

**AGENDA**  
**A meeting of the Council of the Corporation**  
**of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands**  
**to be held on Thursday, November 20, 2025**  
**at 7:00 p.m.**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof**

**3. Manager Reports**

- i. Fire Department
- ii. Public Works – Ed Steeves
- iii. Community Services - Reid Taylor
- iv. Building Controls

**4. New Business**

- i. Dog Park

**5. Adjournment**



## **Public Works Report**

**November 20, 2025**

### **Roads**

Staff have been busy patching roads.

Staff have been busy changing culverts around the municipality

Staff have been grading

Staff have completed installation of the new tamarack drain

Daily road patrols are being conducted

Yearly roadside brushing has been completed

### **Landfill**

All operations are going well

### **Equipment**

Ongoing maintenance is being performed daily

Repairs are being conducted as required

### **Other**

All trucks and equipment ready for winter operations

# Report to Community Services/Public Works – November 20, 2025

## Rec Centre

- Arena Ice
  - Ice is busy daily
  - Nearly All Prime and weekend hours are being rented regularly
- Meetings/Events/Programs/Classes

## This Month

- Manitoulin Panthers - Continues
- Little Current Minor Hockey
- Skate Canada - Continues

## Marine, Parks & Outdoor Buildings

- Spider Bay & Port of Little Current
  - Closed for the season
- Winterizing and Shutting down facilities
  - All buildings are winterized and being monitored

## Programs & Events

- Line Dancing – Continues
- Gentle Fitness – Continues
- Classes
  - Reverse Mortgages
  - Downsizing & Decluttering

## Christmas

- Outdoor Holiday Lights and Banners are up
  - More Holiday Decoration to come
- Tree Lighting Event – November 27<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Market @ Museum – November 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>
- Cedar Wreath Workshop – November 30<sup>th</sup>
- Santa Claus Parade – December 6<sup>th</sup>
- Christmas Partys for Programs
  - Line Dancing
  - Gentle Fitness
  - After School Program



## **Building Control Report to November 14, 2025**

There have been 68 permits issued, four renewals and five requests for inspections this year.  
The permits are categorized as follows.

|                                                 | Permits | Total        |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------|
| Dwelling – New                                  | 10      | \$54,050.00  |
| Dwelling – Additions & Renovations              | 9       | \$9,104.00   |
| Multiple Dwelling – New                         | 1       | \$11,280.00  |
| Seasonal Dwelling – New                         | 3       | \$19,320.00  |
| Seasonal Dwelling – Additions & Renovations     | 1       | \$400.00     |
| Detached Garage                                 | 12      | \$10,776.00  |
| Accessory Building – New                        | 8       | \$6,284.00   |
| Deck – New & Alterations                        | 13      | \$2,116.00   |
| Commercial/Industrial New                       | 0       | \$0.00       |
| Commercial/Industrial – Additions & Renovations | 6       | \$13,084.00  |
| Institutional – Renovations                     | 1       | \$400.00     |
| Demolition/Moving                               | 4       | \$250.00     |
| Permit Renewals                                 | 4       | \$400.00     |
| Inspection Request                              | 5       | \$500.00     |
| Total                                           | 77      | \$121,964.00 |

One residential renovation permit, one demolition permit, and two deck permits have been issued since the last report. This report period has a construction value of **\$255,000.00** and a permit value of **\$2,914.00**. The total construction value to date is **\$9,500,000.00** with a total building department revenue of **\$121,964.00**.

## **For the Mayor and Councillors of NEMI:**

A petition is currently being circulated to home owners, tenants, seasonal residents, and local business owners, calling for the creation of a designated dog park in Little Current.

On behalf of the petition signatories and residents of NEMI, we ask that the 2026 budget include provisions for a dog park, for the following reasons:

- **SAFETY**: A designated dog park provides a secure, fenced-in area for dogs to run freely, away from traffic and other public hazards.
- **SOCIALIZATION**: It offers a space for dogs to interact with one another, which is known by animal experts to be crucial for their development and well-being.
- **COMMUNITY**: A dog park fosters a sense of community among residents by creating a shared public space for pet owners to connect.
- **HEALTH**: A dedicated space for running and playing helps promote physical activity for dogs, leading to better health outcomes. On top of normal health concerns, residents on the island who own family dogs are dealing with the increase in blastomycosis cases. The Vet clinics on Manitoulin Island have reported increasing numbers of severe illness and death of dogs from blastomycosis, and have advised pet owners to keep their dogs as much as possible from digging or playing around decayed leafy and other organic matter on the ground, whether in forests, ditches, swampy and damp areas, in short anywhere blastomycosis spores typically spread. **In this regard, the safest place for dogs to play are mowed, grassy areas.**
- **RESPONSIBLE USE**: A dog park helps ensure that dogs are properly exercised in a controlled environment, which can reduce issues in other public parks and spaces.
- **SEASONAL RESIDENTS AND TOURISTS**: We are the first town off the bridge after dogs and their owners may have traveled hours in a car. In addition, many boaters have dogs, as do seasonal residents. From the standpoint of residents and visitors alike, the time has come for NEMI to have a dog park.

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## Low Island Dog Park

Location, undeveloped north east corner of low island park

Pros:

- east side already fenced
- not much work or related costs to clear and fence that area
- an asset to the diversification of the park
- visitors with pets would be attracted to this area along with the other various park attractions
- the area would provide drinking water and other cooling options during the hot summer weather
- blastomycosis does not appear to be present
- parking nearby
- all resident dog owners that have been asked, agree that this is the most desirable place, other out of the way areas would not likely be used and probably would be a waste of resources and effort