

Regular Council Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 6:30 pm
Council Chambers

Present: Peter McIsaac, Mayor
Randy Hall, Councillor
Leo Patey, Councillor
Dave Britton, Councillor

Staff: Allison Quinn, Clerk

Absent,
With Regrets: Markus Wand, Deputy Mayor

Presentations: None.

Disclosure of Monetary Interest and General Nature Thereof: None.

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| 2026-63 | Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton
That the agenda of the Regular Council Meeting of March 17, 2026, be approved. | Carried |
| 2026-64 | Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey
That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of February 17, 2026, be adopted. | Carried |
| 2026-65 | Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: R. Hall
That the minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of Council of March 10, 2026, be adopted. | Carried |
| 2026-66 | Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton
That the minutes from the Powassan and District Union Public Library Board meeting of January 19, 2026, be received. | Carried |
| 2026-67 | Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey
That the minutes from the Golden Sunshine Municipal Non-Profit Housing Corporation committee meeting of January 20, 2026, be received. | Carried |
| 2026-68 | Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: R. Hall
That the draft Bylaw to update the Municipal Parking Bylaw, be received; and,

FURTHER that staff be directed to bring the Bylaw back to the next Regular Meeting of Council for adoption. | Carried |

- 2026-69** Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton
That the memo from Protective Services Official, M. Peddle, regarding the Draft Bylaw to Licence Trailers, be received; and,
FURTHER that any comments or changes be sent to staff by April 15, 2026. **Carried**
- 2026-70** Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey
That the memo from Clerk, A. Quinn regarding the 2026 Municipal Election be received, for information purposes. **Carried**
- 2026-71** Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: R. Hall
That the memo from Manager of Operations, T. Keefe, regarding the Review of 2025 Annual Drinking Water System Report, be received for information purposes. **Carried**
- 2026-72** Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton
That Bylaw 2026-04 being a Bylaw to appoint a Protective Services Official,
Be **READ** a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time on the 17th day of March 2026 and considered **READ** a **THIRD** and **FINAL** time and adopted as such in open Council meeting on the 7th day of April 2026. **Carried**
- 2026-73** Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey
That Bylaw 2026-05 being a Bylaw to Authorize Delegated Authority during the “Lame Duck Period” of Council,
Be **READ** a **FIRST** and **SECOND** time on the 17th day of March 2026 and considered **READ** a **THIRD** and **FINAL** time and adopted as such in open Council meeting on the 7th day of April 2026. **Carried**
- 2026-74** Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey
That the correspondence from the Powassan and District Union Public Library dated February 19, 2026, regarding the Powassan Library Budget 2026 follow-up, be received for information purposes. **Carried**
- 2026-75** Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton
That the New Official Plan be reviewed for discussion purposes; and,
FURTHER that any additional comments, questions, or concerns be sent to staff by Tuesday, March 24, 2026, to be communicated to Planscape for response.
- 2026-76** Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey
That the 2025 Annual Summary for the Powassan Drinking Water system, prepared by Ontario Clean Water Agency, be received.

Recorded Vote: Requested by Councillor Patey

Councillor Patey: Yea

Councillor Hall: Yea

Councillor Britton: Yea

Mayor McIsaac: Yea

Carried

2026-77

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: R. Hall

That the Council for the Municipality of Powassan appoints Dr. Bill Finnis and Mr. Will Armstrong to the Board of the Powassan and District Union Public Library Board, for the remaining term of Council. **Carried**

2026-78

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton

WHEREAS the Municipality of East Ferris is planning the construction of a new fire hall that will serve as a regional fire training centre for fire departments including from across the Nipissing, East Parry Sound, and East Sudbury districts;

AND WHEREAS the closest accredited and operational training facilities are currently located in Huntsville, Haileybury, and Sault Ste. Marie, requiring significant travel, increased costs, and reduced training frequency for volunteer and composite departments in our region;

AND WHEREAS the summer 2025 storm in the Municipality of Calvin demonstrated the effectiveness of regional collaboration under a declared state of emergency, highlighting the value of joint training and coordinated emergency response;

AND WHEREAS a regional training centre in East Ferris would allow firefighters to train closer to home, reduce operational costs, foster inter-departmental collaboration, and improve readiness for future emergencies;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of Powassan supports the Municipality of East Ferris in its application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for funding assistance to construct the East Ferris Regional Fire Training Centre;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Municipality of East Ferris to demonstrate our municipality's support for this important regional initiative. **Carried**

