



*Minutes of the Regular Meeting
June 18, 2025
1 Johnson Drive, Desbarats*

The following minutes are comprised of resolutions and the Clerk's interpretation of the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Present: R. McKinnon, J. Kern, K. Stobie, G. Grant, E. McKinnon

Staff: J. Maguire, J. Boucher, P. Trotter, R. Ford, F. Labelle

Delegation: Veronica Alimole- Economic Development in Johnson Township

Recognition of the Land Acknowledgment was given by Mayor Reg McKinnon.

No Declaration of Pecuniary Interest was filed at this time.

Res. 2025-085 G. Grant, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL called the regular meeting to order at 6:00pm. (cd)

Veronica Alimole was in attendance to discuss the lack of organized Economic Development Plan within the Township of Johnson. Assistance with navigating Township By-laws, updating township by-laws to be more conducive to development, and municipal support with locating funding opportunities for small businesses were discussion points.

Council will explore the creation of an economic development committee within Johnson Township. Mayor McKinnon thanked Mrs. Alimole for her attendance.

An addendum to the original agenda was presented. The following resolution was passed.

Res. 2025-086 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts the addendum for the June 18th, 2025 meeting of Council. (cd)

Res. 2025-087 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL approves the minutes of the May 21, 2025 meeting as presented. (cd)

Res. 2025-088 J. Kern, E. McKinnon

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

Res. 2025-089 G. Grant, E. McKinnon

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

Staff members provided additional information regarding their reports. In addition to the Recreation Coordinator's report, an additional proposal regarding the Margaret Street property was included, proposing that some or all of the property 3.3 acre parcel be retained for recreation purposes. Currently, the arena property is 7.57 acres, a portion of the school property is 6.56 acres and the portion that the municipality is making available for development is 3.3 acres.

The 2025 Water and Sewer Rate by-laws were presented for adoption.

Res. 2025-090 G. Grant, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts By-Law No. 2025-1144, being a by-law to impose Water Rates upon owners and occupants of land who use waterworks, owned and operated by the Corporation of the Township of Johnson. (c)

Res. 2025-091 J. Kern, E. McKinnon

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts By-Law No. 2025-1145, being a by-law to impose Sewage Rates upon owners and occupants of land who use sewage works, owned and operated by the Corporation of the Township of Johnson. (c)

Council received the Staff Report regarding the extension of the Franchise Agreement with Enbridge Gas Inc. This agreement expires in November, 2025. It is recommended that Council provide the Clerk/CAO (or alternate) and Mayor the authority to execute this agreement, using the approved model.

Res. 2025-092 K. Stobie, G. Grant

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

1. This Council approves the form of draft by-law and franchise agreement attached hereto and authorizes the submission thereof to the Ontario Energy Board for approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the *Municipal Franchises Act*.
2. This Council requests that the Ontario Energy Board make an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the municipal electors to the attached draft by-law and

franchise agreement pertaining to the Corporation of the Township of Johnson is not necessary pursuant to the provisions of Section 9(4) of the *Municipal Franchises Act*. (c)

Res. 2025-093 E. McKinnon, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL gives first and second reading to By-Law No. 2025-1146, being a by-law to authorize a Franchise Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Johnson and Enbridge Gas Inc. (c)

Council discussed the Cemetery Fee Schedule and passed the following resolution, being a notice of motion for the adoption of the new cemetery fee schedule at the July Council meeting.

Res. 2025-094 J. Kern, K. Stobie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL provides notice of motion for the adoption of a new Cemetery Fee Schedule at the July, 2025 Council meeting. (c)

Council supported correspondence received from Black River Matheson, regarding the proposed mandatory firefighter certification requirements per Regulation 242/22.

Res. 2025-095 G. Grant, J. Kern

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL does support the correspondence from Black River Matheson to the Province, requesting an exemption for the proposed mandatory firefighter certification requirements (Reg. 242/22). (c)

Council moved into closed session as noted below, to address:

- a) Municipal Property at 5 Margaret Street.
- b) Labour relations or employee negotiations

Res: 2025-096 J. Kern, E. McKinnon

WHEREAS the Municipal Act S.O. 2001 Ch. 25 as amended, Section 239(2) permits closed meetings, therefore, be it resolved that Council proceeds into Closed Session at 7:45 PM in order to address

- a) a matter pertaining to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.
- b) labour relations or employee negotiations. (cd)

Res: 2025-097 G. Grant, J. Kern, G. Grant

RESOLVED that we do return to open meeting of Council at 8:15 PM. (cd)

Regarding item a, additional material is to be obtained and provided for Council consideration.

Regarding item b, the following resolution was passed.

Res: 2025-098 E. McKinnon, J. Kern

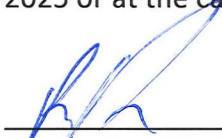
BE IT RESOLVED that Council accept the Verbal Report of the Hiring Committee;
AND THAT Clint Goertzen be hired for the position of Public Works Superintendent, with a start date of July 14, 2025. (cd)

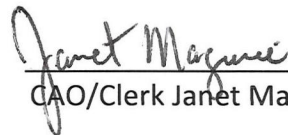
Res. 2025-099 E. McKinnon, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adopts By-Law 2025-1147 being a confirming by-law for the proceedings of the meeting of Council on June 18, 2025 presented. (cd)

Res. 2025-100 J. Kern, G. Grant

BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL adjourns at 8:20 pm and agrees to meet again on July 16th, 2025 or at the call of the Mayor. (cd)



Mayor: Reg McKinnon

CAO/Clerk Janet Maguire