



MINUTES
Special Council Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2026
Council Chambers 9:30 AM

COUNCIL PRESENT: All members of Council were in attendance.

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

MEDIA PRESENT: Nil.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

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

3. Adoption of the Agenda

3.1 Dated March 12, 2026

The following items were added to the Agenda:

- 7.1 2026 Draft Budget Overview - Revised
- 7.3 Revised Reserve Balances - March 11, 2026
- 9.1 Question Received from Mike Groulx

RESOLUTION - SM - 6-2026

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien
THAT the agenda dated March 12, 2026, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED.

4. Special Meeting Notice

4.1 Dated February 18, 2026

RESOLUTION - SM - 7-2026

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Jill Campbell
THAT the Notice of Special Meeting dated February 18, 2026 be accepted as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

5. Delegations and Presentations

Nil.

6. Matters Arising out of Delegations Heard

Nil.

7. Items of Business

7.1 2026 Draft Budget Overview - Revised

RESOLUTION - SM - 8-2026

Moved by Councillor Jill Campbell, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell
THAT Council accept the Revised 2026 Draft Budget Overview as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

7.2 2026 Draft Budget

RESOLUTION - SM - 9-2026

Moved by Councillor Jill Campbell, seconded by Councillor Robert Campbell
THAT Council accept the 2026 Draft Budget as information as submitted and circulated.

CARRIED.

The following changes were made to the proposed 2026 Budget:

General Government:

Cut \$8,000 requested by Renfrew County Regional Science and Technology Fair.

Reduce the requested \$80,000 to \$50,000 for the structural reorganization review.

Remove the \$100,000 for the consultant for municipal land around the Township Office from the WIP and send it back to the source.

Mr. Murray entered the Council Chambers at this time (10:49 a.m.).

Environmental Services:

No changes at this time.

Transportation Services:
No Changes at this time.

Chief Hartwick entered the Council Chambers at this time (10:55 a.m.).
Mr. Frew vacated the Council Chambers at this time (10:56 a.m.).

Protective Services:
No changes at this time.

Mr. Hisko entered the Council Chambers at this time (11:10 a.m.).
Chief Hartwick vacated the Council Chambers at this time (11:11 a.m.).
Mr. Hisko vacated the Council Chambers at this time (11:18 a.m.).

Council recessed at 11:18 a.m.
Council resumed at 11:32 a.m.

Recreation & Culture Services:
Staff Direction - Staff were directed to bring a report forward to Council with costing for the installation of a light at the Red Pine Bay boat launch.

RESOLUTION - SM - 10-2026

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Councillor Jill Campbell
THAT the meeting become closed Under Section 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees (staffing) at 11:58 a.m

CARRIED.

Mr. Murray & Ms. Mulcahey vacated the Council Chambers at this time (11:58 a.m.).
Ms. Mulcahey entered the Council Chambers at this time (12:28 p.m.).

RESOLUTION - SM - 11-2026

Moved by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum, seconded by Councillor Kevin Rosien
THAT Council resume the open session at 12:28 p.m.

CARRIED.

Staff were directed to proceed as discussed in the closed session.

Council recessed at 12:29 p.m.
Council resumed at 1:04 p.m.

Mr. Murray entered the Council Chambers at this time (1:04 p.m.).
Staff Direction - Staff were directed to bring a report forward to Council with regards to exploring options for the debt repayment of the JAG and/or the MYCC.

Mr. Murray vacated the Council Chambers at this time (1:20 p.m.).

Health & Social Services:

SALC - Reduce the \$16,500 donation request to \$14,000 and keep the \$5,000 in kind donation as well.

Arnprior Regional Health - CT Scanner - Cut \$50,000.

Arnprior Regional Health - Scope for Hope - Cut \$25,000.

Arnprior & District Family Health Team - Renovations/Expansion - Cut \$60,000.

Physician Recruitment - Reduce the requested \$40,000 to \$10,000.

At this point in the budget deliberations, the levy increase went from the starting point of 5.1% down to 2.5%

Planning & Development:

Committee of Adjustment - Cut \$5,390 to \$500.

Council recessed at 2:05 p.m.

Council resumed at 2:13 p.m.

Mr. Frew entered the Council Chambers at this time (2:21 p.m.)

Mr. Frew vacated the Council Chambers at this time (2:44 p.m.).

RESOLUTION - SM - 12-2026

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

***THAT** Council adopt the 2026 Operating and Capital Budget, as amended, at a levy increase of 2.5%.*

CARRIED.

7.3 Revised Reserve Balances - March 11, 2026

RESOLUTION - SM - 13-2026

Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien, seconded by Councillor Jill Campbell

***THAT** Council accept the Revised Reserve Balances dated March 11, 2026 as information as submitted and circulated.*

CARRIED.

8. By-Laws

Nil.

9. Questions/Comments

9.1 Questions Received from Mike Groulx as recorded on the Agenda.

10. Closed Meeting Session

Nil.

11. Confirmatory By-Law

- 11.1 By-Law #2026-16 Confirm the proceedings of the March 12, 2026 Special Council Meeting

RESOLUTION - SM - 14-2026

Moved by Councillor Jill Campbell, seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum
THAT By-Law #2026-16, being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the March 12, 2026 Special 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.

12. Adjournment

This Special Council Meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

MAYOR

CAO/CLERK