



***Minutes of the Regular Meeting
July 22, 2025
1 Johnson Drive, Desbarats***

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, J. Kern, K. Stobie, E. McKinnon

Absent with Regrets: G. Grant

Staff: J. Boucher, P. Trotter, R. Ford, F. Labelle, C. Goertzen, D. Methot

Re. 2025-101 J. Kern, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL calls this regular meeting of Council to Order at 6:03 PM. (cd)
Recognition of the Land Acknowledgment was given by Mayor Reg McKinnon.

No Declaration of Pecuniary Interest was filed at this time.

Delegation: Stefanizzi Professional Corporation – Mitch Marinovich – Presentation of the 2024 Financial Statements.

Mr. Marinovich reviewed the 2024 Audit Statements with Council. Overall, the municipality is in a healthy financial position. As with many municipalities, asset management is of concern and maintaining and improving existing assets is an ongoing challenge. Municipal reserves and supporting grants are critical to ensuring that those larger improvements can be completed. In addition, provincial reporting requirements are changing and require additional schedules, and statements. Staff were thanked for their assistance in compiling the background data for the 2024 Audit and resulted in the process going smoothly.

Res. 2025-102 K. Stobie, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL accept the 2024 Financial Statements (draft) as prepared by Stefanizzi Professional Corporation. (cd)

The minutes, statements and staff reports were approved.

Res. 2025-103 E. McKinnon, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approves the minutes of the June 18, 2025 meeting as presented. (cd)

Res. 2025-104 E. McKinnon, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts the statements for the month of June, 2025. (cd)

Res. 2025-105 J. Kern, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts the Staff and Committee Reports for June, 2025. (cd)

The 2025 Gordon Lake Cemetery and Desbarats Lake Cemetery by-law to adopt updated fees was presented for adoption.

Res. 2025-106 E. McKinnon, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopt By-Law No. 2025-1148, being a by-law to set fees for Gordon Lake Cemetery (Mount Pleasant) and Desbarats Cemetery in the Township of Johnson. (cd)

Council adopted the following resolution to provide additional options for development of the municipal property located at 5 Margaret Street. The current zoning of the property is Open Space and the municipality is proposing to change the zoning to permit increased development potential on the subject property.

Res. 2025-107 E. McKinnon, J. Kern

WHEREAS COUNCIL wishes to see lands located at 5 Margaret Street, described legally as Part 1, Plan 1R-13926 redeveloped in a manner that fully utilizes the potential of the site and is beneficial to the community;

AND WHEREAS the Township issued RFP 2024-01 seeking development proposals for the property did not receive any proposals;

AND WHEREAS the subject lands are currently located in the Open Space (OS) Zone which limits the potential uses of the site;

AND WHEREAS COUNCIL wishes to see the lands zoned in a manner that permits a broader range of land uses in a manner that conforms to the Goals, Objectives and Policies of the Hamlet Policy Area of the Official Plan;

NOW THEREFORE COUNCIL directs staff to initiate a zoning by-law amendment for the subject lands to allow a broad range of residential, commercial or mixed uses as a measure to spur the re-development of the site. (cd)

Correspondence was received from the Township of Tarbutt regarding amended tipping fees for the Johnson Tarbutt Landfill. Many of the current fees are lower than area municipalities and Council was requested to review the schedule and provide comments.

Res. 2025-108 E. McKinnon, K. Stobie

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL acknowledges receipt of the draft tipping fee schedule presented by Tarbutt Township and provide feedback. (cd)

Correspondence was received from a landowner seeking permission to place a temporary trailer on a lot. After considerable discussion, Council agreed to the following:

Res. 2025-109 E. McKinnon, J. Kern

WHEREAS a request for a seasonal trailer permit has been received for 4373 Government Road; AND WHEREAS one seasonal trailer permit is permitted per property in the zone; THEREFORE, Council approves the placement of such a trailer, providing APHU approval is received and the necessary fees are paid to the municipality. (cd)

Staff provided an overview of other trailer concerns within the municipality, addressing the need for an updated trailer by-law and to ensure that the trailer by-law and the Zoning by-law have similar language.

Correspondence was received from the Desbarats-Echo Bay Planning Board regarding Consent Application #2024-12 (Orchard). The following resolution was passed.

Res. 2025-110 E. McKinnon, Keith Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL receive Consent Application #24-12 (Orchard) and accompanying questionnaire for Concession 5, Lot 2 Pt, Pcl 566 ACS. (cd)

Correspondence was received from the Township of Tarbutt regarding an updated Burn Policy for the Johnson Tarbutt Landfill.

Res. 2025-111 E. McKinnon, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL acknowledges receipt of the draft Johnson Tarbutt Landfill Burn Policy and has no objections to the document as attached, with the exception of minor wording changes. (cd)

Other information items included the following:

Township of Tarbutt requested that the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board pursue active recruitment process for a new Secretary Treasurer.

Matthews Memorial Hospital Association provided correspondence seeking support for the 2025 Golf Tournament, support doctor recruitment.

A ratepayer complaint was received regarding dogs off leash in Johnson Township. The letter was provided to the Animal Control officer to follow up.

Res: 2025-112 K. Stobie, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL pass By-law Number 2025-1149, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council on July 22, 2025. (cd)

Res: 2025-113 K. Stobie, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL agrees to adjourn at 7:50 PM and to meet again on August 20, 2025 or at the call of the Mayor. (cd)



Mayor: Reg McKinnon

Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Janet Boucher