



Township of Joly

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2026 - Regular - 05:30 PM

Present: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown (Chair, in the absence of the Mayor), Councillor Bill Black, Councillor Chris Nicholson, Councillor Tom Bryson

Absent: Mayor Brian McCabe (illness)

Staff Present: Dan Truchon (Clerk), Katey Brimacombe (Deputy Clerk)

Guests: Austin Toth, Leah Toth (Huntsville Cancer Clinic petition); John Gallagher (Planner - 1152 Forest Lake Road variance application)

Note: In the absence of Mayor Brian McCabe due to illness, Deputy Mayor Budd Brown assumed the Chair for the meeting, in accordance with the Township's Procedural By-law.

1. Call to Order

Resolution No: 2026-225

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson **Seconded By:** Councillor Tom Bryson

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M..

CARRIED

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2026-226

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black **Seconded By:** Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby adopts the Agenda as amended to include 9.6 NORDS funding."

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Disqualifying Interest (Pecuniary)

Deputy Mayor Budd Brown declared a pecuniary interest in Item 7.1 (9 Hill Road washout repair) and vacated the Chair for the duration of that item. Clerk Dan Truchon assumed the Chair for Item 7.1 only, and Deputy Mayor Brown resumed the Chair immediately following.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the Most Recent Meeting(s)

Resolution No: 2026-227

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black **Seconded By:** Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby approves the minutes from June 9th 2026, June 29, 2026, and May 1 2026, as circulated."

CARRIED

5. Delegations

5.1 Austin Toth and Leah Toth — Huntsville Cancer Clinic petition

5.2 John Gallagher — 1152 Forest Lake Road variance application

Resolution No: 2026-228

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson **Seconded By:** Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the Delegation from Austin Toth with thanks. And Further the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby approves the petition and having it available at the office for the general population to sign."

CARRIED

6. Council Direction from the Previous Meeting

6.1 Huntsville Cancer Clinic

Resolution No: 2026-229

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black **Seconded By:** Councillor Chris Nicholson

WHEREAS the Council for the Township of Joly thanks Austin Toth for his delegation regarding the Huntsville Cancer Clinic;

AND WHEREAS the Huntsville Cancer Clinic currently provides vital oncology services to residents in the Almaguin Area;

AND WHEREAS cancer patients often require frequent visits for treatment, making proximity to care a critical factor in patient well-being, treatment adherence and overall outcomes, and relocating these services to Bracebridge would require significantly farther distances for treatment, increasing hardship for individuals already facing serious health challenges;

AND WHEREAS rural and northern residents already experience barriers to accessing healthcare including transportation limitations, weather conditions, and financial constraints, and maintaining equitable access to healthcare services across the region is essential to supporting healthy communities, and healthcare in the Almaguin area is a priority of the Almaguin Highlands Health Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Township of Joly opposes the relocation of the Huntsville Cancer Clinic to Bracebridge and further calls upon the Government of Ontario, the Ministry of Health, and Ontario Health to retain cancer care services in Huntsville;

AND THAT Council authorizes the collection of petition signatures to be available to the public at the municipal office;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, the Honourable Graydon Smith, MPP Muskoka Parry Sound, the Honourable Scott Aitchison MP Muskoka Parry Sound, FONOM, AMO, NOMA, and all affected municipalities in the Almaguin Area.

CARRIED

7. Roads Report

Resolution No: 2026-230

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black **Seconded By:** Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the Roads report and directs staff to have a closer look at the driveway at 1669 Forest Lake Road."

CARRIED

7.1 9 Hill Road washout repair — staff report

Deputy Mayor Budd Brown declared a pecuniary interest and vacated the Chair for this item; Clerk Dan Truchon assumed the Chair.

Resolution No: 2026-231

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson **Seconded By:** Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives work update."

CARRIED

Deputy Mayor Brown resumed the Chair following this item.

7.2 14 Hill Road follow-up

Resolution No: 2026-232

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson **Seconded By:** Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives work follow up."

CARRIED

7.3 Garage roof tenders

Resolution No: 2026-233

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson **Seconded By:** Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby accepts the tender bid from Vincent Enterprises for the total of \$43,505.00, HST included."

CARRIED

8. Legislative Matters

8.1 Consent Agenda

Resolution No: 2026-234

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black **Seconded By:** Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby adopts the Consent Agenda as presented."

CARRIED

8.2 Committee (Internal/External) Reports

Resolution No: 2026-235

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson **Seconded By:** Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby accepts the Committee reports as circulated."

