

The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
Minutes of a meeting of Council held Tuesday, March 3, 2026
at 7:00p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Al MacNevin, Councillors: Patti Aelick, Al Boyd, Laurie Cook, Mike Erskine, and George Williamson, Dawn Orr, William Koehler and Bruce Wood

STAFF PRESENT: David Williamson, CAO
Pam Myers, Clerk

Mayor MacNevin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Resolution No. 49-03-2026

Moved by: W. Koehler

Seconded by: G. Williamson

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands approves the agenda as presented.

Carried

Resolution No. 50-03-2026

Moved by: A. Boyd

Seconded by: B. Wood

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands now reads a first, second and third time and finally passes by-law 2026-15 being a by-law to adopt the minutes of Council for the term commencing November 15th, 2022 and authorizing the taking of any action therein and thereby.

Carried

Resolution No. 51-03-2026

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: P. Aelick

RESOLVED THAT the Planning Authority of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands conditionally approves the application for consent as applied for by Ten Mile Point Resort, File Number 2026-01, subject to the following conditions;

1. Easement and Easement agreement to be registered on all three single lots
2. The Easement road shall be a standard width of 30' wide
3. Transfer of land form prepared by a solicitor and a schedule to the transfer of land form on which is set out the entire legal description of the parcel,
4. The applicant must deposit a Reference Plan of Survey in the Land Registry Office clearly delineating the parcels of land approved by The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands in this decision and provide the Town Office with a copy.
5. Prior to final approval by the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, the owner provide confirmation of payment of all outstanding taxes.
6. All outstanding fees associated with this application including a fee of \$130 for each transfer of land and advertising cost.

Carried

Resolution No. 52-03-2026

Moved by: G. Williamson

Seconded by: W. Koehler

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands now reads a first, second and third time and finally passes By-law 2026-16 being a by-law to amend by-law 2018-41 to Shoreline Residential from Commercial Tourism.

Carried

Resolution No. 53-03-2026

Moved by: D. Orr

Seconded by: B. Wood

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands now reads a first, second and third time and finally passes By-law 2026-17 being a by-law to amend by-law 2018-41 to allow for set back reductions.

Carried

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Resolution No. 54-03-2026

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: A. Boyd

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands accepts the tender submitted by Central Square in the amount of \$129 698.00 plus HST for the supply of Municipal Software.

Carried

Resolution No. 55-03-2026

Moved by: W. Koehler

Seconded by: P. Aelick

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands accepts the tender submitted by JL Richards in the amount of \$57 943.18 Plus HST for the services to update the Town's Official Plan.

Carried

Resolution No. 56-03-2026

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: A. Boyd

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands accepts the tender submitted by exp in the amount of \$166 415.00 for plus HST for engineering services for Blake Street Water Main Project.

Carried

Resolution No. 57-03-2026

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: D. Orr

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands accepts the 2025 Annual Report for the Sheguiandah Water Treatment Plant.

Carried

Resolution No. 58-03-2026

Moved by: A. Boyd

Seconded by: P. Aelick

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands accepts the 2025 Annual Report for the Little Current Water Treatment Plant.

Carried

Resolution No. 59-03-2026

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: P. Aelick

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands accepts the Annual Monitoring Report for the Closed Little Current Landfill Site.

Carried

Resolution No. 60-03-2026

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: L. Cook

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands donates \$200 to Cambrian College for the Connect to Community event they have scheduled at the NEMI Recreation Center.

Carried

Resolution No. 61-03-2026

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: L. Cook

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands encourages the efforts of Manitoulin Streams in the Highway 6 clean up and asks them to work with the Public Works Manage for assistance and Further reminds Manitoulin Streams we can only accept waste from NEMI Township.

Carried

Resolution No. 62-03-2026

Moved by: W. Koehler

Seconded by: G. Williamson

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands requests that the Province of Ontario provide targeted financial assistance to municipalities to offset any additional costs that are directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with Community Safety and Policing Act 2019 and not general increases to police budgets and Council urges the Province of Ontario to review and reform its current

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police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities so that communities with growing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable funding to offset costs associated with the provisions of providing court security services.

Carried

Resolution No. 63-03-2026

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: G. Williamson

BE IT RESOLVED that the The Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands supports the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB call upon the provincial government to further protect workers with limited incomes from the impact of U.S. Tariffs and economic uncertainty; these include increasing the earning exemption to better support those working toward leaving the Ontario Works (OW) program, implementing revisions to social assistance such as increasing rates to reflect the real costs of living, indexing the OW rate to inflation, and establishing a Social Assistance Research Commission to determine evidence-based social assistance rates in communities across the province based on local/regional costs of living, including the cost of food informed by Ontario Nutritious Food Basket (ONFB) data collected by PHUs; and FURTHER THAT the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB supports the call upon the federal government to recognize the urgency of transformative income solutions such as a national Basic Income Guarantee program and support Bill S-206 – An Act to develop a national framework for a guaranteed livable basic income; and FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Minister of Health, the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, to local members of parliament, to Public Health Sudbury and Districts and to the Sudbury Espanola Manitoulin Elliot Lake Ontario Health Team; and FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Manitoulin-Sudbury DSB member municipalities for endorsement and support via Council resolutions.

Carried

Resolution No. 64-03-2026

Moved by: G. Williamson

Seconded by: M. Erskine

WHEREAS Life Labs has announced its intention to close its Greater Sudbury laboratory, and the transfer of medical specimen processing from Northern Ontario to laboratories in southern Ontario; and WHEREAS the Greater Sudbury laboratory provides essential diagnostic services to communities across Northern Ontario, including urban, rural, and remote municipalities, and plays a critical role in ensuring timely and reliable medical testing for Northern residents; and WHEREAS patients with chronic illness, newborns, long-term care residents, and individuals on time-sensitive medications depend on predictable laboratory turnaround times to support clinical decision-making; and WHEREAS transporting medical specimens long distances to southern Ontario increases the risk of delays, specimen degradation, and retesting, particularly during frequent winter highway closures-potentially jeopardizing patient outcomes; and WHEREAS Northern Ontario is already experiencing shortages of health-care professionals, and the closure of this laboratory further undermines regional workforce stability, training capacity, and recruitment and retention efforts; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands call on the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Health to take immediate action to ensure that essential medical laboratory services remain accessible within Northern Ontario, including maintaining local laboratory processing capacity in Greater Sudbury; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be urged to ensure reliable, timely, and medically appropriate laboratory turnaround times for Northern Ontario patients, recognizing the unique geographic and climatic challenges of the region; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be requested to protect and support the Northern Ontario health-care workforce, including medical laboratory technologists, by preventing further service centralization that disproportionately impacts Northern communities; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Health, local Members of Provincial Parliament, FONOM, AMO, and ROMA.

Carried

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Resolution No. 65-03-2026

Moved by: G. Williamson

Seconded by: B. Wood

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands proceeds In Camera in order to address a matter pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Carried

Resolution No. 66-03-2026

Moved by: W. Koehler

Seconded by: B. Wood

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands does now adjourn at 8:11 pm.

Carried

Al MacNevin Mayor

Pam Myers Clerk