



Rural Youth Group Committee Meeting

June 8, 2026, at 5:30pm at 136 Yonge Street, Burk's Falls

Present: Chair Barry Burton, Co-Chair Ashley Brandt, Mayor Chris Hope, Jeannette Godfrey (zoom),
Corrine Penstone (zoom) Recording Secretary

Guests: None

Regrets: Mary Thomson

Delegations: None

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chair B. Burton

2. **Land Acknowledgement:**

C. Penstone provided the Land Acknowledgement for the Committee.

3. **Disclosure of Interest:**

None

4. **Acceptance of the Agenda:**

Moved by C. Penstone - Seconded by A. Brandt

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group approves the agenda of the meeting of June 8, 2026.

Carried.

5. **Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Moved by C. Hope - Seconded by A. Brandt

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group approves the minutes of the meeting held on May 4, 2026.

Carried.

6. **Old Business:**

C. Hope reported that meetings have been held with the candidates and the Personnel Committee. Further information will be provided following the next Council meeting.

7. **New Business**

- a. **Review proposal for location on Ontario Street**

Chair B. Burton reported that a tentative lease agreement has been negotiated with the owner of 222 Ontario Street. The Committee passed a resolution recommending that Council approve the lease agreement. Inspections of the premises will be required prior to signing off on the lease. Chair B. Burton will contact the Chief Building Official to arrange the necessary building inspection and will also contact the Health Unit to arrange any required inspections.

Chair B. Burton will request a delegation to present to Council at the next meeting.

b. Review revised budget

Chair B. Burton presented an updated draft budget to the Committee. The Committee passed a resolution recommending that Council approve the proposed budget.

J. Godfrey will obtain pricing information for computer equipment to confirm actual costs.

C. Penstone will investigate furniture options that align with the draft budget.

c. Set dates for renovations at new location

The committee set a tentative date of June 18th for renovations to begin.

d. Set date for grand opening

Deferred to next meeting.

8. Recommendations to Council

Moved A. Brandt - Seconded by C. Hope

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Youth Group Committee recommends the following to Council:

That Council approve the offer to lease 222 Ontario Street as presented:

- 1 year lease
- \$1300.00 per month plus hst
- Utilities
- June access, rent begins in August
- Pending approval of Health Unit and Chief Building Official

Carried.

Moved by A. Brandt - Seconded by C. Hope

That Council approved the revised budget as presented.

Carried

9. Date of Next Meeting: July 6, 2026, at 5:30pm

10. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.



Signature of Chair