

The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands
Minutes of a meeting of Council held Thursday, February 5, 2026
at 7:00p.m.

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

ABSENT: Councillor Patti Aelick

STAFF PRESENT: David Williamson, CAO
Pam Myers, Clerk
Sheryl Wilkin, Treasurer

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

Resolution No. 40-02-2026

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. 41-02-2026

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: A. Boyd

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands now accepts the financial reports as presented.

Carried

Resolution No. 42-02-2026

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: W. Koehler

WHEREAS the current economy has stretched the financial capabilities of Municipalities and Taxpayers to the point where they do not have sufficient financial resources to meet the ongoing demands of everyday living. This has created a situation where residents who are struggling to pay their daily expenses lack the financial resources to maintain the critical infrastructure required to sustain the water and wastewater systems that service their homes. It is critically important that the other levels of government recognize this fact and provide funding assistance that can be accessed based on operational and financial need.

Whereas the current housing accelerator fund provides financial support for small communities and water and distribution systems are considered eligible under the program guidelines,

And whereas one of the primary criteria for this funding is the ability to prove that the funds will accelerate the development of housing stock on the water or distribution system,

And whereas many smaller communities are not experiencing the level of growth necessary to meet the requirements of the program for growth in housing stock,

And whereas the water and wastewater systems in those communities represents a higher cost to operate per capita than the systems in larger built-up areas,

And whereas the cost of maintaining those systems on a user-pay basis is creating undo financial hardship for the limited number of residents on those systems,

Therefor be it resolved that the Council for the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands requests that the Province of Ontario implement a funding stream for water and wastewater systems that primarily utilizes operational and financial need as a criteria.

And furthermore that a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Ford, FONOM, the Ministry of Housing, the Ministry of the Environment and Bill Rosenberg MPP

Carried

Resolution No. 43-02-2026

Moved by: B. Wood

Seconded by: G. Williamson

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands does now adjourn at 7:25 pm.

Carried

Al MacNevin Mayor

Pam Myers Clerk