

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2026**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met Tuesday, March 3, 2026, inside the Council Chambers

Present: Mayor: Glynn Robinson; Council Members: Vicky Roder-martin, Daniel O'Halloran, Terry Currie, and Craig White.

Staff present: John Theriault, CAO, Cheryl Marshall, Clerk/Treasurer, Allyson Pedwell, Deputy-Clerk/Deputy-Treasurer, Neil Hellam, Public Works Superintendent, and Ryan McFarland, Fire Chief

Audience: John Martin and Paula Boyd

1. Opening of the meeting by the Mayor;

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting;

2.1 Council – February 17, 2026.

2.2 Recreation Committee – February 11, 2026.

3. List of proposed resolutions for the meeting.

4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the nature thereof;

There were no declarations made by members of council.

5. Delegations;

5.1 Council reviewed the report from the Public Works Superintendent. Council discussed the possibility of blading the roads more often to make them better. The Public Works Superintendent is requesting to start discussions on the replacement of the grader and the possibility of expanding or replacing the municipal garage.

5.2 The Fire Chief presented his report, which was discussed by Council. Questions were asked and answered.

6. Business arising From a Previous Meeting;

None

7. Quotes, Tenders, RFP's;

None

8. Accounts for Approval;

8.1 Council reviewed and approved the February 2026 accounts in the amount of \$281,359.41.

9. Applications;

None

10. By-laws;

10.1 12-2026 – Confirm Council Meeting – February 17, 2026.

10.2 13-2026 – To appoint a Chief Building Official.

11. Council Reports;

None

12. Correspondence;

- 12.1** Township of Joly, Township of Nairn and Hyman and FONOM, requested support for a resolution they passed asking the government for continued and increased funding for steel and lumber industries. Council passed a resolution of support.
- 12.2** The Municipality of Magnetawan requested support for a resolution asking the government to strengthen affordability of high-speed internet. Council passed a resolution of support.
- 12.3** Council reviewed the February 26, 2026, agenda and the January 22, 2026, minutes of the ACED Board.
- 12.4** Council reviewed the October 9, 2025, meeting minutes of the Almaguin Recycling Initiative Board and their proposed 2026 budget.
- 12.5** The Township of Papineau-Cameron requested support for a resolution they passed that enrollment capacity for the Ontario Veterinary College be expanded. Council passed a resolution of support.
- 12.6** Council reviewed the minutes of the January 21, 2026, Burk's Falls, Armour & Ryerson Union Public Library.
- 12.7** Council reviewed the 2026 requested levy for the Parry Sound land ambulance. The levy will be added to the 2026 budget.

13. New Business

None

14. Closed session

None

15. Adjournment: Council adjourned this meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Resolutions:

2026-51 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council approves the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on February 17, 2026. **Carried**

2026-52 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council receives the minutes of the recreation Committee meeting held on February 11, 2026. **Carried**

2026-53 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 12-2026 to confirm the council meeting held February 17, 2026. **Carried**

2026-54 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 13-2026 to appoint Chief Building Official Andrew McGee and repeal By-law #22-2024. **Carried**

2026-55 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council supports Resolution 2026-061 from the Township of Joly urging the Government of Ontario to introduce additional financial, regulator, and policy-based supports to ensure that Ontario's steel, forestry, and lumber sectors remain competitive, resilient, and able to withstand ongoing international trade pressures. **Carried**

2026-56 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council supports resolution #2026-20 from the Municipality of Magnetawan calling upon the Government of Canada including Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) to strengthen affordability requirements tied to federal broadband funding and universal access programs. **Carried**

2026-57 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council supports resolution 2026-50 from the Township of Papineau-Cameron requesting that the Ontario Veterinary College, the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Agribusiness, and the Canadian Veterinary College to allow more qualified applicants to pursue certification as large animal veterinarians. **Carried**

2026-58 Roeder-Martin/Currie

Be It Resolved that Council receives all correspondence listed on the agenda. **Carried**

2026-59 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council adjourns this meeting at 7:33 p.m. until Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 7:00 pm. **Carried**

Original Signed by:
Mayor, Glynn Robinson

Original Signed by:
Clerk, Cheryl Marshall