



THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 AT 4:00 pm
Township Council Chambers, 27 Barr Road S.

PRESENT: Lennox Smith, Mayor
Daavid Farrar
Ursula Abbott
Darren McClelland
Jacqui Nagel

STAFF: Carol Trainor, CAO/Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 4:00. The meeting had been rescheduled, with notice, to an earlier start time due to weather.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. Minutes of the Regular Council meeting held January 21, 2026.

Resolution No: 2026 – 19

Moved by: D. McClelland Seconded by: D. Farrar

Be it resolved that the minutes of the regular council meeting of January 21, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

a. Disbursements for the month of January, 2026

Resolution No: 2026 – 20

Moved by: U. Abbott Seconded by: J. Nagel

Be it resolved that the list of payables for the month of January, 2026 in the amount of \$189,647.95 be approved as circulated.

Carried



6. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Roads Superintendent Verbal Report

The Road Super was unable to attend due to weather conditions.

Resolution No: 2026 – 21

Moved by: D. Farrar

Seconded by: D. McClelland

Be it resolved that the verbal report from the Road Superintendent be deferred.

Carried

b. Proposed 2026 Roads Resurfacing Projects

Resolution No: 2026 – 22

Moved by: J. Nagel

Seconded by: U. Abbott

Be it resolved that the report from the CAO/Clerk and the Road Superintendent regarding 2026 road resurfacing projects be received; and

That Council approve the recommendation of the Roads Committee that the two projects proposed be included in the group tender.

Carried

c. 2025 Annual Building Permit Report

The Clerk noted that the new CBO commenced working early in the year but the new fee schedule did not take effect until half way through the year.

Resolution No: 2026 – 23

Moved by: D. McClelland

Seconded by: D. Farrar

Be it resolved that the Annual Building Report for 2025 be approved and posted.

Carried

d. MacLennan Hall

Resolution No: 2026 – 24

Moved by: U. Abbott

Seconded by: J. Nagel

Be it resolved that the report from the CAO/Clerk regarding concerns at the MacLennan Hall be received; and

That Council authorize staff to take the necessary measures, gathering cost estimates or authorizing work to resolve concerns to make the hall more appealing for renters.

Carried

e. Report of the CAO/Clerk

Resolution No: 2026 – 25



Moved by: D. Farrar

Seconded by: D. McClelland

Be it resolved that the Report from the Clerk for February 2026 be received; and
That Council supports transferring the plotter to The Township of Laird.

Carried

7. BY-LAWS

8. INFORMATION / CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Draft Resolution from FONOM
Re: Planned Closure of LifeLabs Laboratory in Greater Sudbury
- b. Draft Resolution from FONOM
Re: Support for the Prescription Diversion Partnership
- c. Letter from the Central Algoma Land Trust
Re: Thank you for supporting the organization in 2025.
- d. Resolution from the County of Prince Edward
Re: Support for Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025
- e. Resolution from the Municipality of Highlands East
Re: Remove the GST/HST from all new homes purchased as primary residences in Ontario to stimulate the construction of new homes
- f. Flyer from Regen Natural Resources Ltd.
Re: Low Cost Strategic Tree Planting funding available
- g. Flyer from PomeGran and Rock Networks
Re: Tarbutt Community Information Meeting

Resolution No: 2026 – 26

Moved by: U. Abbott

Seconded by: J. Nagel

Be it resolved that correspondence items a through f on the Consent Agenda dated February 19, 2025 be received; and

That The Township of Tarbutt supports the draft resolution from FONOM opposing the planned closure of LifeLabs laboratory in Greater Sudbury and requesting the Province to take immediate action to ensure that essential medical laboratory services within Northern Ontario remain accessible; and

That The Township of Tarbutt support the Resolution from FONOM requesting that the Province and the Ministry of Health review and consider the recommendations of the Partnership and Collaboration Project to reduce prescription drug diversion, including regulatory, prescribing, dispensing and prevention strategies; and



That The Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from the County of Prince Edward strongly urging the provincial government to support Bill 21, the *Protect Our Food Act*, and to take every measure to protect farmland to prevent further losses and ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario; and

That the Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from the Municipality of Highlands East calling on the Provincial and Federal Governments to remove the HST/GST from all new homes purchased as primary residences in Ontario to stimulate new construction.

Carried

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Council discussed a news release from the Ontario Good Roads Association which outlined new road construction standards which would be implemented. No further details are available at this time but staff will investigate.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No: 2026 – 27

Moved by: D. Farrar

Seconded by: D. McClelland

Be it resolved that Council move into closed session at 4:26 pm under Sec. 239 (b) of the *Municipal Act* in order to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and Sec. 239 (d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried

a. CEMC Proposal

b. CBO proposal

Resolution No: 2026 – 28

Moved by: J. Nagel

Seconded by: U. Abbott

Be it resolved that Council rise from closed session at 4:40 pm; and

That the information regarding a proposal for CEMC Services, and the provision of Building Official services be received.

Carried

11. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution No: 2026 – 29

Moved by: D. McClelland

Seconded by: U. Abbott

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2026-06, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held this Eighteenth day of February, 2026; and



That said by-law be read a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed this eighteenth day of February, 2026.
Carried

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: 2026 – 30


Moved by: J. Nagel

Seconded by: U. Abbott

The meeting of February 18 will adjourn at 5:14 pm, to meet again on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 6:00 pm.

Carried

Councillor Abbott will not be in attendance at the March 18 meeting.



Lennox G. Smith, Mayor



Carol O. Trainor, Clerk