



#5 (b)

Minutes of a Special Meeting of Council held on Wednesday April 16th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room via in person or by phone.

1. Call to order for the Council Meeting by the Head of Council:

Mayor Culhane called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call: The Mayor took a roll call

<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mayor Bonita Culhane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Louanne Caza	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Elaine Fic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Councillor Annie Keft	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Councillor Annie Keft arrived at 5:38 p.m.
Councillor Francine Plante	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Clerk-Treasurer - Karine Pelletier
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3. Adoption of the Agenda and Addendum.

Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

142/2025
Adoption of Agenda

THAT the agenda for the Special Meeting of Council held on April 16 , 2025 be adopted.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary of Interest: None

5. Deputations, Petitions and Presentations: None

6. Correspondence, Information: None

7. New Business:

a) Budget Discussion:

Council discussed the tabled budget and offered the audience the chance to share their ideas and input. The following directions were given:

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

143/2025
Library Grant

THAT the Council has reviewed and deliberated on the 2025 Budget table and has directed the Clerk to inform the Library Board that the Township will not be providing them with a yearly grant in 2025.

Carried

Moved by Councilor Francine Plante
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza

144/2025
Summer Students

THAT the Council has reviewed and deliberated on the 2025 Budget and has directed the Clerk to exclude the Summer Students from the 2025 budget for the subsequent program.

- Day Camp
- Tourist Centre
- Public Works Labourer

FURTHERMORE, the Clerk is directed to return the grants that were awarded for the above-mentioned programs, provided that they were successful.

If 100% funding is received from Summer Experience Opportunity for Day Camp, Council would like to move forward with the Day Camp Program.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Annie Keft
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza

145/2025
Tax Rate Increase

THAT Council has reviewed and deliberated on the 2025 Budget. The Clerk is directed to draft all necessary by-laws for subsequent increase and present them for final approval at the upcoming Special Budget meeting.

Tax rate increase of 5% for the year 2025.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

146/2025
Water Rate Increase

THAT Council has reviewed and deliberated on the 2025 Budget. The Clerk is directed to draft all necessary bylaws for subsequent increases and present them for final approval at the upcoming Special Budget meeting. The following increases will commence as of July 1st 2025.

- Water Charge increase of 5%
- Sewer Charge increase of 5%
- Debenture Charge increase of 5%

Carried

Moved by Councillor Annie Keft
Seconded by Councillor Elaine Fic

147/2025
Tipping Fees

THAT the Council has reviewed and deliberated on the 2025 Budget and has instructed the Clerk to include tipping fees at the landfill site in accordance with the chart provided in the budget report, effective July 1st 2025.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza

148/2025
Snow Removal

THAT the Council have reviewed and deliberated on the 2025 Budget, and as per the budget report, the staff is instructed to discontinue the free snow removal and sanding services for businesses.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Louanne Caza
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

149/2025
User Fee's for Activities

THAT Council has received and deliberated on the 2025 Budget and directs the Clerk to add User Fee's for the following activities at the Community Centre – Includes all activities otherwise stated by Council.

Deferred until May 13, 2025

b) NOHFC Community Enhancement Funding Program:

Moved by Councillor Francine Plante
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza

150/2025
NOHFC

THAT Council directs staff to proceed with gathering necessary information and submit an application for the NOHFC Community Enhancement Funding Program for the revitalization of the community centre.

Carried

8. **Passing of By-Laws:** None
9. **Question Period:** A question period was held.
10. **Closed Session of Council:**

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Annie Keft

151/2025
Closed Session

THAT Council goes into closed session at 7:48 p.m. under the Municipal Act 2001. C25, s 239, Section (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried

- Council held interviews for the Internal Posting of the Public Works Foreman.

Moved by Councillor Annie Keft
Seconded by Councillor Francine Plante

152/2025
Out of Closed Session

THAT Council come out of closed session at 8:18 p.m.

Carried

11. Confirmation By-Law:

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza

153/2025
Confirmation By-Law

THAT a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of Council be read three times and passed this 16th day of April 2025 and numbered By-Law 2025-18.

Carried


12. Adjournment:

Moved by Councillor Elaine Fic
Seconded by Councillor Louanne Caza

154/2025
Adjournment

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Carried



MAYOR Deputy



CLERK-TREASURER