

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 18 June 2025 at 10:28 a.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Wednesday 18 June 2025 at 10:28 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**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

- III. **DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation to Raymond Fischer was moved from the Council Agenda to the Protection to Persons and Property Committee meeting.

- IV. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 21 May 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 97-25

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the minutes of the Special Meeting of Council of 21 May 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 98-25

- V. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Protection to Persons and Property of 21 May 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 99-25

- (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 May 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 100-25

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Community and Social Services of 21 May 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 101-25

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

- VII. **OTHER REPORTS** - None

- VIII. **MAYOR'S UPDATE** – The Mayor reported that on May 30 she attended the County of Renfrew May Day Event at the MY FM Centre in Renfrew on M; on June 2 she raised the Pride Flag at the Municipal Office; on the 6 she attended the Sound of Neutrons Opening Night at Childs Auditorium and gave welcome remarks as a \$200.00 sponsor of the opening evening reception; on the 7 she attended the 69th Annual Ceremonial Review of the Cadets of 638 Algonquin Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron at the Garrison Petawawa; on the 10 she attended the Renfrew County Forest Tour (Pembroke MDF Plant, Beachburg Tract of County Forest; on the 11 she attended the AMO Rural Healthy Democracy Forum in Almonte; on the 12 attended a County Council Meeting, Health Committee, Community Services Committee Meeting, Corporate

MAYOR'S UPDATE (Cont'd)

Services Committee Meeting and attended Special County Public Meeting for D&P and dropped in on the Fun Night at St. Anthony's School in Chalk River where we sponsored one of the air bounce events for \$200.00 and on the 17 attended the Change of Command Ceremony at Garrison Petawawa – from Colonel J.C. Guiney to Colonel S.D.C. Trenholm at the Normandy Officer's Mess. Met the new Colonel and congratulated Colonel Guiney on his promotion to Brigadier General.

IX. BY-LAWS - None

X. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

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

THAT this Council does acknowledge receipt of the unaudited statement of revenues and expenses as compared to budget as of 2 June 2025.

CARRIED Resolution 102-25

XI. PETITIONS - None

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

ACTION ITEMS

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

THAT the resolutions from North Grenville, Municipality of Kincardine, The Town of Plympton-Wyoming, the County of Prince Edward, the City of Woodstock, the City of Kingston, the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc, the municipality of Chatham-Kent, the Town of Orangeville the Town of LaSalle and the Township of Archipelago in opposition to Bill 5 Protecting Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act, 2025 be filed.

CARRIED Resolution 103-25

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

THAT the resolution from the Town of Blue Mountains supporting the efforts of the Ontario Craft Cider Association in advocating for a fair and equitable tax structure for Ontario made cider and urging the Province of Ontario to review and amend the current tax regulations to align the tax rate of the craft cider with that of craft beer fostering a more balanced and supportive environment for cider producers be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 104-25

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

THAT the resolutions from the Prince Edward-Lennox & Addington Social Services Committee, the Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan and the City of Pickering urging the Ontario government to raise the payments for the Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Programs be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 105-25

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

THAT the resolutions from the Town of LaSalle and the Municipality of Bluewater requesting the Provincial government to establish a grant similar to the Northern Health Travel Grant in Windsor-Essex County, to provide support for residents of Windsor-Essex County when they need to travel long distances for specialized medical services or procedures at Ministry funded health care facilities be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 106-25

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT all items of correspondence be filed.

CARRIED Resolution 107-25

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hill does approve amending the Town's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan to include Schedule 'A' - Maintenance of Accessible Elements.

CARRIED Resolution 108-25

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills did pass By-Law 3-12 to stop up, close and sell to various adjacent landowners' part of the 66-foot road allowance between lots 28, 29 and 30 Range A&B in the geographic Township of Rolph;

AND WHEREAS not all the adjacent landowners, at that time, participated in purchasing a part of the road allowance;

AND WHEREAS Council has now received a request from new landowners to purchase the unsold road allowance adjacent to their properties;

NOW HEREBY BE IT RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does direct staff to implement the applicable policies, and by-laws to proceed with the sale of part of the *Old Pembroke Mattawa Road allowance* to the adjacent landowners to the south of their current property namely:

1. MORRISION Tammy Evelyn and POURDE David Gerald Roll No. 4792 092 015 12105 0000 67 Lance Road being Rolph Range B, Pt Lot 29
2. ANNIS Kelly Jean and PLOURDE Clarke Joseph Roll No. 4792 092 015 12206 0000 69 Lance Road being Rolph Range B, Pt Lot 29

CARRIED Resolution 109-25

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills does authorize staff to work with Adam Kasprzak Surveying Ltd. to ensure that survey markers are in place to confirm the boundaries of the Town's road allowance located between Lots 20 and 21 across Range B in the geographic Township of Rolph and the Town owned shoreline road allowance along the Ottawa River fronting Block A of Registered Plan No. 224;

AND FURTHER that the survey costs be expensed to the 2025 unallocated funds.

CARRIED Resolution 110-25

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

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

THAT this Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills does confirm that the Ward Boundaries for the composition of the Town Council remain as is and in place for the municipal election scheduled for October 2026.

CARRIED Resolution 111-25

- (b) 2026 Election method discussion. Council was asked for staff direction on whether the next election would be paper ballot or if an alternative method such as a mail in ballot would be considered as well. Staff was asked to bring additional information on alternative voting ways to a future meeting for further discussion.

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

- (c) THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does authorize Mr. Oliver Stewart access to the Town owned road allowance located between Lots 20 and 21 across Range B in the geographic Township of Rolph, and the Town owned shoreline road allowance along the Ottawa River which includes the portion fronting Block A of Registered Plan No. 224, in support of the proposed work for the removal of a groyne as outlined in his correspondence of June 12, 2025.

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd)

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Stewart will be responsible for the following:

1. Obtaining all the approvals and permits necessary from the Department of Oceans and Fisheries (DOF) and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to conduct the work required for the removal of the groyne;
2. Adhering to and implementing any conditions directed by the DOF and MNRF for the conducting of the work, including prior to, during and any post work requirements;
3. Providing the Town office a copy of the approvals and permits approved by the DOF and MNRF prior to the commencement of the work;
4. All costs associated with the work required for the removal of the groyne; and
5. Upon the completion of the work and to the satisfaction of the Public Works Superintendent restore the road allowances, in so much as possible, to the condition they were in prior to the commencement of the work.

CARRIED Resolution 112-25

XV. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to section 239 (b, c, and f) of the Municipal Act, c.25 S.O. 2001 as amended as the subject matter being considered is:
(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees
(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and
(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED Resolution 113-25

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does now move out of closed session to rise and report.

CARRIED Resolution 114-25

XVI. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION - None

XVII. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT By-Law No. 14-25 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills meeting held on June 18, 2025 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 115-25

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn at 11:22 a.m.

CARRIED Resolution 116-25

MAYOR

CLERK