

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 10:35 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER** - The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Wednesday 17 September 2025 at 10:35 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

The following members of Council were present:

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

Absent:
Councillor Gary McAnulty

Also present:
Chief Administrative Officer / Clerk Sherry Batten
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk Tammy Whalen

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) (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 139-25

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.

CARRIED Resolution 140-25

II. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

III. DELEGATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 16 July 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 141-25

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 16 July 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 142-25

- (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 16 July 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 143-25

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (Cont'd)

- (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 16 July 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 144-25

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Finance and Personnel of 16 July 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 145-25

VI. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

VII. OTHER REPORTS – None

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council does acknowledge receipt of the Chalk River Waste Water Treatment Plant Q2, 2025 Operations Report and the Chalk River Drinking Water System Q2, 2025 Operations Report from Veolia Water Canada.

CARRIED Resolution 146-25

- VIII. MAYOR'S UPDATE** – The Mayor reported that on Aug. 13 she attended County Council meeting, Health Committee, Corporate Services Committee, and Chaired the Community Services Committee meeting; on the 15 she attended the 75th anniversary celebration of the OPG Des Joachims Generating Station. This was held on the Friday for local dignitaries. The following day was open to the public. They were expecting up to 400 people; on Aug. 17-20 she attended the AMO Conference in Ottawa. I was part of 3 delegations for the County; on the 27 she attended County Council meeting, Operations Committee meeting and Development and Property Committee meetings; on the 28 she attended the official grand opening of the Primary Care building at DRDH; on September 4 she attended the County's Strategic Alignment and Financial Readiness Workshop held at Wilderness Tours River Barn; on the 10 she attended County Council meeting, Health Committee, Corporate Services Committee, and Chaired the Community Services Committee meeting and on the 12 she along with Councillor Boucher attended the County Agricultural Tour.

IX. BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT By-Law No. 17-25 being a By-Law to appoint a Building Inspector for the Town of Laurentian Hills do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 147-25

X. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

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

THAT this Council does acknowledge receipt of the unaudited statement of revenues and expenses as compared to budget as of 26 August 2025.

CARRIED Resolution 148-25

XI. PETITIONS - None

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

ACTION ITEMS

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

THAT the resolution from the City of Brantford advocating for the transition of their municipal scrap metal by-law into provincial statute and a call to strengthen the bail system to enhance community safety be filed.

CARRIED Resolution 149-25

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

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

THAT the resolution from the Municipality of West Nipissing requesting a moratorium on Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate in the Nipissing Forest be filed.

CARRIED Resolution 150-25

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

THAT the resolution from Tweed regarding collaborative action on sustainable waste management in Ontario which includes:

1. The creation of a provincial working group composed of municipalities, the Provincial and Federal Government and manufacturing partners.
2. A commitment to exploring and implementing clean incineration, stronger recycling programs and other sustainable practices.
3. Support from municipal Council across Ontario to advocate for immediate action at all levels of government be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 151-25

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

THAT the resolutions from the District of Parry Sound and the Township of Armour urging the Province of Ontario to implement a standardized and mandatory governance model for Family Health Teams, requiring that at least 50% of the board members be community representative to ensure local interests are considered in decision making be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 152-25

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

THAT the resolutions from the West Lincoln and Township of Southgate regarding support for the Elect Respect Campaign be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 153-25

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT all items of correspondence be filed.

CARRIED Resolution 154-25

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills designates Councillor Brenda Blimkie to participate in the Deep River Advisory Committee - Seniors Active Living Centre Program meetings.

CARRIED Resolution 155-25

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

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

Be it Hereby Resolved That:

this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does authorize Mr. Darren Pamser access to the Town owned shoreline road allowance adjacent to his property located at 1375 Sand Road for the purpose of cleaning debris as outlined in his Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry application for Work Permit.

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

- a. 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 as outlined in application for work permit submitted to the MNRF dated June 22, 2025;

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd)

- b. Adhering to and implementing any conditions provided by the DOF and MNRF for the conducting of the work, including prior to, during and post work requirements;
- c. Providing the Town office a copy of the approvals and permits approved by the DOF and MNRF prior to the commencement of the work;
- d. All costs associated with the work; and
- e. Upon the completion of the work, and in so much as possible, restore the shoreline allowance to a natural condition and to the satisfaction of the Town's Public Works Superintendent.

CARRIED Resolution 156-25

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills approves the date change of the October meeting date from Thursday 23rd to Monday October 27th, 2025.

CARRIED Resolution 157-25

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

THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills approves the date change of the November meeting date from Friday November 21st to Tuesday November 18th, 2025

CARRIED Resolution 158-25

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

THAT the email correspondence dated August 17, 2025 from Debra Owens regarding Federal and Provincially owned property closures be received.

