

AGENDA
A meeting of the Council of the Corporation
of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
to be held on Thursday, June 18, 2026
at 7:00pm

1. Call to Order

2. Approval of Agenda

Community Volunteer Award

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof

4. Manager Reports

- i. Fire Department – Fire Chief
- ii. Public Works – Manager
- iii. Community Services – Manager
- iv. Building Controls

5. New Business

- i. Request for Support – Town of Petawawa

6. Reports and Minutes

- i. Manitoulin East Municipal Airport – June 8

7. Adjournment

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT TO COUNCIL

JUNE 18TH, 2026

CALLS FOR SERVICE: (6)

MAY 16	HYDRO LINE FIRE
MAY 17	FALSE ALARM
JUNE 2	STRUCTURE FIRE
JUNE 6	LIFT ASSIST
JUNE 7	SVC HWY 540
JUNE 11	FALSE ALARM

Department is actively working on completing J.P.R.s for the firefighter Curriculum

NEW TURNOUT GEAR HAS BEEN RECEIVED

CURRENTLY 14 ACTIVE MEMBERS IN SERVICE



Public Works Report

June 18, 2026

Roads

Staff have been busy patching to get the roads ready for surface treatment.

Staff have been busy grading all gravel roads and putting maintenance gravel on.

Staff have been busy with the construction on Townline Road installing culverts, road grinding of old surface treatment and 4000m of new M gravel.

Beamish completed 11 km of surface treatment under warranty around the municipality.

Installed new culvert on David St. in Sheguiandah.

Landfill

All operations are going well.

Equipment

Ongoing maintenance is being performed daily

Repairs are being conducted as required

Report to Community Services/Public Works –June 18, 2026

Rec Centre

- Meetings/Events/Programs/Classes
- Manitoulin Trade Show was a success
 - Arena was full
 - Vendors were very positive on how their weekend went
- Community Safety Day
 - Well attended
 - Enjoyed by everyone
- Comicon Event
 - Busy all day

This Month

- Pickleball – Continues in Curling Club
- Begin Haweater Prep

Programs & Events

- T- Ball – Started June 15th
- Line Dancing – Finished for the Summer
- Gentle Fitness – Finished for the Summer
- NEMI Soccer – Finished for the Summer
- Info Centre & Museum both open for business
- Archery – Finished for the Summer

Marine, Parks & Outdoor Buildings

- Both Facilities are fully open 7 days a week
 - We will begin 8am-8pm 7 days a week once students finish exams
- Majority of seasonal customers are in slips at both facilities
- Beginning to see a bit of transient traffic at the Town Dock
- Cruise Ship – July 3rd
- Library Roof – Started June 15
- Completing Park and Playground inspections
- Grass Cutting
- Parks Maintenance
- Fields Maintenance
- Trail Maintenance
- Flower Watering



Building Control Report to June 15, 2026

There have been eighteen permits issued, and two permit renewals this year.
The permits are categorized as follows.

	Permits	Total
Residential – New	4	\$14,676.00
Residential – Additions & Renovations	1	\$480.00
Multi Residential – New	0	\$0.00
Seasonal Dwellings – New	1	\$2544.00
Seasonal Dwellings – Additions & Renovations	0	\$0.00
Detached Garages	3	\$2,172.00
Accessory Buildings – New	3	\$1,276.00
Decks – New & Alterations	4	\$994.00
Commercial/Industrial New	0	\$0.00
Commercial/Industrial – Additions & Renovations	1	\$520.00
Institutional – Renovations	0	\$0.00
Demolition/Moving	1	\$50.00
Permit Renewals	2	\$200.00
Inspection Request	0	\$0.00
Total	20	\$22,912.00

Two new residential building permits, one residential renovation permit, one commercial renovation permit, one demolition permit, two new accessory building permits, two detached garage permits and one deck permit have been issued since the last report. This report period has a construction value of **\$1,128,000.00** and a permit value of **\$14,282.00**. The total construction value to date is **\$2,436,000.00** with a total building department revenue of **\$22,912.00**.



