

**MINUTES OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH TOWNSHIP
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026**

The Council of the Township of McMurrich/Monteith met Tuesday, May 5, 2026, inside the Council Chambers

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

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

Audience: Judy Kleinhuis, Roslind Nelles

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7pm

2. Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting:

2.1 Council – April 21, 2026

3. List of proposed resolutions for the meeting:

4. Declaration of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof:

Member Roeder-Martin with item 5.6 as she is employed by a local institution, Sprucedale United Church

5. Delegations:

5.1 Staff report: Judy Kleinhuis, Doane Grant Thornton LLP –Presentation of the 2025 Audited Financial Statements. Ms. Kleinhuis reviewed the statements with Council. A resolution was passed to accept the statements.

5.2 Staff Report: PW Superintendent – Council discussed options for sidewalks, dust control being applied in the coming weeks, and the walking trail proposal for a new entrance to the trail while the boardwalk is not available for use.

5.3 Staff Report: Fire Chief – Council discussed two different software programs, training officer future replacement, and quotes for pickup truck.

5.4 Staff Report: Clerk/Treasurer – Council discussed the quote to install two additional water monitoring wells at Landfill Site and 2026 Annual Monitoring Program. Council passed a resolution to accept the quote to install the wells utilizing reserves.

5.5 Staff Report: Clerk/Treasurer – Council discussed the quote to survey Taylor Road to lake. Council decided to weigh all options for a future water access including Crown land use prior to making any decision for survey work.

5.6 Staff Report: Chief Administrative Officer – Accessory Food Services in the Institutional Zone. Member Roeder-Martin removed herself from the discussion. Council passed a resolution and the bylaw will come in June.

6. Business Arising From a Previous Meeting:

None

7. Quotes, Tenders, RFP's:

None

8. Accounts for Approval:

8.1 April 2026

9. Applications:

None

10. Bylaws:

10.1 25-2026 Confirm Council Meeting – April 21, 2026

10.2 26-2026 Establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee and appoint members

11. Council Reports:

Council discussed concerns about lights at the community centre, housing issues and the new landfill card program to include licenced trailers.

12. Correspondence:

12.1 Almaguin Pride - request to raise flag for Pride month, offering educational session Council passed a resolution to raise the flag for the month of June.

12.2 Belvedere Heights – minutes – February 25 and March 25, 2026

12.3 Almaguin Minor Softball Assoc. – letter of request for donation Council passed a resolution to make a donation to the Association.

12.4 Women's Own Resource Centre – letter of request for donation Council passed a resolution to make a donation to the Centre.

13. New Business:

None

14. Closed Session: Section 239 (2)

None

15. Adjournment: Council adjourned this meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Resolutions:

2026-96 Roeder-Martin/Currie

Be It Resolved that Council approves the minutes of the Regular Council meeting held April 21, 2026. **Carried**

2026-97 Roeder-Martin/Currie

Be It Resolved that Council thanks Judy Kleinhuis for attending this meeting and hereby accepts the draft 2025 Financial Statements as audited by Doane Grant Thornton, LLP. **Carried**

2026-98 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that the Staff Report from the Clerk/Treasurer dated May 5, 2026, regarding the quotes to add two new additional monitoring wells at the Landfill Site be received and that Council approves the quote from Greenstone Engineering in the amount of \$20,000 to be funded through the Landfill Reserve and further approves the quote for the 2026 Annual Monitoring Program in the amount of \$5,900.00 plus HST. **Carried**

2026-99 O'Halloran/Currie

Be It Resolved that Staff be directed to process a municipal directed zoning bylaw amendment to permit "food services" and other appropriate accessory uses in the institutional (IN) zone of the zoning bylaw 16-2016. **Carried**

Member Roeder-Martin declared a conflict and left the room and did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter.

2026-100 Currie/Roeder-Martin

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 25-2026 to confirm the council meeting held April 21, 2026. **Carried**

2026-101 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council accepts first, second and third readings and hereby passes Bylaw 26-2026 to establish a Joint Compliance Audit Committee and to appoint its members. **Carried**

2026-102 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council supports the correspondence received from Almaguin Pride and directs staff to raise the Pride Flag at the Sprucedale Community Centre flag post for the month of June, 2026. **Carried**

2026-103 O'Halloran/White

Be It Resolved that Council receives the correspondence from Almaguin Minor Softball Association and hereby supports their 2026 softball season with a cash donation of \$250.00 as well as an in kind donation towards the use of the Township's ballfield, softball equipment including bases, bats, helmets and catcher's gear and use of the Community Centre for their season end wrap up event subject to availability. **Carried**

2026-104 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council supports Women's Own Resource Centre with a donation of fifty cents per capita towards new and continuing initiatives in 2026/27. **Carried**

2026-105 O'Halloran/White

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

2026-106 White/O'Halloran

Be It Resolved that Council adjourns this meeting at 8:57 pm until Tuesday, May 19th, 2026 at 7pm. **Carried**

Original Signed by:
Mayor, Glynn Robinson

Original Signed by:
Clerk, Cheryl Marshall