

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2026**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met Tuesday, March 17, 2026, inside the Council Chambers

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

Staff present: John Theriault, CAO and Cheryl Marshall, Clerk/Treasurer.

Audience: None

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 – March 3, 2026.

2.2 Strategic Planning Committee – February 26, 2026

2.2 Recreation Committee – March 10, 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 and discussed the draft 2026 budget. Questions were asked and answered. Council requested a report which would contain a plan for the regular maintenance of seasonal roads. A final draft will be presented to Council for approval on April 7, 2026.

5.2 Council reviewed a report from the Deputy-Clerk/Deputy-Treasurer on the recommendation from the Recreation Committee to approve a local business partnership opportunity. After some discussion, Council passed a resolution approving the program.

5.3 Part-time Chief Administrative Officer – This item was not discussed and will be added to our next Council agenda.

6. Business arising From a Previous Meeting;

None

7. Quotes, Tenders, RFP's;

None

8. Accounts for Approval;

None

9. Applications;

9.1 Consent applications – B-001, 002 and 003/26, Concession 3 Part lots 22 and 23, Concession 4 Part Lot 22 (Stinson). Council discussed the application and passed a resolution approving the consent with conditions.

10. By-laws;

- 10.1 14-2026 – To confirm Council Meeting – March 3, 2026.
- 10.2 15-2026 – To approve AMPS and repeal by-law #30-2025.
- 10.3 16-2026 – To update our open-air burning by-law and repeal by-law #08-2023
- 10.4 17-2026 – To update our road naming by-law and repeal by-laws 08-1995, 11-2000, 29-2021, and 57-2025.
- 10.5 18-2026 – To adopt a use of corporate resources for election purposes policy by-law.
- 10.6 19-2026 – to adopt a by-law to regulate the placement of municipal election signs in the Township of McMurrich/Monteith.
- 10.7 To update our inventory of municipal maintained roads and our minimum maintenance standards by-law. This by-law was discussed and will be brought back at the next regular meeting.

11. Council Reports;

None

12. Correspondence;

- 12.1 Council reviewed the Town of Parry-Sound EMS Advisory Committee minutes of February 26, 2026.
- 12.2 Council reviewed the AHHC agenda package of March 5, 2026.
- 12.3 Council reviewed a request from FONOM asking for their support in requesting that the province accelerate the implementation of the recommendations contained within the Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force Final Report. Council passed a resolution of support.

13. New Business

- 13.1 Council discussed the possibility of providing landfill cards to vacant land properties. This item will be added to the agenda of a future regular meeting.

14. Closed session

None

15. **Adjournment:** Council adjourned this meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Resolutions:

2026-60 Roeder-Martin/Currie

Be It Resolved that Council approves the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held on March 3, 2026. **Carried**

2026-61 Roeder-Martin/Currie

Be It Resolved that Council receives the minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee meeting held February 26, 2026. **Carried**

2026-62 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council receives the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held March 10, 2026. **Carried**

2026-63 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council receives the report on the Rink Board advertising proposal and accepts the Recreation Committee recommendation to sell advertising space on the rink boards for an annual fee of \$500 and a renewal fee of \$250 as provided in the Agreement to Advertise document. **Carried**

2026-64 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council has no objections to Consent File B-001, 002 + 003/26 (STINSON) as submitted provided that the following conditions apply:

1. The Township of McMurrich/Monteith requires a "Cash in lieu of Parkland" payment of 5% based on the assessed value of the severed lots.
2. The Township of McMurrich/Monteith requires four (4) copies of the new survey, together with a digital pdf copy for our records.
3. A draft reference plan of survey shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of the District Planning Board and to the Municipality, for review, prior to registration.

If the reference plan or other evidence discloses that either the severed property or the retained property owned by the Applicant, contains a deviation road maintained by the Municipality as a public road, then the Applicant shall survey and transfer such deviation road to the Municipality as a condition of severance. The area to be surveyed and transferred shall generally be sixty-six (66') feet in width and centred upon the centre line of the present travelled road. In situations where this is impractical, the Applicant should discuss how this requirement will be fulfilled with the Municipality before the reference plan is finalized. Prior to the finalization of consent, the District Planning Board must be advised in writing by the Municipality that the above condition has been satisfied.

4. The Township of McMurrich/Monteith requires confirmation from the Public Works Superintendent that an entrance permit can be obtained on the newly created lots.
5. The Township of McMurrich/Monteith requires that the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority provide comments as to the suitability to the severed lot for sewage disposal services. **Carried**

2026-65 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 14-2026 to confirm the council meeting held March 3, 2026. **Carried**

2026-66 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 15-2026 to implement an Administrative Monetary Penalty System and repeal Bylaw 30-2025. **Carried**

2026-67 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 16-2026 to regulate and prescribe for Open Air Fires and repeal Bylaw 08-2023, as amended. **Carried**

2026-68 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 17-2026 to provide for the naming of roadways within the Township of McMurrich/Monteith, as amended. **Carried**

2026-69 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 18-2026 to adopt the Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes policy. **Carried**

2026-70 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 19-2026 to regulate the placement of Municipal Election Signs in the Township of McMurrich/Monteith. **Carried**

2026-71 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved WHEREAS Highways 11 and 17 form the backbone of the Trans-Canada Highway through Northern Ontario and are essential corridors for the movement of people, goods, and emergency services across Canada;

AND WHEREAS these highways support Northern Ontario's resource economy, connect communities to health care and services, and carry significant national supply chains;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario continues to experience a troubling number of serious collisions and highway closures each year;

AND WHEREAS the tragic fatal collision near Smooth Rock Falls on March 7, 2026, involving four tractor-trailers and a passenger vehicle, resulted in the death of a Kapuskasing resident and marked the **tenth highway fatality in Northern Ontario so far in 2026**;

AND WHEREAS in April 2023, the **Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force**, co-chaired by representatives of FONOM and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), delivered a comprehensive set of recommendations to the Province of Ontario aimed at improving safety, reliability, and economic connectivity across Northern Ontario's transportation network;

AND WHEREAS Northern leaders, Indigenous partners, and transportation experts invested significant time and effort developing practical and achievable recommendations, many of which have yet to be fully implemented;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario residents should not have to accept a higher level of risk simply because they live, work, or travel in the North, and every preventable highway fatality underscores the urgent need for action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith supports the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) calling upon the Province of Ontario to urgently accelerate the implementation of the recommendations contained within the **Northern Ontario Transportation Task Force Final Report**;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province of Ontario prioritize meaningful safety improvements along **Highways 11 and 17**, including increased passing opportunities through four-laning where feasible and expanded implementation of the **2+1 highway model** in appropriate sections;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province work collaboratively with Northern municipalities, Indigenous communities, and the Government of Canada to modernize this critical national transportation corridor;

AND FURTHER THAT the Province provide an update to Northern municipalities on the status of the Task Force recommendations and the timeline for their implementation;

AND FURTHER THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Northern Economic Development and Growth, Northern Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, Northern Members of the Canadian Parliament, and the Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association. **Carried**

2026-72 White/O'Halloran

Be it resolved that Council receives all correspondence listed on the agenda. **Carried**

2026-73 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council adjourns this meeting at 8:50 p.m. until Tuesday, March 24, 2026, at 2:00 pm. **Carried**

Original Signed by:
Mayor, Glynn Robinson

Original Signed by:
Clerk, Cheryl Marshall