

TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 3 March 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

A Special Meeting of Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Tuesday 3 March 2026 at 6:30 p.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
Building Inspector	Chad Watts
Administrative Assistant	Cindy Anaka

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Manager of Planning Services	Bruce Howarth
Junior Planner	Nicole Moore

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST** - None
3. **COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW**

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

Be it Hereby Resolved That:

pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act this Special Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now move to hold a public meeting on the proposed comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Town of Laurentian Hills.

CARRIED

Resolution 032 -26

The Mayor opened the meeting and stated that the public meeting has been convened to listen to comments from the public regarding the proposal for a new zoning by-law in accordance with the Ontario Planning Act. No decisions will be made today to approve or refuse the by-law.

The purpose and effect of the new Zoning By-law is to regulate the use of the land and the erection, location and use of buildings within the entire municipality.

The new by-law if approved would replace the Town's existing zoning by-law.

Section 34(14.5) of the Planning Act requires the public be informed of who is entitled to appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal under Sections 34(11) and 34(19), as follows:

Section 34(11) – If Council decides to refuse an application or refuses or neglects to make a decision on an application within 90 days of the municipal clerk receiving the application, the applicant or the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal by filing an appeal with the clerk of the municipality.

Section 34(19) – Not later than 20 days after the giving of notice of passing of the by-law, the applicant, a specified person or public body, a registered owner of any land to which the By-law would apply made oral submissions at the public meeting or made a written submission to Council, before the by-law was passed, or the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal by filing an appeal with the clerk of the municipality.

The Mayor asked the Clerk for a report on the Notice.

The Clerk reported on the notice of circulation - as required under the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, notification of the Open House and Public Meeting was circulated to Laurentian Hills' property owners in the Interim Tax Billings mailed via Canada post on January 16th, 2026.

The Notice was sent to the agencies as required under the Act, the Municipalities within 1 km of the Town and the Algonquins of Ontario via email on January 15, 2026. The notice was also published on the Town's web site and in the Municipal Hall on January 15, 2026.

The notification given for the Public Meeting of March 3, 2026 exceeded the minimum 20-day notification requirements of the Planning Act.

The Mayor asked the County Planner to provide an overview of the proposed By-Law. Nicole Moore gave a brief overview to Council and the public present.

The Mayor asked if anyone present wished to provide comments on the proposed by-law to please come to the podium, provide their name and address and any comments that they wanted to submit for Council's consideration.

Oral submissions were heard from Marcia Martin, Jed Reinwald, Rachel Richer, Justin Blimkie, Jorge Pasarau, Maurice Mirault, Grant Watson and Zoran Savic.

The Mayor called a second and third time for comments from the public. Members of the public were informed that if they wished to receive notice of Council's decision to make sure that they signed the attendance sheet and provided their contact information.

The Planners answered questions from the public. A report on the comments received at the meeting will be prepared for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

Written submissions can continue to be submitted to the Town until such time that Council adopts the by-law. All written submissions form part of the public record.

The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and participating in the zoning by-law update process.

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

Be it Hereby Resolved That:
this public meeting do now adjourn and the Special Meeting of Council reconvene.

4. **CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW** **CARRIED** Resolution 033-26

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Boucher

Be it Hereby Resolved That:
By-Law No. 05-26 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills Special Meeting of Council held on March 3, 2026 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

5. **ADJOURNMENT** **CARRIED** Resolution 034 -26

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

Be it Hereby Resolved That:
this Special Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn at 7:26 pm.

CARRIED Resolution 035-26

MAYOR

CLERK