

CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF LAURENTIAN HILLS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 18 November 2025 at 10:51 a.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER - The Regular Meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills was held on Tuesday 18 November 2025 at 10:51 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

The following members of Council were present:

Mayor	Anne Giardini
Deputy Mayor	Brenda Blimkie
Councillor	Gary McAnulty

Absent:

Councillor	Bruce Boucher
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

Colleen Bonnet - the delegation was moved to the beginning of the Committee of the Whole for Protection to Persons & Property meeting.

IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of 27 October 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 195-25

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting of 28 October 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 196-25

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Protection to Persons and Property of 27 October 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 197-25

(b) Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Public Works of 27 October 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 198-25

(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 27 October 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 199-25

(d) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Mayor Giardini

THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Committee of the Whole for Finance and Personnel of 27 October 2025 be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED Resolution 200-25

VI. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - None

VII. OTHER REPORTS - None

VIII. MAYOR'S UPDATE – The Mayor reported that on October 29 she attended a County Meeting of the Hwy 17 Extension Advisory Committee; on November 1 she attended the official opening of MPP Billy Denault's office in Pembroke; on the 5 she attended Special Corporate Services Committee for the County; on the 6 she attended the CNL Awards of Excellence Presentations at the Germania Club in Pembroke; on the 7 she attended the Police Services Board meeting at Laurentian Valley; on the 8 attended the Chalk River Legion Awards dinner where she presented the pins for years of service. MPP Billy Denault was also there to make presentations; on the 11 she attended the Remembrance Day celebrations at the CR Legion where she laid the wreaths for the Province, the County and The Town of Laurentian Hills and on the 12 she attended County Council meeting, Health Committee, Corporate Services Committee, and Chaired the Community Services Committee meeting.

IX. BY-LAWS

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT By-Law No. 22-25 being a By-Law to appoint a member of Council to the Committee of Adjustment do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 201-25

X. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS

(a) Moved by Mayor Giardini
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 6 November 2025.

CARRIED Resolution 202-25

XI. PETITIONS – None

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

ACTION ITEMS

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

THAT the resolution from the County of Renfrew regarding support for a Nation-Building 2+1 Highway program on Highways 17 & 11, phased implementation and Federal-Provincial partnership under the Building Canada Act be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 203-25

(b) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the resolution from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury and the Municipality of South Huron calling on the Government of Canada to remove the GST/HST from all new homes purchased as primary residences, and to work in partnership with the Government of Ontario to ensure full elimination of the provincial portion as well be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 204-25

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

THAT the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa requesting that the Province of Ontario provide protection against excessive and malicious rent increases for rental units occupied for residential purposes be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 205-25

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

THAT the resolution from the City of Brantford regarding Provincial support of the Ontario Airport Capital Assistance program be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 206-25

ACTION ITEMS (Cont'd)

(e) Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT the resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming's and the Municipality of Calvin urging the Provincial Government to reconsider the conservation authority fee freeze mandate and to implement a funding framework that protects municipal taxpayers from cost recovery deficits while supporting a sustainable and balance approach to conservation authority financing be tabled.

CARRIED Resolution 207-25

(f) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa urging the Ontario Government to collaborate with municipalities, retailers, environmental organizations and experts to implement fair, effective and inclusive solution that ensures the long-term success of Ontario's deposit-return and recycling programs be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 208-25

(g) Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills authorizes the Mayor to send a letter to Associate Minister of Forestry and Forest Products in support of Roseburg Forest Products Biomass Cogeneration project be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 209-25

(h) Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT the resolution from the Town of Deep River in support of Canadians for CANDU movement for the future use and the development of Canadian nuclear energy, particularly Canadian designed CANDU Reactors, associated medical isotopes, and Small Modular Reactors be endorsed.

CARRIED Resolution 210-25

INFORMATION ITEMS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT all items of correspondence be filed.

CARRIED Resolution 211-25

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT this Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills supports the Town's Recreation Committee's plans to design and organize a workplan for Senior fitness programs that will meet the objectives of the Seniors Community Grant program.

AND FURTHER this Council approves the submission of the application by the Town subject to the following:

1. The Recreation Committee will be responsible for the planning and budgeting of the project workplan as outlined in the grant program guidelines.
2. The Recreation Committee will be responsible for filling out the electronic application and providing all the mandatory documentation.
3. The Recreation Committee will be responsible for submitting the completed electronic application and all the supporting documentation to the Town by December 16, 2025.
4. The Town will be responsible for the uploading of the electronic application and supporting documentation through the Town's Transfer Payment Ontario Portal (TPON) account.
5. Upon approval of the application and receipt of the agreement the Town will be responsible for the execution of the agreement with His Majesty the King as represented by the Ministry and for adding the Ministry as an additional insured on the Town's policy.
6. The Recreation Committee will be responsible for scheduling and conducting the approved programs complying with all the conditions as outlined in the funding agreement.
7. The Recreation Committee will be responsible for working with the Town to meet any deadlines as outlined in the agreement and the filling out of any reports that may be required throughout the duration of the funding agreement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Cont'd)

8. The Town will be responsible for uploading the reports through the Town's TPON account throughout the duration of the funding agreement.
9. The Recreation Committee will be responsible for submitting all receipts and/or invoices for the program eligible expenses as outlined in the agreement to the Town for direct payment to the vendors/parties.
10. The Town will be responsible for overseeing and submitting the financial records/receipts and the reconciliation of the program grant to the Ministry and the Town's auditors.

CARRIED Resolution 212-25

XIV. NEW BUSINESS - None

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 (2) (b) and (f) of the Municipal Act, c.25 S.O. 2001 as amended as the subject matter being considered is personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED Resolution 213-25

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
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 214-25

Rise and report – Discussion on solicitor-client communication and direction was given to the CAO.

XVI. MOTIONS AND NOTICES OF MOTION - None

XVII. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Moved by Councillor McAnulty
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Blimkie

THAT By-Law No. 23-25 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills meeting held on November 18, 2025 do now be read a first, second and third time and passed.

CARRIED Resolution 215-25

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Deputy Mayor Blimkie
Seconded by Councillor McAnulty

THAT this meeting of the Council of the Town of Laurentian Hills do now adjourn at 11:35 a.m.

CARRIED Resolution 216-25

MAYOR

CLERK