CARRIED Resolution 159-25

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

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills does authorize the closing of the Municipal office and operations for Christmas on December 24, 29th, 30th, 31st and Friday January 2nd.

CARRIED Resolution 160-25

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

THAT WHEREAS democracy is healthy when everyone participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community;

AND WHEREAS we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment;

AND WHEREAS social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office;

AND WHEREAS better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office;

AND WHEREAS in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and call on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct;

AND WHEREAS H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called *Elect Respect* to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process;

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd)

AND WHEREAS on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan “Parliamentary Civility Pledge” to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills supports the *Elect Respect* pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces—public, private, and online,
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct.

AND FURTHER THAT Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the *Elect Respect* campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario’s Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Office of the Mayor of Burlington, relevant MPs and MPPs, Regional Police the Ontario Provincial Police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

CARRIED Resolution 161-25

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

THAT the correspondence from Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility regarding the 2025 Ontario Senior Achievement Awards information be received and any nominations be submitted to the office prior to the nomination deadline of October 1, 2025.

CARRIED Resolution 162-25

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

THAT the correspondence from the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism regarding the 2025 Ontario Volunteer Service Award information be received and any nominations be submitted to the office prior to the nomination deadline of November 15, 2025.

CARRIED Resolution 163-25

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

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills has the following interest: Improving our schoolyards by creating outdoor learning spaces and tree canopy environments.

AND WHEREAS The Re-Nature Foundation is undertaking The Canadian Re-Nature School Program, which will be building outdoor learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools in Renfrew County District School Board.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that this Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills acknowledges that The Re-Nature Foundation is applying for a funding opportunity from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ “Growing Canada’s Community Canopies” initiative for The Canadian Re-Nature School Program, which will be building learning spaces and planting trees at the elementary schools in Renfrew County District School Board.

AND FURTHER this Council recognizes that the lifetime contribution from the “Growing Canada’s Community Canopies” initiative will not exceed \$10 million for tree planting within our municipality, inclusive of a maximum contribution of \$1 million for infrastructure activity costs, and that if approved this project will be counted towards that limit.

CARRIED Resolution 164-25

NEW BUSINESS (Cont'd)

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

WHEREAS Council did by Resolution No. 124-24 approve a request from the North Renfrew Snowmobile Association (NRSA) to realign a portion of the Tops A trail onto the adjacent unopened public road allowance and authorized staff to sign the memorandum of understanding for the prescribed snowmobile trail land use permission.

AND WHEREAS Council received a presentation from Mr. Marvin Dupuis Director/Land Use Coordinator for the NRSA on May 21, 2025 regarding the installation of gates on the unopened road allowance to close the trail to motorized vehicles for the protection of Species at Risks from April to October.

AND WHEREAS Council has now received further correspondence regarding signage on the trail.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved that this Council of the Corporation of the Town of Laurentian Hills approves the installation of the gates and signage by the NRSA provided that the Association is:

1. Responsible for the installation of and the maintaining of the gates;
2. Ensuring the gates are closed and locked annually from April to October; and
3. The installation of the appropriate signage for the trail and the approaching gates.

CARRIED Resolution 165 -25

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

WHEREAS the Upper Ottawa Valley Seniors Friendship Club (UOVSFC) plans to make an application to the federal New Horizons for Seniors Program to provide a music and dancing program for seniors and other community members.

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes the importance of the diverse services and programs that the UOVSFC provides to the local area seniors, that allows them to stay connected to family and friends and engaged in their communities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills supports the UOVSFC's New Horizon application and requests that a letter of support from the Mayor on behalf of Council be sent to the Club.

CARRIED Resolution 166-25

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

WHEREAS the Chalk River Legion Branch 562 plans to make an application to the federal New Horizons program for a new roof to assist them to continue to operate.

AND WHEREAS Council recognizes the importance of the Chalk River Legion and the crucial support and services they provide to veterans, their families, seniors and our community.

AND WHEREAS Legions are the cornerstones in their communities organizing events and raising funds for local initiatives and those in need and provide social opportunities for seniors in our community

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills supports the Chalk River Legion's New Horizon application and requests that a letter of support from the Mayor on behalf of Council be sent to the Club.

CARRIED Resolution 167-25

XV. **CLOSED SESSION** – Yes at the beginning of the meeting.

XVI. **MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION** - None

XVII. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor Boucher
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT By-Law No.18-25 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills meeting held on September 17, 2025 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 168-25

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor Hoyle

THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn at 11:36 a.m.

CARRIED Resolution 169-25

MAYOR

CLERK