

# **The Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha**

## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 4, 2025**

### **Meeting held electronically**

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#### **Regular Session 2025 – 02 – 04**

**Members Present:** Mayor Carolyn Amyotte, Deputy Mayor Jim Whelan,  
Councillors: RuthAnne McIlmoyl, Colin McLellan, Jim O'Shea

**Staff Present:** Alana Solman, Chief Administrative Officer  
Connie Parent, Clerk **(in Council Chambers)**  
Kelly Picken, Deputy Clerk **(in Council Chambers)**  
Emily Fitzgerald, Junior Planner  
Judy Everett, Treasurer  
Jason Post, Public Works Manager  
Gary Geraldi, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management

(all attendees participated electronically unless noted otherwise)

#### **Others Present:**

#### **Call to Order and Welcome**

Mayor Amyotte called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., welcomed everyone and informed those in attendance that the meeting will be recorded and uploaded to the Township YouTube Channel for public viewing.

#### **Land Acknowledgement**

Mayor Amyotte recited the Land Acknowledgement.

#### **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof**

No declarations.

#### **Adoption of the Agenda**

25 - 16

Moved by – Councillor O'Shea

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That the agenda be adopted, as presented. Carried.

## **Statutory Public Meetings and Adoption of Planning By-Laws**

No statutory meetings.

### **Presentations / Deputations / Petitions**

#### **County of Peterborough Report**

25 - 17

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by – Councillor O’Shea

That the verbal County Report from Mayor Amyotte and Deputy Mayor Whelan be received. Carried.

#### **Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Report**

25 - 18

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That the verbal Crowe Valley Conservation Authority Report from Councillor McLellan be received. Carried.

### **Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s) of Council:**

Regular Minutes

25 - 19

Moved by – Councillor O’Shea

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on January 14, 2025, be adopted, as presented. Carried.

### **Business Arising from Previous Minutes**

None

### **Consent Agenda**

25 - 20

Moved by – Councillor O’Shea

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council receives the following consent agenda items:

1. County of Frontenac, January 15, 2025, Frontenac County Council motion to support

the Children’s Aid Society of Oxford County and other child welfare agencies throughout Ontario.

3. Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) [2024 Municipal Partnership Report](#)

4. Ministry of Rural Affairs, January 19, 2025, a new plan to support rural economic

Carried.

## **Staff Reports**

### **Curbside Garbage Collection Renewal**

25 - 21

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That the Township of North Kawartha exercise the current curbside garbage collection agreement’s one year renewal option from February 1, 2025, to January 31, 2026, with Waste Connections of Canada, for the amount of \$240,690.89, plus taxes and 7% fuel surcharge, only if applicable. Carried.

### **Application to Remove Holding (H) Provision ZA-09-24**

25 - 22

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by – Councillor McIlmoyl

That as the condition of the holding provision has been met on application ZA-09-24 that Council proceed to enact a By-law having the effect of removing the Holding (H) Provision on the subject property. Carried.

### **Consent Application B-109-24 (Rusaw)**

25 - 23

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council recommend approval to Peterborough County Land Division Committee for Consent application B-109-24, without conditions. Carried.

### **2025 Dust Control Contract One-Year Extension**

25 - 24

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That Council directs staff to enter into a one-year contract extension with Da-Lee Chemicals for the supply and application of Calcium Chloride for dust control on the gravel road network. Carried.

### **2025 Draft Budget**

25 - 25

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That the budget for 2025 is approved as presented. Carried.

### **Temporary Borrowing By-Law**

25 - 26

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Council adopt a Temporary Borrowing By-Law for 2025. Carried.

### **Reports from Boards and Committees**

#### **Short Term Rental Advisory Committee and North Kawartha Library Board Minutes**

25 - 27

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Council receives the Short-Term Rental Advisory Committee minutes for the meeting held on January 21, 2025, and the North Kawartha Library Board minutes for the meeting held on November 26, 2024. Carried.

## **New Business and Unfinished Business**

### **Response to Delegation to the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) Conference**

25 - 28

Moved – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded – Councillor O’Shea

That Council receives the response to the delegation at ROMA letter from the Ministry of Transportation dated January 24, 2025. Carried.

## **Correspondence**

### **Senior of the Year Award**

25 - 29

Moved - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded - Councillor McLellan

That Council and staff be directed to put forward nominees for Senior of the Year Award. Carried.

### **Canada Post and the Industrial Inquiry Commission**

25 - 30

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Whereas the Canada Industrial Relations Board, as instructed by the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, ordered the end to the postal strike and the resumption of mail service at Canada Post on December 17, 2024, under Section 107 of the Canada Labour Code.

Whereas the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, created an Industrial Inquiry Commission under Section 108 of Canada Labour Code, led by William Kaplan, that will work with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) and Canada Post to examine the future of the public post office, including possible changes to the Canadian Postal Service Charter.

Whereas Canada Post is, first and foremost, a public service.

