

TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 13 April 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

Special Meeting of Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Monday 13 April 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in Council Chambers.

Attendance:

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

Absent:

Councillor	Gary McAnulty
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Also Present:

Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk	Sherry Batten
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk	Tammy Whalen
Public Works Superintendent	Scott Loos
Fire Chief	Kevin Waito

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** - None
3. **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

The Mayor turned the meeting over to staff.

The Fire Chief presented a list of items that he is proposing to include in the department budget which will include repeaters, an EV blanket, a low-level strainer, leaf blowers for cleaning debris off the highways, certification training, iPads and printers. The major expenditure is the Breathing apparatus' which is a carryover from last year's budget.

The Public Works Superintendent spoke to the departments 2026 proposed budget. Items discussed were calcium, signage, body work and tires for the pickup trucks, training, cell phone, monitors and a printer. Pit stripping, culverts and repairs to the sand dome. The major expenditure will be roads Railway Street, Station Street and Wylie Road. The budget also contained the proposed purchase of a boom lift. The budget also includes the replacement of the six flag poles in the municipality.

The Treasurer did a review of the revenues expected to be collected this year through taxation, PILT's and fees and interest. She reviewed the departments and the proposed expenditures which include tax sale costs, a building design, and the WWTP upgrade project. The budget includes the addition of a new employee position for a Clerk.

The library board and the NRLOB Board budgets were reviewed. The Recreation and Water and Sewer budget were also reviewed. Council reviewed the donations that they provide to community groups.

Council broke for lunch between 12:02 and resumed the meeting at 12:40

Discussions included a service contract proposal, a new boot policy, the reduction of the newsletter distribution from quarterly to bi-annually, operation fuel costs, recycling and adding funds to the budget for the updating of the Town's web site. The increase in legal fees should the returning Council have to make an application under MCIA to deal with CNL.

After much discussion and questions to staff on various items the following changes were made to the proposed budget.

Increase to the proposed by-law enforcement services
PW Vehicle operations to include the body work quote of 2,954
Replacement of two/three flag poles
Adjust the budget for the inclusion of HST on the road work
Removal of the boom lift

The removal of a donation of an event that has passed and no formal request was received
The addition of a 200-dollar donation to St. Anthony's School for their fun night

An increase to the Physician recruitment donation
Add funding for the updating of the web site
Direction to staff to start work on implementing the new position of a Clerk

Staff will make the changes to the budget and bring it back to the Finance and Personnel committee meeting scheduled to be held on April 21, 2026.

Council was asked to tentatively save the date of May 12th at 10:00am for a Special Meeting of Meeting of Council for review/approval of the last tender for WWTP upgrades to complete the final stages of the ICIP grant.

4. **CLOSED SESSION**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

THAT the next portion of the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to section 239 (2) (e) litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

CARRIED Resolution 51-26

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
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 52 -26

Rise and Report – Discussion was on potential litigation and direction was given to the Clerk.

5. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW**

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

Be it Hereby Resolved That:

By-Law No. 08-26 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills Special Meeting of Council held on April 13, 2026 do now be read first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 53-26

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Hoyle
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

Be it Hereby Resolved That:

this Special Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn at 2:30 pm.

CARRIED Resolution 54-26

MAYOR

CLERK