL support the West O.P.P. Detachment in their request for traffic calming and speeding mitigation techniques. (cd)

Res: 2026-143 G. Grant, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL support the Town of Tudor and Cashel in their request for review of extended Producer Responsibility for One-Pound Single-Use Propane Cylinders. (cd)

Res: 2026-144 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL support the Municipality of South Huron July 31, 2026 correspondence and proposed resolution of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario regarding making permanent the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) that is scheduled to end after the 2026 allocation; and

That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, MPP Bill Rosenberg and all Municipalities in Ontario.

That the Township of Johnson Council supports the July 31, 2026 proposed resolution of the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario regarding making permanent the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) that is scheduled to end after the 2026 allocation; and That this supporting resolution and the originating correspondence be circulated to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Finance, MPP Bill Rosenberg and all Municipalities in Ontario. (cd)

2026-145 G. Grant, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL has received a request from the Mount Pleasant Cemetery Committee for the removal of dead trees and shrubs; and



Therefore, be it resolved that Council direct staff to proceed with tendering for the removal of the dead trees, shrubs and stumps at the Cemetery. (cd)

2026-146 G. Grant, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL go into closed meeting at 7:30PM to address a matter(s) pertaining to:

- . Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;
- . Labour relations or employee negotiations. (cd)

Council met in Closed Session pursuant to Sections 239(2)(b) and 239(2)(d) of the Municipal Act. Council received information regarding the results of Workplace Investigation 2026.01, including recommendations for Council's consideration. No resolutions were passed in Closed Session.

2026-147 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL rise from the Closed Session at 8:42 p.m. and reconvene in Open Session  
(cd)

2026-148 J. Kern, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approve the amended job descriptions as recommended by the Human Resources Committee. (cd)

2026-149 E. McKinnon, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts the updated Hiring Policy as presented, effective immediately;  
AND THAT the Hiring Policy be used for all future municipal recruitment and hiring processes.  
(cd)

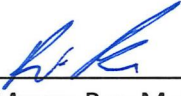
2026-150 J. Kern, G. Grant

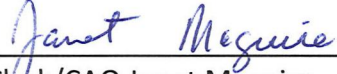
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts By-Law 2026-182, being a by-law to confirm, adopt and ratify the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on August 19, 2026. (cd)

2026-151 G. Grant, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL agrees to adjourn at 8:45PM and agree to meet again on September 16, 2026 or at the call of the Mayor. (cd)



  
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Mayor Reg McKinnon

  
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Clerk/CAO Janet Maguire