

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 20 May 2026 at 10:25 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Wednesday 20 May 2026 at 10:25 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

The following members of Council were present:

Mayor	Anne Giardini
Deputy Mayor	Brenda Blimkie
Councillor	Bruce Boucher
Councillor	John Hoyle

Absent:  
Councillor Gary McAnulty

Also present:  
Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk Sherry Batten  
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Tammy Whalen

**II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**III. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Delegation Cyndy Phillips the Executive Director for Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation spoke to Council at the Protection to Persons and Property meeting.

**IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

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

**CARRIED** Resolution 80-26

Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting of 27 April 2026 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 81-26

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting of 12 May 2026 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 82-26

**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 April 2026 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 83-26

- (b) Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

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

**CARRIED** Resolution 84-26

- (c) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

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

**CARRIED** Resolution 85-26

- (d) Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Finance and Personnel of 21 April 2026 be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED** Resolution 86-26

**VI. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**VII. OTHER REPORTS - None**

**VIII. MAYOR'S UPDATE** – The Mayor reported that on April 22 she attended County Council and Committees (Operations and Development & Property) Regular monthly meetings; on the 24 she attended the “So You Want to Run for Council” Workshop at Petawawa Civic Centre; on the 25 she attended the North Renfrew Snowmobile Assn. Annual Recognition Dinner as an Invited Guest; on the 27 she attended a Special Meeting of Council where the County planners gave us their final report on updated zoning bylaw; on the 28 she attended a Flag Raising Ceremony for Community Living Month; on the 29 she attended a County Special Operations Meeting, Special meeting to review the Transportation Master Plan; on May 1 she attended a Police Services Board Regular meeting held at LV – First meeting with OPP present Staff Sergeant Chris Miller; on the 7 she attended County – Highway 17 Extension Committee Meeting, Special meeting called by the Chair; on the 8 she attended May Day Event held at Petawawa Civic Centre, PD training day for all child care and Early Years staff; attended as Chair of RC Community Services Ctee; on the 12 she attended a Special Meeting of Council, Special meeting called (LH); on the 13 she attended County Council and Committees (Community Services, Health, and Corporate Services) Covered by County and on the 19 she attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for new housing development for RCHC in Renfrew, Attended as Chair of RCHC.

**IX. BY-LAWS**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT By-Law No. 16-26 being a By-Law for the sale of surplus lands between Range A&B fronting Lot 29 designated as Parts 1 and 2 on Plan 49R-21055 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 87-26

Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT By-Law No. 17-26 being a By-Law to delegate authorities during a restricted authority period “Lame Duck” do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 88-26

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT By-Law No. 18-26 being a By-Law to appoint a Chief Building Official for the Town of Laurentian Hills do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 89-26

Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT By-Law No. 19-26 being a By-Law to Adopt the New Comprehensive Zoning By-Law do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 90-26

\* Council would like to see examples of backyard chicken by-laws that establish conditions for the keeping of chickens for such matters as manure storage stipulations. Staff will bring examples to a future meeting for discussion.

**X. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS - None**

**XI. PETITIONS - None**

**XII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**ACTION ITEMS**

(a) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the resolution from the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas & Glengarry regarding the Ontario Land Transfer Tax rebates for first-time home buyers be endorsed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 91-26

**ACTION ITEMS** (Cont'd)

- (b) Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the resolution of support from the County of Renfrew regarding support for the ALTO High-Speed Rail Initiative be filed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 92-26

- (c) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the resolution from Clearview Township requesting that the Public Sector Salary Disclosure be amended to reflect the impact of inflation on the \$100,000.00 salary threshold for reporting, be either adding wording to reflect annual adjustments related to CPI or providing an adjusted salary of \$200,000.00 be filed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 93-26

- (d) Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the resolution from Greater Sudbury requesting the Government of Canada to designate the City of Greater Sudbury as a Special Economic Zone and that the Government recognize Greater Sudbury as a region of national strategic importance and work with Province of Ontario to implement complementary federal measures be filed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 94-26

- (e) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the resolution from Huron Shores in support of the Town of Saugeen Shores resolution endorsing the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) Proposal to include 10 million dollars in the 2026 Provincial Budget for Heritage Helping Housing grant funding be filed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 95-26

- (f) Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the resolution from Huron Shores supporting the request of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands requesting the Minister of the Environment to reconsider its decision regarding the lighter grade of oil utilized in tar and chip surface treatment be filed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 96-26

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT all items of correspondence be filed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 97-26

**XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Moved by Councillor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills approves the request from Kayla Howes of Dragonfly Family and Learning Services to use the Chalk River Anne Crosson Park for a drop-in play meetup on Saturday June 27 from 11-1pm, Saturday August 8 from 3-5pm and Saturday October 17 from 11-1pm and other dates that may come forward throughout the year.

**CARRIED** Resolution 98-26

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills approves the request from Courtney McGillis to use the Chalk River Charlene McGillis memorial ball field, outdoor rink and soccer field for a fundraising event in support of Chalk River and Area Lion's Club from July 24 to 26, 2026 at no cost.

**CARRIED** Resolution 99-26

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does authorize that the Inaugural and Regular meetings of Council scheduled to be held on Wednesday November 18<sup>th</sup> be moved to Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

**CARRIED** Resolution 100-26

- (b) Draft shared service working group terms of reference – LH/DR/HCM.

Mayor Giardini and Councillor Boucher will attend a meeting with representatives from the Town of Deep River and Head Clara and Maria regarding shared services.

**XV. CLOSED SESSION - None**

**XVI. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION – None**

**XVII. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie  
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT By-Law No. 20-26 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills meeting on May 20, 2026, do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

**CARRIED** Resolution 101-26

**XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Boucher  
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn at 10:59 a.m.

**CARRIED** Resolution 102 -26

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**MAYOR**

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**CLERK**