

The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
Minutes of a meeting of Council held Tuesday, March 4, 2025
at 7:00p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councillor Bruce Wood

STAFF PRESENT: David Williamson, CAO
Pam Myers, Clerk

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

Resolution No. 42-03-2025

Moved by: A. Boyd

Seconded by: P. Aelick

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

Carried

Resolution No. 43-03-2025

Moved by: W. Koehler

Seconded by: G. Williamson

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 2025-08, 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. 44-03-2025

Moved by: A. Boyd

Seconded by: M. Erskine

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands authorizes Jamie Fitchett of Helping Hands Family Mission to utilize the Recreation Cener parking lot for a food give away, under the supervision of the Manager of Community Services and
Furthermore, that Council authorizes public works to use the Towns backhoe with forks to unload the transports as needed.

Carried

Resolution No. 45-03-2025

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: P. Aelick

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands authorizes Rock Networks to install vaults and underground infrastructure on Harbour View Road to support fiber internet as per the attached submission by Rock Networks and under the terms and conditions of our agreement.

Carried

Resolution No. 46-03-2025

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: W. Koehler

WHEREAS the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is not bound to any procurement obligations to suppliers from the United States under the Canada-United States-Mexico Agreement (CUSMA); and

WHEREAS THE Town offers an open bidding process that historically invited responses from both United States (US) based companies and domestic companies; and

WHEREAS The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands is committed to fiscal responsibility and prudent management of financial and organizational resources, and the protection of its citizens from unwarranted and unreasonable actions of the United States Government that could negatively impact on the lives of its residents; and

WHEREAS Canadian municipalities have significant purchasing power through capital and infrastructure programs; and

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WHEREAS United States President, Donald Trump, issued executive orders to impose tariffs on imports from Canada effective March 4, 2025; and

WHEREAS predatory tariffs by the US government affect all our residents, businesses, and institutions within The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands, the Province of Ontario, and Canada; and

WHEREAS The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands supports the Federal and Provincial governments' efforts to stop US tariffs on Canadian goods and services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands adopts the following actions:

1. That Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands supports the federal and provincial call to action "Canadian business first" policy in its procurement of capital and infrastructure programs by purchasing Canadian made goods when possible and restricting its purchases of US goods; and
2. That The Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands promotes the policy of "Buy Canadian" to encourage the purchase of Canadian goods and services by its businesses and residents; and,
3. That the Council for Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands encourage the other municipalities and levels of government to limit the purchase of goods produced in the United States until such time as the tariffs are removed.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution be forwarded to: Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, MP Carol Hughes, MPP Bill Rosenberg, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Rural Ontario Municipal Association, The Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and community associations.

Carried

Resolution No. 47-03-2025

Moved by: A. Boyd

Seconded by: M. Erskine

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

Carried

Resolution No. 48-03-2025

Moved by: D. Orr

Seconded by: P. Aelick

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

Carried

Resolution No. 49-03-2025

Moved by: A. Boyd

Seconded by: M. Erskine

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

Carried

Resolution No. 50-03-2025

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: W. Koehler

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands now adjourns at 7:48pm.

Carried