

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 11:43 a.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Tuesday 21 April 2026 at 11:43 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

The following members of Council were present:

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

Also present:

Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk	Sherry Batten
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk	Tammy Whalen

II. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Mayor, Anne Giardini declared a pecuniary interest for Council Item IX By Law as she owns a piece of the lands on this bylaw.

III. **DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- (a) Mr. Steve Boland came to make a presentation Council regarding the 2026 AORS Trade Show. The presentation was held during the Protection to Persons & Property meeting.
- (b) Presentation of the Auditor's 2025 Financial Statements by Ryan McGauley, CPA, CA of Scott Rosien Black & Locke was made during the Protection to Persons and Property meeting.

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does confirm and accept the presentation of the Financial Statements for the year 2025 by Mr. Ryan McGauley C.P.A., C.A. of Scott, Rosien Black & Locke, Chartered Accountants as presented.

CARRIED Resolution 55-26

IV. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 18 March 2026 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 56-26

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting of 13 April 2026 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 57-26

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 18 March 2026 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 58-26

- (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 18 March 2026 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 59-26

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Community and Social Services of 18 March 2026 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 60-26

VI. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

VII. OTHER REPORTS

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council does acknowledge receipt of the 2025 Annual report for the Chalk River Waste Water Treatment Plant from Veolia North America, Canada.

CARRIED Resolution 61-26

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council does acknowledge receipt of the Chalk River DWS 2025-26 Inspection Report # 1-1478787783 from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.

CARRIED Resolution 62-26

VIII. MAYOR'S UPDATE – The Mayor reported that on March 25 she attended County Council meeting, Operations Committee meeting and Development & Property committee meetings; on April 7 she attended Deep River and District Health Community Partners Meeting held at the DRD Hospital; on the 8 she attended County Council meeting, Health Committee meeting and Corporate Services Committee meeting. Chaired Community Services committee meeting and on the 13 she attended the Special Meeting of Council for the Budget Workshop.

The Mayor vacated Council Chambers at 11:45 a.m. and relinquished the Chair to the Deputy Mayor.

IX. BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT By-Law No. 09-26 being a By-Law to sell parts of Lot 8, Concession 3 Geographic Township of Rolph do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 63-26

The Mayor returned to Council Chambers at 11:49 a.m. and resumed the Chair.

X. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS - None

XI. PETITIONS - None

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

ACTION ITEMS

(a) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the resolution from the Township of Greater Madawaska and Township of Perry regarding maintaining and protecting reduced postal rates for library materials be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 64-26

(b) Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the resolution from the Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, Rideau Lakes and Township of Tyendinaga and the EOWC opposing the ALTO High-speed rail project in its current form be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 65-26

(c) Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the resolution from Ryan Canada Advocacy requesting that the Premier of Ontario and the Minister of Finance direct the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation to promptly resume the regular property assessment cycle be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 66-26

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

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

THAT the resolution from the Town of Arnprior supporting the call to action advanced by the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors to improve protections for municipal public works workers and contractors be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 67-26

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

THAT the resolution from the City of Mississauga requesting the Province to pause any legislation or regulatory changes that would reduce or eliminate elected trustees until a transparent province wide consultation with municipalities and stakeholders is completed be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 68-26

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

THAT the resolution from the Municipality of Bluewater supporting the Avon Maitland District School Board requesting a Province wide consultation process before moving forward with any changes to the governance structure of English public school boards be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 69-26

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

THAT the correspondence from Durham Region requesting the province to consider giving municipal councils more authority to adjust police service budget proposals to reduce municipal financial vulnerability be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 70-26

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT all items of correspondence be filed.

CARRIED Resolution 71-26

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

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

THAT the 2025 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for Members of Council be received for information.

CARRIED Resolution 72-26

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

THAT the Integrity Commissioner Services Annual Report File No. 30961-7 for 2025 from Cunningham Swan dated March 17, 2026 be received.

CARRIED Resolution 73-26

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

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does confirm its intent to maintain in-person voting using traditional paper ballots for the 2026 Municipal and School Boards elections.

CARRIED Resolution 74-26

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

WHEREAS locally elected school board trustees provide essential community representation;

AND WHEREAS rural communities rely on trustees to reflect local priorities, ensure accountability and advocate for students;

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd)

AND WHEREAS the proposed legislative changes to the Education Act in Bill 101 the *Putting Student Achievement First Act, 2026* may reduce or eliminate locally elected trustees;

Now Therefore be it Resolved that this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills affirms its support for maintaining elected trustees and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Premier, the Minister of Education, ROMA, AMO and our local MPP.

CARRIED Resolution 75-26

- (e) Direction - Draft shared service working group terms of reference. The matter was deferred to a future meeting.

XV. CLOSED SESSION - None

XVI. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION - None

XVII. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT By-Law No. 10-26 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills meeting held on April 21, 2026 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 76-26

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn at 12:13 p.m.

CARRIED Resolution 77-26

MAYOR

CLERK