

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 18 February 2026 at 10:37 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Wednesday 18 February 2026 at 10:37 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

The following members of Council were present:

Mayor	Anne Giardini
Councillor	Bruce Boucher
Councillor	Gary McAnulty
Councillor	John Hoyle

Absent:

Deputy Mayor	Brenda Blimkie
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk	Tammy Whalen

Also present:

Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk	Sherry Batten
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- II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

- III. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Acting Inspector Sarah Darraugh of the Ontario Provincial Police spoke to Council during the Protection to Persons & Property meeting.

The Mayor extended condolences to the Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Tammy Whalen and her family on the loss of her father-in-law.

- IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 21 January 2026 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 017 -26

- V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- (a) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Protection to Persons and Property of 21 January 2026 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 018 -26

- (b) Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Public Works of 21 January 2026 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 019 -26

- (c) Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Community and Social Services of 21 January 2026 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 020 -26

- VI. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** – None

- VII. OTHER REPORTS** – None

- VIII. MAYOR'S UPDATE** – The Mayor reported that on January 28 she attended County Council meeting, Operations Committee meeting and Development & Property committee meetings; on the 29 she attended County Council Budget Workshop; on February 5 she attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Hart Hub Carefor official opening, attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for the charging stations at the County Administration Building and attended Dinner gathering at Anthony's in Pembroke – hosted by the new Senior Executive Team at CNL. On February 11 she attended a County Council meeting, Health Committee meeting and Corporate Services Committee meeting and Chaired the Community Services committee meeting.

IX. BY-LAWS - None

X. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

- (a) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT this Council does acknowledge receipt of the unaudited statement of revenues and expenses as compared to budget as of 31 December 2025.

CARRIED Resolution 021 -26

XI. PETITIONS – None

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

ACTION ITEMS

- (a) Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the resolution from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan, Township of Nairn and Hyman and FONOM regarding support for Steel and Lumber Sectors impacted by the U.S. Tariffs be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 022 -26

- (b) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the resolution from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan and City of Brantford regarding a call for reform and publication of the Ontario Sex Offender Registry be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 023 -26

- (c) Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the resolution from the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan regarding a call to action for justice and protection of Canada's Children be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 024 -26

- (d) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the resolution from the County of Prince Edward regarding support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 025 -26

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT all items of correspondence be filed.

CARRIED Resolution 026 -26

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the request from Deep Roots Nature & Nursery School for a 1-year lease renewal for 19 Railway Street, Chalk River be approved subject to the Option to Renew terms of the agreement:

1. The tenant is not in default:
2. The terms and conditions of the lease shall remain the same except for the payment of monthly rent which shall be re-negotiated and agreed to by both parties.

And Further that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to renegotiate the monthly rent adjusted to reflect the 2025 CPI.

CARRIED Resolution 027a -26

The Clerk requested a five minute break to prepare a resolution for the 2025 surplus funds identified in the unaudited statement of revenues and expenses as compared to budget as of 31 December 2025.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Cont'd)

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

Be it Hereby Resolved That:

this Council does acknowledge receipt of the unaudited statement of revenues and expenses as compared to budget as of 31 December 2025.

AND FURTHER directs that all the surplus funds from the 2025 Town budget, Recreation budget and the Water and Sewer budget be brought forward into the respective 2026 budgets.

CARRIED Resolution 027b -26

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills approves moving the Committee and Council meetings scheduled for Wednesday April 22nd to Tuesday April 21, 2026.

CARRIED Resolution 028 -26

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

Whereas the Town of Laurentian Hills supports improving our schoolyards by creating outdoor learning spaces and tree canopy environments; and

AND Whereas the Re-Nature Foundation is undertaking the "Growing Renfrew County Catholic District School Board Schoolyard Canopies with Re-Nature" program, which will be building outdoor learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools with the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board.

Now Therefore Be it Resolved that this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills acknowledges and supports the funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative for the "Growing Renfrew County Catholic District School Board Schoolyard Canopies with the Re-Nature" program, which will be building learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools in Renfrew County Catholic District School Boards.

And that Council also recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the "Growing Canada's Community Canopies" initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within our municipality, inclusive of a maximum contribution of \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit.

CARRIED Resolution 029 -26

The request for the 2026 Pembroke Multicultural Festival Partnership Opportunity was filed.

XV. CLOSED SESSION -None

XVI. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION – None

XVII. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT By-Law No. 04-26 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills meeting held on February 18, 2026, do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 030 -26

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn
at 10:58 a.m.

CARRIED Resolution 031 -26

MAYOR

CLERK