2026-79

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey

That the notice of a public meeting on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 6pm in Council Chambers, for a Zoning Bylaw Amendment, be received. **Carried**

2026-80

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: R. Hall

That the Report dated March 12, 2026, from PlanScape to Council regarding Consent Application B15/B16/POWASSAN/2026 (Brooks), recommending approval subject to standard conditions, be received; and,

FURTHER, that the Council for the Municipality of Powassan supports the requested Consent and asks that the following conditions be applied by the North Almaguin Planning Board in rendering its approval of Consent Applications:

- a) That driveway entrance permits for the new lots fronting on Lindquist Golf Line be obtained from the Municipality of Powassan.
- b) Confirmation from the local school boards that school bus service is available at the subject locations.
- c) That the Municipality of Powassan works with the applicant to accept the parcel of land at the corner of Main Street and Pine Tree Way that accesses Highway 11.

2026-81

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: D. Britton

That the Report dated March 12, 2026, from PlanScape to Council regarding Consent Application B9, B10, B11, B12 /POWASSAN/2026 (St. Joseph), recommending approval subject to standard conditions, be received; and,

FURTHER that the Council for the Municipality of Powassan supports the requested Consent and asks that the following conditions be applied by the North Almaguin Planning Board in rendering its approval of Consent Applications:

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2026-82

Moved by: R. Hall

Seconded by: D. Britton

WHEREAS LifeLabs has announced its intention to close its Greater Sudbury laboratory, and the transfer of medical specimen processing from Northern Ontario to laboratories in southern Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Greater Sudbury laboratory provides essential diagnostic services to communities across Northern Ontario, including urban, rural, and remote municipalities, and

AND WHEREAS transporting medical specimens long distances to southern Ontario increases the risk of delays, specimen degradation, and retesting, particularly during frequent winter highway closures, potentially jeopardizing patient outcomes;

AND WHEREAS Northern Ontario is already experiencing shortages of health-care professionals, and the closure of this laboratory further undermines regional workforce stability, training capacity, and recruitment and retention efforts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council for the Municipality of Powassan calls on the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Health to take immediate action to ensure that essential medical laboratory services remain accessible within Northern Ontario, including maintaining local laboratory processing capacity in Greater Sudbury;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be urged to ensure reliable, timely, and medically appropriate laboratory turnaround times for Northern Ontario patients, recognizing the unique geographic and climatic challenges of the region;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Province be requested to protect and support the Northern Ontario health-care workforce, including medical laboratory technologists, by preventing further service centralization that disproportionately impacts Northern communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, Nipissing MPP Vic Fedeli, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Rural Ontario Municipal Association. **Carried**

2026-83

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey

That the donation request from the Almaguin Pride Network, be received; and,

FURTHER that Council donates \$500.00 to support 2026 Pride Events that help support representation, de-stigmatization and growth of community.

Carried

2026-84

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: R. Hall

That the correspondence dated February 19, 2026, from Mayor Bradley of the City of Sarnia, regarding Mayoral Authority and Municipal Police Budget sustainability, be received.

Carried

2026-85

Moved by: R. Hall Seconded by: D. Britton

That the correspondence from Matthew Larivee of the Powassan Farmers Market regarding a temporary contingency location for the 2026 Farmers Market season, be received; and,

FURTHER that staff be directed to work with the Powassan Farmers Market to ensure the proposed location can be used temporarily if needed during the 2026 market season.

Carried

2026-86

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey

That Council now adjourns to closed session at 7:32 p.m. to discuss:

17.1 Adoption of Closed Session Minutes of February 17, 2026

17.2 Legal Matters – Section 239(2)(f) of the Municipal Act and under Section 9(4)(f) of the Procedural Bylaw – advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

17.3 Negotiations – Section 239(2)(k) Section 9(4)(k) of the Procedural Bylaw - a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Carried

2026-87

Moved by: D. Britton Seconded by: L. Patey

That Council now reconvenes to regular session at 8:16 p.m.

Carried

2026-88

Moved by: L. Patey Seconded by: R. Hall

That Council now adjourns at 8:06 p.m.

Carried



Mayor



Clerk