



MINUTES
Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, May 20, 2025
Council Chambers 6:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT: All members of Council were in attendance this evening.

STAFF PRESENT: Lindsey Lee, CAO/Clerk
Angela Young, Deputy Clerk
Christina Mulcahey, Administrative Assistant

MEDIA PRESENT: Nil.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we're on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabe people and we thank them for their thousands of years of stewardship on this land and granting us the privilege of being here to enjoy it.

3. Roll Call

All members of Council were in attendance this evening

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

5. Adoption of the Agenda

5.1 Dated May 20, 2025

RESOLUTION - 256-2025

Moved by Councillor Robert Campbell, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien
THAT the Agenda dated May 20, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED.

6. Delegations and Presentations

Nil.

7. Matters Arising out of Delegations Heard

Nil.

8. Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Council Session(s)

8.1 April 29, 2025 Public Meeting Under the Planning Act (CZBL)

RESOLUTION - 257-2025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien
THAT the minutes of the April 29, 2025 Public Meeting Under the Planning Act (CZBL) be adopted as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

8.2 May 6, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

RESOLUTION - 258-2025

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell
THAT the minutes of the May 6, 2025 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

9. Planning Matters

Nil

10. Correspondence

10.1 Information/Correspondence Items - Corporate Services

RESOLUTION - 259-2025

Moved by Councillor Jill Campbell, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien
THAT the Council approve the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Corporate Services May 12, 2025 meeting to accept the following reports as information:

Item 6.3 Additional Financial Information requests

Item 6.4 County of Renfrew - 2025 Budget Overview

Item 6.5 Farm to Family Day 2025 Final Report

Item 6.6 Recreation Department Activity Report - May 6, 2025

Item 6.7 Provincial Day of Action on Litter (May 13, 2025) Act on Litter (MECP)

Item 7.1 By-Law Services Report - March 2025

Item 7.2 Asset Management Plan - Meeting schedule

Item 8.1 Clay Bank Nature Park for Outdoor Learning - New Event

CARRIED.

10.2 Correspondence/Information Items - Operations

RESOLUTION - 260-2025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Jill Campbell
THAT the Council approve the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole Operations May 12, 2025 meeting to accept the following report as information:

Item 7.1 Public Works Department Activity Report - April 2025

CARRIED.

10.3 Correspondence/Information Items - Public Safety

RESOLUTION - 261-2025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Jill Campbell
THAT the Council approve the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole Public Safety Meeting held on May 12, 2025 meeting to accept the following reports as information:

Item 6.1 Ontario Provincial Police - Q1 Policing Report

Item 7.1 Fire Department Activity Report - April 2025

Item 10.1 - Councillor Robert Campbell - Guardrails Stewartville Road and Scheel Drive

CARRIED.

10.4 Information/Correspondence Items - Development and Property

RESOLUTION - 262-2025

Moved by Councillor Jill Campbell, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien
THAT the Council approve the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole Development and Property Meeting held on May 12, 2025 to accept the following report as information:

Item 7.1 Building Department Report - April 2025

CARRIED.

10.5 OPP Memo Municipal Policing Bureau

RESOLUTION - 263-2025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien
THAT the Memo from the OPP Municipal Policing Bureau be accepted as information.

CARRIED.

11. Committee Reports, Reports from Representatives Appointed to External Boards

Nil.

12. Unfinished Business

12.1 Fire Marque Invoicing

RESOLUTION - 264-2025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell
THAT Council accept the updated information regarding Fire Marque invoicing, as directed at the April 22, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as information as submitted and circulated; FURTHER THAT the CAO be authorized to proceed with implementing the Fire Marque cost recovery program as originally presented.

CARRIED.

12.2 L'Arche Arnprior - Request to Waive the Facility Fee

RESOLUTION - 265-2025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien
THAT Council approve the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole Operations to approve L'Arche Arnprior's request to waive the Facility Fee for a weekly rental of 2 half days (no kitchen use, requested for Thursday and Friday) as well as a full day rental (Wednesday) with the use of the Kitchen in July and August to support art and fitness programming for L'Arche members.

CARRIED.