Whereas the Commission has been tasked with reviewing the obstacles to negotiated collective agreements between CUPW and Canada Post, the financial situation of Canada Post, Canada Post’s expressed need to diversify and/or alter its delivery models in the face of current business demands, the viability of the business as it is currently configured, CUPW’s negotiated commitments to job security, full-time employment, and the need to protect the health and safety of workers.

Whereas the Commission only has until May 15, 2025, to submit its final report to the government and make recommendations about the future structure of Canada Post.

Whereas while there is room for written input, the Commission process is not widely publicized, nor equivalent to a full and thorough public service review of Canada Post's mandate allowing for all stakeholder input, as has been undertaken by previous governments.

Whereas it will be crucial for the Commission to hear our views on key issues, including maintaining Canada Post as a public service, the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the Canadian Postal Service Charter, home mail delivery, parcel delivery, keeping daily delivery, adding postal banking, greening Canada Post, EV charging stations, food delivery, improving delivery to rural, remote and Indigenous communities, and developing services to assist people with disabilities and help older Canadians to remain in their homes for as long as possible – and at the same time, helping to ensure Canada Post's financial self-sustainability.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha provide input to the Commission in the form of a written submission.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Township of North Kawartha will write the Federal Minister of Labour, Steven MacKinnon, and the Federal Minister of Public Services and Procurement of Canada, Jean-Yves Duclos, who is responsible for Canada Post, to demand that no changes be made to the Canada Post Corporation Act, Canada Post's mandate or the Canadian Postal Service Charter without a full, thorough, public review of Canada Post, including public hearings, with all key stakeholders, in every region of Canada. Carried.

### **Request to Amend Noise By-Law 2004-0017**

25 - 31

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McIlmoyl

That Mr. Moran be advised that the noise by-law is being reviewed and North Kawartha will be in consultation with other municipalities in the County through the Ontario Provincial Police. Carried.

### **Support to Undertake a Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

25 - 32

Moved by - Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Whereas current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life

Whereas nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year

Whereas municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation

Whereas unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure

Whereas municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises

Whereas inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity

Whereas property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need

Whereas the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities

Whereas municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

Therefore, Be It Resolved That the Province of Ontario commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

And Further That a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario ([premier@ontario.ca](mailto:premier@ontario.ca)); Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing ([minister.mah@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.mah@ontario.ca)); the Minister of Finance ([minister.fin@ontario.ca](mailto:minister.fin@ontario.ca)); and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario ([amo@amo.on.ca](mailto:amo@amo.on.ca)). Carried.

### **Minister's Template Letter – Social and Economic Prosperity Review**

25 - 33

Moved by - Councillor McLellan

Seconded by – Councillor McIlmoyl

That Council direct staff to modify the template form letter that was provided to include the particulars about our community's challenges and issues; and further that it be brought back to the next meeting of Council. Carried.

### **Closed Session**

Mayor Amyotte explained that two sessions of closed session are taking place today, once before lunch and one after lunch. Council will break for lunch at approximately 12 noon and then resuming closed session again at 1:00 p.m. There will be a report out after the afternoon session.

25 - 34

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by – Councillor McIlmoyl

That pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act this part of the meeting be closed to the public at 10:45 a.m. as the subject matter being considered is:

(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board **(Proposed Property Disposition)**;

(e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board and (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose **(Court Proceedings)**;

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees **(Interview Candidates)** and

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and (d) labour relations or employee negotiations **(Employee Survey and Draft Organizational Report)**. Carried.

### **Out of Closed Session**

25 - 35

Moved by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

Seconded by - Councillor McLellan

That Council arise and come out of closed session at 3:05 pm. Carried.

### **Report Out of Closed Session**

Mayor Amyotte reported out of closed session that direction was provided to staff and the solicitor based on the items listed for discussion.

### **By-Laws**

Moved by – Councillor McIlmoyl

Seconded by – Councillor O’Shea

That By-Law 2025-0006 being a by-law to amend By-Law #26-2013, as amended, otherwise known as the “Township of North Kawartha Comprehensive Zoning By-law” to remove a holding provision (Application ZA-09-24, Roll #020-002-18200) and that;

By-Law 2025-0007 being a by-law to authorize borrowing from time to time to meet current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, and that;

By-Law 2025-0008 being a by-law to provide for the adoption of tax rates for 2025 and to adopt the estimates of all sums required during the year and that;



By-Laws 2025-0006, 2025-0007 and 2025-0008 be read and adopted in open Council on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025. Carried.

**Confirmatory By-Law 2025-0009**

Moved by – Councillor McIlmoyl  
Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That By-Law 2025-0010 being a by-law to confirm the Proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of North Kawartha at its regular Council meeting held on the 4th day of February, 2025. Carried.

**Adjournment**

25 - 36  
Moved by - Councillor McLellan  
Seconded by – Deputy Mayor Whelan

That Council adjourn proceedings. Carried.

Council adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

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Carolyn Amyotte, Mayor

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Connie Parent, Clerk