



Minutes
Council Meeting
July 22nd, 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 6:03 PM.

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

Res: 2026-118 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: 2026-119 G. Grant, K. Stobie
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approves the minutes of the Council meeting held on June 17, 2026, as presented.
(cd)

Res: 2026-120 K. Stobie, G. Grant
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approve the statements for June 2026, as presented.
(cd)

Res: 2026-121 G. Grant, K. Stobie
BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt the staff and committee reports for June, 2026.
(cd)

Council received information regarding the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support Program (NORD) and the draft budget for work required on Government Road (3.25 KM). The following resolution was passed in support of this application.



Res: 2026-122 K. Stobie, G. Grant

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORD) Program provides funding to assist eligible municipalities with infrastructure projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approves the submission of the required documentation under the NORD Program and confirms its support for the identified project as the Township's priority project for the current five-year funding period;

AND FURTHER THAT COUNCIL authorizes the Clerk or Deputy Clerk to execute any agreements and documents necessary to facilitate the funding and implementation of the project.

(cd)

The Joint Compliance Audit Committee is an adjudicative body established to examine instances where election participants (including candidates, third party advertisers, and campaign contributors), appear to have contravened rules and limits established within the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended. The following by-law was adopted to authorize a joint Audit Compliance Committee.

Res: 2026-123 G. Grant, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt By-law 2026-1180, being a by-law to authorize the appointment of a Joint Audit Compliance Committee for Central Algoma Area Municipalities.

(cd)

Res: 2026-124 G. Grant, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL supports the Township of Clearview's resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario amend the **Public Sector Salary Disclosure Act, 1996** by indexing the salary disclosure threshold to inflation or increasing the reporting threshold to \$200,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local MPP, AMO, and the Township of Clearview.

(cd)

Res: 2026-125 G. Grant, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL supports the Town of Caledon's resolution requesting provincial support, funding, public education, and coordinated strategies to reduce tick populations and address the public health risks associated with tick-borne diseases; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, AMO, and the Town of Caledon.

(cd)



Res: 2026-126 G. Grant, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL receive the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks' correspondence dated June 19, 2026, and the attached Drinking Water System Report for the Desbarats Drinking Water System, for information.

(cd)

Correspondence was received from the Town of Bruce Mines regarding physician recruitment and retention in Northern Ontario. Council passed the following resolution in support of their request.

Res: 2026-127 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THE COUNCIL supports the Town of Bruce Mines' resolution regarding physician recruitment and retention in Northern Ontario and requests for provincial support to address the ongoing physician shortage.

(cd)

Correspondence was received from the Town of Burk's Falls regarding the retention of the Cancer/Oncology Clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital site. Council passed the following resolution in support of their request.

Res: 2026-128 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL supports the Village of Burk's Falls' resolution advocating for the retention of the Cancer/Oncology Clinic at the Huntsville Memorial Hospital site.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Village of Burk's Falls.

(cd)

Correspondence was received from Jared Brice, Secretary-Treasurer for the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board, providing an update on the proposed Joint Official Plan. Feedback received during the recent public open houses has resulted in revisions to several mapping schedules, which are currently being finalized.

As part of the statutory planning process, each member municipality of the Planning Board will also hold its own public meeting. These meetings are anticipated to take place in September, with dates and times to be confirmed.

The following resolution was adopted, accepting the report as submitted.



Res: 2026-129 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL receive the report from Jared Brice, Secretary-Treasurer of the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board, dated July 22, 2026, regarding the Joint Official Plan Open Houses and Next Steps, for information.

(cd)

2026-130 G. Grant, J. Kern

WHEREAS the Municipal Act S. O. 2001 Ch.25, as amended, Section 239(2) permits Closed Meeting;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL proceed in Closed Session at 7:15 PM, in order to address a matter pertaining to:

Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

And

Labour relations or employee negotiations.

(cd)

2026-131 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL rise from Closed Session at 8:25 PM and reconvene in Open Session.

(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.

2026-132 G. Grant, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts By-Law 2026-1181, being a by-law to confirm, adopt and ratify the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on July 22, 2026.

(cd)

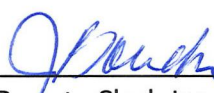
2026-133 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL agree to adjourn at 8:28 PM and agree to meet again on August 19th, 2026 or at the call of the Mayor.

(cd)



Mayor Reg McKinnon



Deputy Clerk Janet Boucher