12.3 Tour de Poutine 2025

RESOLUTION - 266-2025

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Councillor Jill Campbell
THAT Council approve the recommendation from the Committee of the Whole Corporate Services to donate all revenue from the 2025 Tour de Poutine event to the Arnprior & District Food Bank.

CARRIED.

12.4 Strong Mayor Powers

RESOLUTION - 267-2025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien
WHEREAS the Province has announced the expansion of strong mayor power to another 169 municipalities as of May 1, 2025 in addition to the 47 municipalities which currently have received strong mayor powers;
AND WHEREAS the Province claims that strong mayor powers will get homes and infrastructure built faster, reduce red tape, and accelerate the delivery of key priorities;
AND WHEREAS research from the Association of Municipal Clerks & Treasurers of Ontario has identified that:
a. *There is no evidence to suggest this legislation has any impact on the number of housing starts in municipalities that have been granted the powers; and*
b. *Strong Mayor Powers have blurred the political-administrative authority between the roles of head of council and chief administrative offices threatening the neutrality of the public service and politicizing local government leadership;*
AND WHEREAS strong mayor powers is an erosion to the democratic process of an historically non-partisan municipal governance structure;
AND WHEREAS the Township of McNab/Braeside has received requests from The Town of Parry Sound, the Municipality of North Middlesex and the Municipality of North Perth for our support to reject strong mayor powers and have strong mayor powers removed from their municipalities;
AND WHEREAS Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside encourages the Provincial government to repeal this legislation;
AND FURTHER THAT the Township support all municipalities requesting the rejection of strong mayor powers.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT *this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Rob Fack, Premier Doug Ford, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing Pembroke, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and all Ontario Municipalities.*

CARRIED.

13. Staff Reports - Direction

13.1 Chatham Kent - Opposition to Bill 5 - 2025-05-13 Motion RE Bill 5

RESOLUTION - 268-2025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien
THAT the correspondence from Chatham Kent - Opposition to Bill 5 - 2025-05-13 Motion RE Bill 5 be accepted as information.

CARRIED.

13.2 Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025

RESOLUTION - 269-2025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien
Whereas the Government of Ontario has introduced Bill 5: Protecting Ontario by Unleashing Our Economy Act, 2025, which proposes substantial changes to environmental planning legislation, including the repeal of the Endangered Species Act and the creation of "Special Economic Zones" that may override local planning authority;
And Whereas the Township of McNab/Braeside supports increasing housing supply and economic growth, but believes this must be achieved without undermining environmental protections or compromising the integrity of municipal planning processes;
And Whereas Bill 5, as proposed, risks weakening safeguards for Ontario's natural heritage and reducing the role of municipalities in managing growth in a responsible and locally informed manner;
Now Therefore Be It Resolved That Council for the Township of McNab/Braeside:

- *Opposes the provisions in Bill 5 that would reduce environmental protections or override municipal planning authority;*
- *Urges the Province of Ontario to advance housing and infrastructure growth through policies that respect sound environmental planning principles and uphold the planning tools available to local governments;*
- *Urges the Province to support municipalities through ensuring responsible growth through infrastructure projects designed to ensure protection of sensitive wildlife and natural resources;*

And Directs that this resolution be forwarded to:

- *The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario,*
- *The Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,*

- *The Honourable Todd McCarthy, Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks,*
- *Billy Denault, MPP for Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke,*
- *The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO),*
- *All Ontario municipalities for their awareness and consideration,*
- *All Conservation Authorities in Ontario,*
- *Conservation Ontario*

CARRIED.

- 13.3 Contract No. PW-2025-03 for the Reconstruction/Rehabilitation of Kippen Road

RESOLUTION - 270-2025

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Councillor Jill Campbell
THAT Council approve the recommendation from the Operations Committee to award Contract No. PW-2025-03 for the Reconstruction/Rehabilitation of Kippen Road be awarded to McCrea Excavating Ltd. in the amount of \$1,646,806.00 plus HST;
AND THAT the Township retain the services of egis Group to provide professional services related to contract administration and site inspection for an upset limit cost of \$70,000.00 plus HST.

CARRIED.

