



**MINUTES**

**Regular Council Meeting  
Tuesday, February 17, 2026  
Council Chambers 9:30 a.m.**

**COUNCIL PRESENT:** All members of Council were in attendance with the exception of Councillor Jill Campbell, who sent her regrets.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mandy Cannon, Interim CAO/Clerk  
Ryan Frew, Director of Public Works  
Dave Hartwick, Fire Chief  
Lisa Godin, Treasurer  
Austin Hisko, Chief Building Official  
Christina Mulcahey, Deputy Treasurer  
Amanda Harris, Recreation Programmer

**MEDIA PRESENT:** Nil.

**1. Call to Order**

**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**

**4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest declared at this time.

**5. Adoption of the Agenda**

5.1 Dated February 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION - 45-2026**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum  
*THAT the agenda dated February 17, 2026 be adopted as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

**6. Delegations and Presentations**

- 6.1 Mayor Hoddinott - Municipal Accounting & Finance Certificate & Employment Law and Human Resources Certificate

Mayor Hoddinott was presented with her Municipal Accounting & Finance Certificate and her Employment Law and Human Resources Certificate. Council congratulated Mayor Hoddinott on her hard work and accomplishments.

**7. Matters Arising out of Delegations Heard**

Nil.

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

- 8.1 February 3, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION - 46-2026**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien

*THAT the minutes dated February 3, 2026 be adopted as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

**9. Planning Matters**

Nil.

**10. Correspondence**

- 10.1 County of Renfrew - Council & Committee Monthly Summary - January 2026

**RESOLUTION - 47-2026**

Moved by Councillor Robert Campbell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum

*THAT Council accept the County of Renfrew - Council & Committee Monthly Summary for the month of January 2026, as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

- 10.2 2026 County of Renfrew Budget Overview

**RESOLUTION - 48-2026**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell

*THAT Council accept the 2026 County of Renfrew Budget Overview as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

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

- 11.1 Building Department Report - January 2026

**RESOLUTION - 49-2026**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum  
*THAT the Building Department Report for the month of January 2026 be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

Mr. Hisko vacated the Council Chambers at this time (9:42 a.m.).

Ms. Godin entered the Council Chambers at this time (9:43 a.m.).

## 11.2 Fire Department Activity Report - January 2026

**RESOLUTION - 50-2026**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien  
*THAT the Fire Department Activity Report for the month of January 2026 be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

**12. Unfinished Business**

## 12.1 Municipal Office - Capital Repayment Plan

**RESOLUTION - 51-2026**

Moved by Councillor Robert Campbell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum  
*THAT Council receives the Municipal Office - Capital Repayment Plan report as information as submitted and circulated; AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to proceed with making annual payments in the amount of \$100,000 commencing with a retroactive payment for 2025 and continuing with this amount until such time as the debt has been repaid (approximately 30 years).*

**CARRIED.**

**13. Staff Reports - Direction**

## 13.1 McNab/Braeside Public Works And Fire Hall Complex

**RESOLUTION - 52-2026**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien  
*THAT Council accepts the report as information as submitted and circulated; AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to continue to assess the viability of constructing a Public Works and Fire Hall Complex at 2508 Russett Drive.*

**CARRIED.**

Chief Hartwick vacated the Council Chambers at this time (10:41 a.m.).

## 13.2 2025 Budget vs Actuals - Q4

**RESOLUTION - 53-2026**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell

***THAT** the Council accepts the 5 Year Actuals (2021 - 2025) 4th Quarter report - including the January to December 2025 Actuals vs 2025 Budget report as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

**14. New Business**

14.1 Municipal Drain Apportionment E1/2 Lot 1, Con 7

**RESOLUTION - 54-2026**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell

***THAT** Council accept and approve the Distribution of Assessment for the Cunningham Municipal Drain; **AND FURTHER THAT** The Clerk of the Township of McNab/Braeside shall adjust the assessment schedules according to the principles of the Drainage Act, R.S.O. 1990, and in conformance with this agreement.*

**CARRIED.**

14.2 Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

**RESOLUTION - 55-2026**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum

***THAT** Council receive the Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy Report as information submitted and circulated; **AND FURTHER THAT** Council approve the attached motion expressing support for a review and modernization of the Heritage Organization Development Grant, including restoration of its real purchasing power and exploration of longer-term operating stability; **AND FURTHER THAT** Council authorizes circulation of the resolution to relevant provincial officials, AMO, and Ontario municipalities.*

**CARRIED.**

**RESOLUTION - 56-2026**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum

***WHEREAS** Ontario municipalities are legislated to preserve records of enduring and historical value, and community archives play a critical role in fulfilling this responsibility, particularly in rural and smaller municipalities; and*

