



THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT
Minutes of the Special Council Meeting
Joint Council meeting between Tarbutt and Laird
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 6:00 pm
Laird Hall, 3 Pumpkin Point Road West

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Evoy called the Joint Council meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

This meeting of the two councils was suggested to discuss shared services, areas of mutual concern, if there are any, and general areas of shared interest.

Mayor Evoy acknowledged the winter operations that Tarbutt assisted with through the past winter while they have been short staffed.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. NEW BUSINESS

a. Shared Services Agreement between Laird and Tarbutt

i. Road Maintenance

Discussion centered around current maintenance practices and upcoming work projects on Town Line Road. The by-law that regulates the shared work is not currently being practiced, but the current arrangement of sharing responsibility works well. The By-law will be updated to reflect the current arrangement.

Council provided direction to the Clerk to investigate Tarbutt Township By-law 27-2005, being an amending By-law to regulate vehicular traffic, particularly near the Pine Island Causeway.

ii. Landfill/Recycling

Following a discussion comparing landfill services, Laird Council requested that Tarbutt Township provide a proposal regarding landfill access.

b. Town Line Road Agreement

Addressed as part of the road maintenance discussion.



c. Fuel Sharing Agreement

This agreement was implemented during the winter months when Tarbutt was providing snow removal and roads maintenance in Laird. The formal agreement is currently being reviewed by legal, after which it will be circulated for signing by both parties.

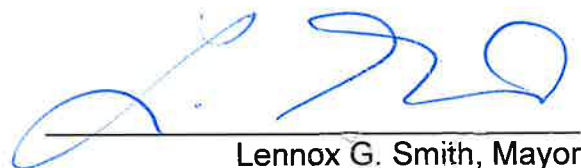
d. Private Roads

A discussion of comparators ensued regarding providing service on private roads and the liability that municipalities incur in doing so. In some cases, emergency vehicles would not be able to access private roads due to terrain, over growth, crossing private property, etc. Insurance on municipal vehicles would be null and void if they cause damage or are damaged by private road services. It is the responsibility of the owner(s) of the road to bring it up to municipal standards before the municipality could consider assuming it as a public road.


4. OTHER BUSINESS

5. ADJOURNMENT

Be it resolved that the Special Joint Council meeting held this Twenty First day of April, 2026 adjourn at 7:05 pm, to meet again as necessary.



Lennox G. Smith, Mayor



Carol O. Trainor, Clerk