14. New Business

- 14.1 Proclamation - Pride Month

RESOLUTION - 271-2025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Jill Campbell
WHEREAS *June is recognized in Canada as Pride Month - a time to celebrate the contributions of persons from the 2SLGBTQ+ community, and increase efforts to build awareness;*
AND WHEREAS *the Ontario Human Rights Act prohibits all forms of discrimination, including those on the grounds sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expressions;*
AND WHEREAS *the Strategy for Belonging promotes equity, diversity and inclusion;*
AND WHEREAS *the Municipality's vision is "a community of communities where all people belong";*
AND WHEREAS *the Township of McNab/Braeside acknowledges and celebrates the contributions of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, to the social, cultural and economic wellbeing of all Ontarians;*
AND WHEREAS *the recognition of Pride is integral to fostering belonging, increasing public awareness of 2SLGBTQ+ community, their contribution to community and removing layers of discrimination;*
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT *Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside do hereby proclaim the month of June as Pride Month in the Township of McNab/Braeside.*

CARRIED.

14.2 Proclamation - National Indigenous Month

RESOLUTION - 272-2025

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell

WHEREAS the Township of McNab/Braeside formally acknowledges that the land we live, work, and play on is the unceded, traditional territory of the Algonquin and Anishnabek Nation;

AND WHEREAS this territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties;

AND WHEREAS the Township of McNab/Braeside also acknowledges that this land is the Traditional Territory of the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan;

AND WHEREAS we are grateful for the opportunity to meet here and we thank the Stewards of this land and all the generations of people who have taken care of this land - for thousands of years;

AND WHEREAS we recognize and deeply appreciate their historic connection to this place, and respect the traditional knowledge and healing developed over generations;

AND WHEREAS we also recognize the contributions of Métis, Inuit, and Indigenous Peoples of many backgrounds and from many treaty and non-treaty lands and territories who have shaped and strengthened this country;

AND WHEREAS by unanimous vote in the House of Commons in 2009, June was declared as National Indigenous History Month in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada designated June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day – the date was chosen because it corresponds to the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, and for generations many Indigenous Peoples' groups have celebrated their culture and heritage at this time of year;

AND WHEREAS the contributions of Indigenous Peoples to McNab/Braeside's past, present, and future are significant but often not well recognized and we commit to advancing Truth and Reconciliation in relationship with Indigenous peoples and communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of McNab/Braeside hereby proclaim June as "National Indigenous History Month" and June 21 as "National Indigenous Peoples Day" in the Township of McNab/Braeside and urge all residents to take this opportunity to honour Indigenous history and culture, and to recognize the profound ways that Indigenous peoples have shaped our Township's rich culture and communities.

CARRIED.

14.3 Invitation to Elected Official; Forestry Tour - June 10, 2025

Council members that wish to attend this tour were requested to advise the CAO prior to May 30, 2025

RESOLUTION - 273-2025

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell

THAT the correspondence from the County of Renfrew Invitation to Elected Official; Forestry Tour - June 10, 2025 be accepted as information.

CARRIED.

14.4 Municipal Library Use Committee

RESOLUTION - 274-2025

Moved by Councillor Jill Campbell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum
THAT Council appoints Councillor Jill Campbell to the Municipal Library Use Committee

CARRIED.

14.5 Bi-Centennial Monument

RESOLUTION - 275-2025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien
THAT Council accept the Bi-Centennial Committees recommendation to move forward with the creation of the Bi-Centennial Monument.

CARRIED.

14.6 Ministry of Energy and Mines - Broadband Technical Workshops

RESOLUTION - 276-2025

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell
THAT the correspondence from the Ministry of Energy and Mines - Broadband Technical Workshops be accepted as information.

CARRIED.

15. Notices of Motions

Nil

16. By-Laws

Nil

17. Public Questions

Nil.

18. Tracking Sheet

Nil.

19. Closed Meeting

Nil.

20. Rise from Closed Session

Nil.

21. Matters Arising from Closed Session

Nil.

22. Next Meeting Dates

June 3, 2025

23. Confirmatory By-Law

- 23.1 By-Law #2025-47 Confirm the Proceedings of the May 20, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

RESOLUTION - 277-2025

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell *THAT By-Law #2025-47, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the May 20, 2025 Regular Council of the Corporation of the Township McNab/Braeside is now deemed read a second and third time short and has now been enacted and passed.*

CARRIED.

24. Adjournment

This Regular Council meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK