



THE TOWNSHIP OF TARBUTT
Minutes of the Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 4:00 pm
Township Council Chambers, 27 Barr Road S.

PRESENT: Mayor Lennox Smith
David Farrar
Darren McClelland
Jaqui Nagel

REGRETS: Councillor Ursula Abbott

STAFF: M. Pigeon, Road Superintendent (left the meeting at 4:38)
C. Trainor, Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Smith called the regular council meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolution No: 2026 - 98

Moved by: D. McClelland

Seconded by: D. Farrar

Be it resolved that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting held April 21, 2026 with The Township of Laird, and the Regular Council meeting held May 20, 2026 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

a. Disbursements for the month of May, 2026

Resolution No: 2026 - 99

Moved by: J. Nagel

Seconded by: D. McClelland

Be it resolved that the disbursements for the period ending May 31, 2026 in the amount of \$201,816.99 be approved.

Carried



6. STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Road Superintendent Verbal Report

M. Pigeon requested clarification on maintenance of some lesser traveled roads. Staff have confirmed that the Township does not own any portion of Range Lights Road. The resurfacing project could begin July 9 and both roads are prepped and ready. The emulsion spraying is going very well. Staff are impressed with the use of the emulsion sprayer borrowed from Johnson which uses a fraction of the material typically used, with significant time savings. There have been discussions about more sharing of equipment with both Johnson and Laird.

Resolution No: 2026 - 100

Moved by: D. McClelland

Seconded by: D. Farrar

Be it resolved that the verbal report from the Road Superintendent be received; and

That Council approves the purchase of a 12 foot, 7 tonne trailer in the amount of \$14,119.35 after tax from North Shore Tractor; and

That the information regarding ownership of Creek Road and Range Lights Road be received.

Carried

b. MacLennan Hall Roofing Verbal Update

The Road Superintendent, Councilor McClelland and the Chief Building Official attended the scheduled site visit at the MacLennan Hall with three contractors to review the proposed roof replacement.

Resolution No: 2026 - 101

Moved by: J. Nagel

Seconded by: D. Farrar

Be it resolved that the verbal report on the Roofing RFP and the Site Visit which took place June 15, 2026 be received.

Carried

c. NORDS Funding 2026 – 2031

Resolution No: 2026 - 102

Moved by: D. McClelland

Seconded by: D. Farrar

Be it resolved that the report from the Treasurer regarding the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund 2026-2031 be received; and

That Council of The Township of Tarbutt supports an application for the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) Fund 2026-2031; and



That Council supports using funding allocations for years 1 and 2 to fund rehabilitation work on Town Line Road, in cooperation with The Township of Laird, pending full project approval from both Townships.

Carried

d. Roofing Permit Fees

Resolution No: 2026 – 103

Moved by: J. Nagel

Seconded by: D. McClelland

Be it resolved that the report from the CAO/Clerk regarding Building Permits for Roofing be received; and

That Council approve Option c), to Increase the roofing permit fee to \$110 and retain one free tipping load; and

That this revised fee be added to the Building By-law and the Fees and Charges By-law.

Carried

e. Summer Council Meeting Schedule

Resolution No: 2026 - 104

Moved by: D. Farrar

Seconded by: D. McClelland

Be it resolved that the report from the CAO/Clerk regarding a summer meeting schedule be received; and

That Council approve adopting a summer schedule with one meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 22, 2026, with the option to hold a special meeting if needed.

Carried

f. Report of the CAO/Clerk

Resolution No: 2026 - 105

Moved by: J. Nagel

Seconded by: D. McClelland

Be it resolved that the Report from the Clerk dated June 17, 2026 be received; and

That the position of Custodian/Cleaner be offered to the individual who has been covering the maternity leave.

Carried

7. BY-LAWS

8. INFORMATION / CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Letter from OPP Detachment North Grenville, Merrickville-Wolford
Re: Traffic Calming/Speeding Mitigation Techniques



- b. Resolution from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus
Re: Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in Canada
- c. Resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming
Re: Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Ontario Fire Services
- d. Resolution from the Township of South Stormont
Re: That Provincial and Federal Governments Act to Address the Causes of Food Insecurity by establishing a Guaranteed Liveable Basic Income
- e. Resolution from the Municipality of Calvin
Re: Provincial Review of CVA Based Apportionment for Shared Services
- f. Resolution from the Township of Larder Lake
Re: Support FONOM resolution to Establish a Northern Ontario Policing Grant
- g. Resolution from the Town of Halton Hills
Re: Modernizing Invasive Plant Rules to Protect Taxpayers
- h. Resolution from the Municipality of Wawa
Re: Exploring innovative models of housing and support for adults with Developmental Disabilities
- i. Resolution from Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands
Re: Request Ontario to provide Immediate and Sustained Funding to Improve Hospital Finances and Capacity.

Resolution No: 2026 - 106

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

Be it resolved that correspondence items a through i. on the Consent Agenda dated June 17, 2026 be received; and

That The Township of Tarbutt supports the resolution from the Grenville 1 OPP Detachment Board requesting that the province expand its financial commitment to include all municipalities in Ontario, not just those utilizing photo radar; and

That The Township of Tarbutt supports the resolution from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus asking the Government of Ontario to commit to a clear and prompt return to the property tax reassessment cycle to correct the most outdated assessment cycle in Canada; and

That The Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming calling upon the Province to transition from the current competitive provincial fire service grant program into a permanent, stable and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program for volunteer fire departments; and



That The Township of Tarbutt request the Provincial and Federal Governments to address the causes of food insecurity by establishing a Guaranteed Livable Basic Income, and to include the reduction of food insecurity as a component of all applicable government policies; and

That The Township of Tarbutt support the resolution from the Municipality of Calvin seeking a review of policies, legislation and regulations governing the use of Current Value Assessment and weighted assessment as the basis for apportioning provincially mandated levies and shared municipal service costs with an eye toward developing fairer and more balanced apportionment models; and

That The Township of Tarbutt support the FONOM resolution regarding the establishment of a Northern Ontario Policing Grant; and

That The Township of Tarbutt supports the resolution from Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands requesting the Province of Ontario to provide immediate and sustained funding and annual increases of 6% per year to improve hospital finances and capacity, as per the recommendations of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives.

Carried

9. OTHER BUSINESS

a. Private Road Ownership

Council discussed ownership and requests for maintenance of Creek Road and Range Lights Road. All of Range Lights Road is in private ownership.

b. Hwy. 17 Closures / Emergency Detour Route

A meeting was held locally with the MTO regarding the recent accident on Hwy 17 and the impact to municipal roads as a result of traffic being re-routed during half loads. Another meeting has been scheduled for July, where further clarification will be sought.

c. Proposed Rehabilitation of a portion of Highway 548 (Tarbutt)

The public consultation period is now open for the rehabilitation of Highway 548, southerly for 2.3 km from Hwy 17 within the Township of Tarbutt. No details of the work proposed, or a date for the work to commence was provided.

d. Appointment of an Integrity Commissioner

Following the Judicial Review of the Integrity Commissioner's decision, the Township was ordered to obtain the services of another Integrity Commissioner who is currently reviewing the complaint. At the request of Council, Tony Fleming of Cunningham Swan has agreed to be appointed as the Integrity Commissioner. An appointment by-law will be presented at the next Council meeting.



Resolution No: 2026 - 107

Moved by: J. Nagel

Seconded by: D. Farrar

Be it resolved that items of new business be received, including information regarding ownership of Creek Road and Range Lights Road, and also the appointment of an Integrity Commissioner.

Carried

10. CLOSED SESSION

11. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution No: 2026 – 108

Moved by: D. McClelland

Seconded by: D. Farrar

Be it resolved that leave be granted to introduce By-law 2026 ²⁶ being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held this Seventeenth day of June, 2026; and

That said by-law be given a first, and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed this Seventeenth day of June, 2026.

Carried

12. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No: 2026 – 109

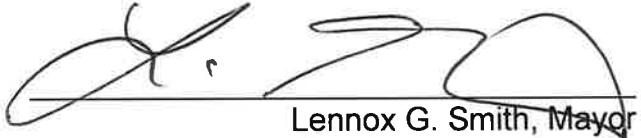
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Seconded by: D. Farrar

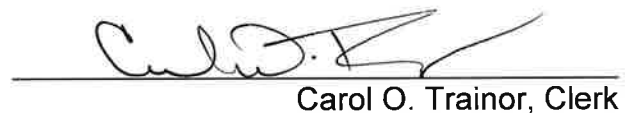
Be it resolved that the regular council meeting of June 17, 2026 adjourn at 5:16 pm, to meet again on Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 4:00 pm, and

That the revised council meeting schedule be posted and advertised.

Carried



Lennox G. Smith, Mayor



Carol O. Trainor, Clerk