



Minutes
Council Meeting
June 17th, 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 6:00 PM.

Present: R. McKinnon, K. Stobie, G. Grant, J. Kern, E. McKinnon
Staff: J. Boucher, F. Labelle, R. Smith, D. Methot, G. LeClair, R. Romberg

Res: 2026-104 K. Stobie, G. Grant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL call this regular meeting of Council to order at 6:00 PM.
(cd)

Recognition of the Land Acknowledgment was given by Mayor McKinnon.

No Declaration of Pecuniary Interest was filed at this time.

Res: 2026-105 K. Stobie, G. Grant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approves the minutes of the Council meetings held on May13, May 20, and June 3, 2026, as presented.
(cd)

Res: 2026-106 G. Grant, K. Stobie
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approve the statements for May 2026, as presented.
(cd)

Res: 2026-107 K. Stobie, G. Grant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt the staff and committee reports for May, 2026.
(cd)

Res: 2026-108 G. Grant, K. Stobie
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt a High Water Consumption Credit Policy as presented.
(cd)

Res: 2026-109 E. McKinnon, G. Grant
WHEREAS the Fire Chief of Johnson Township recommends the following appointments within the Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department;



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approves the following appointments:

- Mikey Brisson – Assistant Interim Fire Chief
- Thomas Irvine – Fire Captain

(cd)

Further to ongoing discussions with the Fire Department and Council regarding updating the Fire By-law, the following by-law was adopted.

Res: 2026-110 G. Grant, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt By-law 2026-1178, being a by-law to establish and regulate the Johnson Township Volunteer Fire Department and to repeal By-law no. 2002-408.

(cd)

Correspondence was received from the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board, including the 2026 operating budget. The following resolution was passed to receive and support the budget as approved.

Res: 2026-111 E. McKinnon, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL receive and support the 2026 Budget as approved by the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board.

(cd)

In addition to the 2026 Planning Board Budget, Council was provided updated information regarding the open house for the New Official Plan. There will be two open houses. One will occur at Echo Bay Community Hall from 4 PM to 6 PM and one will occur at Johnson Township Council Chambers from 7 PM to 9 PM. Both sessions will take place on July 7, 2026.

Res: 2026-112 G. Grant, E. McKinnon

WHEREAS the Township of Johnson has received correspondence and resolutions from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming and the Municipality of Wawa regarding Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL support the request that the Province of Ontario establish a permanent, stable, and non-competitive funding program to assist municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements.

(cd)



Res: 2026-113 E. McKinnon, G. Grant

WHEREAS correspondence has been received from the Community Outreach Worker for Central Algoma Early ON, requesting permission to utilize Johnson Township Community Centre (JTCC) on Wednesdays during July and August;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL refers this matter to the Recreation Coordinator, to confirm schedule availability and facility usage during the requested times.

(cd)

Res: 2026-114 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 in Closed Session at 6:55 PM in order to address matters pertaining to:

Personal Matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and,

Labour relations or employee negotiations,

Advise that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

(cd)

Res: 2026-115 G. Grant, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL agrees to come out of the Closed meeting at 7:40 PM

(cd)

Council met in Closed Session under Section 239(2)(b), (d) and (f) of the Municipal Act. Council received information and provided feedback to administration. No resolutions were passed.

Res: 2026-116 G. Grant, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts By-law 2026-1179, being a by-law to confirm, adopt and ratify the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on June 17, 2026.

(cd)

Res: 2026-117 E. McKinnon, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL agree to adjourn at 7:40 PM and agree to meet again on July 15, 2026 or at the call of the Mayor.

(cd)

Mayor Reg McKinnon

Deputy Clerk Janet Boucher