Town of Petawawa

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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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The Honourable Michael Kerzner
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Toronto, ON M7A 1Y6

Via Email: minister.solgen@ontario.ca

June 17, 2026

RE: Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

Dear Honourable Doug Ford and Honourable Michael Kerzner:

At its Council in Committee meeting held on June 8, 2026, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Petawawa endorsed the following resolution:

Moved by Lisa Coutu

Seconded by Theresa Sabourin

WHEREAS Municipal fire services in Ontario operate under legislative authority established by the province through statutes, regulations, codes, and prescribed standards governing training, equipment, certification, inspection, and operational requirements;

AND WHEREAS municipalities are responsible for implementing and maintaining compliance with these provincially mandated requirements primarily through local property taxation;

AND WHEREAS current provincial fire service grant programs are available to both full-time and volunteer fire departments across Ontario and are distributed through competitive application processes that may not fully reflect the differing financial and administrative capacities of urban and rural municipalities, highlighting the need for a more balanced approach to funding that supports all fire services equitably;

AND WHEREAS volunteer firefighters represent approximately 70–75% of firefighters in Ontario, protecting the majority of communities across the province and, particularly in rural areas, are frequently the first emergency responders to arrive on scene ahead of other emergency services;

AND WHEREAS other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services, receive stable and predictable provincial funding contributions or cost-sharing arrangements;

AND WHEREAS the absence of a comparable and stable funding model for fire services creates a structural imbalance between provincial regulatory authority and municipal financial responsibility;

AND WHEREAS reliance on competitive funding creates budget uncertainty, limits long-term financial planning, and may not reflect the actual operational needs of fire services, contributing to instability, reduced preparedness and the reduction of services within a critical emergency response sector;

AND WHEREAS stable and predictable funding is essential to maintain emergency preparedness, firefighter safety, service sustainability, and equitable protection for residents regardless of municipal size or tax base;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The Council of the Town of Petawawa respectfully calls upon the Province of Ontario to transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements;

AND FURTHER THAT this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario;

AND FURTHER THAT the annual value of this funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated for endorsement to:

- All municipalities
- Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs

- Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association
- Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association
- Association of Municipalities of Ontario
- Rural Ontario Municipal Association

AND FURTHER THAT, upon endorsement, this resolution be submitted to:

- Billy Denault MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
- The Honourable Michael Kerzner, Minister of the Solicitor General
- The Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure
- The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario

Carried

The Town of Petawawa respectfully requests that the Government of Ontario implements a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements. We look forward to your favourable reply.

Sincerely,


 Dawn Recoskie, CMO, Dipl.M.A.
 Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
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cc: All municipalities

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Ontario Volunteer Fire Fighters Association, admin@ontariofirefighters.org

Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), resolutions@amo.on.ca

Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), roma@roma.on.ca

Billy Denault, MPP, Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke, billy.denault@pc.ola.org

Honourable Kinga Surma, Minister of Infrastructure, kinga.surma@pc.ola.org

Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, rob.flack@ontario.ca.

Manitoulin East Municipal Airport Commission Inc.

Commission Meeting Minutes

Meeting of June 8, 2026

Present, B. Kohler, B. Wood, G. Williamson, R. Maguire, D. Williamson, D.Elliot.

M. Whatling

Meeting call to order by G. Williamson @ 7:00

Motion 2026 06-01

Resolved that the Commission approves the agenda for the meeting of June 8, 2026.

Moved by D.Elliot

Second by B. Wood

Carried - Yes

Motion 2026 06-02

Resolved that the Commission approves the minutes of the meeting of April 13, 2026.

Moved by R. Maguire

Second by B. Kohler

Carried - Yes

Declaration of pecuniary interest: None

Motion 2026 06-03

Resolved that the Commission accept the managers' report for the months of April 2026 / May 2026

Moved by: B. Kohler

Second by: B. Wood

Carried – Yes

Motion 2026 06-04

Resolved that the Commission accept the traffic & revenue report for the months of April 2026 / May 2026

Moved by: B. Wood

Second by: D.Elliot

Carried – Yes

Motion 2026 06-05

Resolved that the Commission accept the treasurers report for April / May 2026.

Moved by: D.Elliot

Second by: R. Maguire

Carried – Yes

Motion 2026 06-06

Resolved that the Commission meeting of June 8, 2026 does now adjourn at 7:28
Next meeting Monday August 10 @ 7:00 pm. Location – Airport Terminal

Moved by: B. Wood

Second by: D.Elliot

Carried - Yes