

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - PUBLIC WORKS

Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 10:08 a.m.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The Committee of the Whole for Public Works met in Council Chambers on Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 10:08 a.m.

Attendance:

Chairman:	Councillor Boucher
Vice Chairman:	Deputy Mayor Blimkie

Members:	Mayor Anne Giardini
	Councillor Hoyle

Absent:

Councillor	Gary McAnulty
Superintendent of Public Works	Scott Loos

Also Present:

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

2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. **DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS** - None

4. **ROADS**

- (a) The Public Works Superintendent's Report for July and August 2025 and proposed work schedule for the month of September 2025 were received and reviewed.

The CAO informed the Committee that the Town received a request for the installation of a sign recognizing that an autistic child lived in the area and for a gate to be installed at the Mckee Subdivision Park. The CAO was looking for direction from the Committee on future requests. The CAO suggested that these kinds of requests could be dealt with by staff who oversee parks and signage and could be reported on at a future meeting.

The Committee recommended that staff move forward with the signage and gate request. Consensus was that going forward staff should deal with these kinds of requests and include any work done in a report to Council at a subsequent meeting.

5. **STREETLIGHTS** - None

6. **WATER AND SEWER**

- (a) The Chalk River WWTP Quarterly Operations Reporting Period: Q2 2025 from Veolia Water Canada were received. The Committee recommended they be forwarded to Council for acknowledgement.

- (b) The Chalk River Drinking Water System Quarterly Operations Report – Reporting Period: Q2 2025 from Veolia Water Canada were received. The Committee recommended they be forwarded to Council for acknowledgement.

- (c) The proposed 2026 water and sewer rates were reviewed and discussed.

The Town's 10-year Waterworks System Financial Plan adopted in 2020 states in part that water rates are assumed to increase by 10% every three years beginning January 1, 2023. A 10% increase to the rates was done in 2023 the next increase of 10% is 2026.

Staff is recommending the 10% increase to the water and sewer rates in 2026 as per the financial plan. Staff is also recommending moving away from the 10% increase every three years and assessing a 3.3% increase annually.

This allows us to budget for inflation to maintain service levels, budget for the increasing costs of essential goods and services like fuel, materials, and the maintenance and operation of the Plants. The Town's contract for the Operations and Maintenance of the Plants has a clause for a built in annual CPI increase.

WATER AND SEWER (Cont'd)

The Committee recommended implementing the 10% increase for 2026. They also recommended that the increase change to 3.3% annually starting in 2027. A By-law will be brought forward to the next Council meeting.

7. **WASTE SITES** – A question about the grinding at the landfill was asked. The Treasurer informed Council that the grinding had taken place and took a total of three hours.

A question on whether or not the mattress grindings could be used as cover was asked. The current ECA would have to be amended and approved by the MCEP to use this as cover.

8. **AIRPORT** - None
9. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None
10. **CLOSED SESSION** - None
11. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Bruce Boucher
Chairman

Clerk