***WHEREAS** The Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) is the only provincial operating grant available to grassroots, non-profit heritage organizations, including community archives and historical societies across Ontario; and*

***WHEREAS** The maximum annual HODG grant of \$1,545 per organization has remained effectively unchanged for more than 15 years, resulting in a significant erosion of its real value due to inflation, such that its current purchasing power is approximately two-thirds of what it was in 2010; and*

***WHEREAS** Rising operating costs related to insurance, utilities, records preservation, digitization, accessibility, and volunteer coordination have increased financial pressure on heritage organizations, often requiring municipalities to absorb additional costs to ensure continuity of service; and*

**WHEREAS** Strengthening HODG would represent a modest but high-impact provincial investment that would help stabilize community archives, reduce pressure on municipal budgets, and safeguard Ontario's public records and local heritage for future generations;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council formally support a review and modernization of the Heritage Organization Development Grant, including restoring its real purchasing power through inflationary adjustment and exploring options for increased or multi-year operating stability; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** This resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, and Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

**CARRIED.**

14.3 Arnprior Agricultural Society - Sponsorship Suggestion

**RESOLUTION - 57-2026**

Moved by Councillor Robert Campbell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum **THAT** Council accept the Arnprior Agricultural Society - Sponsorship Suggestion as information as submitted and circulated.

**CARRIED.**

Staff Direction - Staff was directed to add this request to the Budget Cut/Keep/Add list for deliberation.

14.4 Arnprior Agricultural Society - Land Use Agreement (John A. Gillies Community Centre, surrounding municipal property & parking lot)

**RESOLUTION - 58-2026**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum **THAT** Council accept this Land Use Agreement as information as submitted and circulated; **AND FURTHER THAT** Council direct staff to bring this Land Use Agreement forward by way of a By-Law for enactment.

**CARRIED.**

14.5 Arnprior Agricultural Society - Land Use Agreement (Murray Yantha Community Centre, surrounding municipal complex maintained property & parking lot)

**RESOLUTION - 59-2026**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum **THAT** Council accept this Land Use Agreement as information as submitted and circulated; **AND FURTHER THAT** Council direct staff to bring this Land Use Agreement forward by way of a By-Law for enactment.

**CARRIED.**

## 14.6 Request for Donation - McNab Public School Play Structure

**RESOLUTION - 60-2026**

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell  
***THAT Council accept the Request for Donation - McNab Public School Play Structure Report as information as submitted and circulated; AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to include this request in the 2026 budget for Council's consideration.***

**CARRIED.**

Staff direction - Staff was directed to seek legal advice on requesting correspondence from the School Board guaranteeing public use of the playground outside of school hours.

**15. Notices of Motions**

Nil.

**16. By-Laws**

## 16.1 By-Law #2026-09 Workplace Violence &amp; Harassment Prevention Policy

**RESOLUTION - 61-2026**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien  
***THAT By-Law #2026-09, being a By-Law to adopt the Workplace Violence & Harassment Prevention Policy of the Corporation of the Township of McNab/Braeside, has now been deemed read a second and third time short and is hereby enacted and passed.***

**CARRIED.**

## 16.2 By-Law #2026-10 Occupational Health &amp; Safety Policy

**RESOLUTION - 62-2026**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell  
***THAT By-Law #2026-10 being a By-Law to adopt the Occupational Health & Safety Policy of the Corporation of the Township of McNab/Braeside, has now been deemed read a second and third time short and is hereby enacted and passed.***

**CARRIED.****17. Public Questions**

Nil.

**18. Tracking Sheet**

18.1 Tracking Sheet - February 17, 2026

**RESOLUTION - 63-2026**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Mayor Lori Hoddinott

*THAT the tracking sheet dated February 17, 2026 be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.*

**CARRIED.**

**19. Closed Meeting**

Nil.

**20. Rise from Closed Session**

Nil.

**21. Matters Arising from Closed Session**

Nil.

**22. Next Meeting Dates**

February 18 – Waste Diversion Committee – 6:00 p.m.

February 24 – Special (closed) Council Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

March 3 – Regular Council Meeting – 9:30 a.m.

March 12 – Budget Deliberations (Part 1 & 2) – Starting at 9:30 a.m.

March 17 – Regular Council Meeting – 9:30 a.m.

March 18 – Cut/Keep/Add Meeting – 9:30 a.m.

**23. Confirmatory By-Law**

23.1 By-Law #2026-11 Confirm the Proceedings of the February 17, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

**RESOLUTION - 64-2026**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell

*THAT By-Law #2026-11, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the February 17, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council of the Corporation of the Township of McNab/Braeside has now been deemed read a second and third time short and is hereby enacted and passed.*

**CARRIED.**

**24. Adjournment**

This regular Council Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

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MAYOR

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CAO/CLERK