CARRIED

8.3 Public Hearings: Planning/Zoning Matter

8.3.1 Forest Lake Road

Resolution No: 2026-236

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black **Seconded By:** Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby has reviewed the Development Application Report for a consent application to create three new lots on Forest Lake Road on property known as 1152 Forest Lake Road, described as Lot 1 being 18.9 ac. with 75 m frontage, Lot 2

being 17 ac. with 68 m frontage, Lot 3 being 17 ac. with 68 m frontage, and the retained lot being 41.1 ac. with 61 m frontage."

This application is accepted with the following conditions:

1. The proposed lots be approved by the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority for on-site sewage systems; and
2. The Township of Joly be provided with a copy of the registered reference plan; and
3. The applicant convey to the Township of Joly the cash-in-lieu of parkland fees.

CARRIED

8.3.2 861 Forest Lake Road

Resolution No: 2026-237

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson **Seconded By:** Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the report on 861 Forest Lake Road and supports in principle the property owner's plans for a future consent on 861 Forest Lake Road, provided the severed lot also meets the minimum lot size."

CARRIED

8.4 By-laws for Consideration

8.4.1 Amend Procedural By-law

Resolution No: 2026-238

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black **Seconded By:** Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "By-law 2026-030 being a By-law to amend the Council Procedural By-law 2024-006, Rules Governing the Proceeding of Council, the Calling of Meetings and Conduct of Members, Staff and the Public, be read and adopted."

CARRIED

9. Administrative Matters

9.1 Fall Newsletter

Resolution No: 2026-239

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black **Seconded By:** Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives and selects Option 1 for the 2026 Joly Newsletter."

CARRIED

9.2 Cancellation of RFP 2026-002 (Municipal Website Re-Design) and Sole-Source Award — AloeRoot Web Services

Resolution No: 2026-240

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson **Seconded By:** Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the staff report on AloeRoot Web Services website support."

CARRIED

9.3 Phishing Awareness

Resolution No: 2026-241

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson **Seconded By:** Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the report on Phishing Awareness."

CARRIED

9.4 Making Permanent the Doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) that is Scheduled to End after the 2026 Allocation

Resolution No: 2026-242

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson **Seconded By:** Councillor Tom Bryson

WHEREAS recent municipal infrastructure funding programs by the Government of Canada and Province of Ontario have tended to prioritize growth-related or housing-enabling infrastructure projects over infrastructure renewal needs;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario doubled the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF) from \$200M/year to \$400M/year for 2021-2026 but has not publicly committed to maintaining this level of funding beyond 2026;

AND WHEREAS the OCIF has become a vital and indispensable resource for municipalities, assisting them with improving their asset management programs and meeting community-preserving infrastructure renewal needs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Joly supports MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure requesting that the doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund be made permanent in advance of the allocations for the 2027 calendar year, in support of, and to encourage, the Government of Ontario to move toward doubling the OCIF funding on a permanent basis for future years, helping municipalities to continue building housing-enabling infrastructure while preserving the economic value provided by existing infrastructure.

CARRIED

9.5 Lynch Lake Dock Project

Resolution No: 2026-243

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black **Seconded By:** Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the report on the dock for Lynch Lake Park and approves the project to commence."

CARRIED

9.6 NORDS Funding (added by amendment to the Agenda)

Resolution No: 2026-247

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson **Seconded By:** Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the report on NORDS funding and directs staff to begin the process to submit an application."

CARRIED

10. Leadership Issues

No items were brought forward under this heading.

11. Council Direction

Clerk's Summary — for the Minutes only; not a resolution of Council.

The following action items were identified during the meeting and are directed to the Roads Superintendent and Administrative Staff for follow-up and report back to Council as noted:

Agenda Item	Description	Assigned To	Action Required
7	Roads Report	Roads Superintendent	Inspect the driveway at 1669 Forest Lake Road and report findings back to Council.
7.3	Garage roof tender	Administrative Staff / Roads Superintendent	Vincent Enterprises (\$43,505.00 HST included) chosen bidder; to notify the bidder and receive proof of insurance and WSIB clearance; then notify unsuccessful bidders; schedule work.
8.3.1	Forest Lake Road consent (3 new lots) — 1152 Forest Lake Road	Administrative Staff	Collect the appropriate fees which include the cash-in-lieu of parkland fee from the property owner; consult with the municipal planner; and begin the consent process, including notifying the applicant of the NBMCA on-site sewage approval requirement and obtaining a copy of the registered reference plan.
8.3.2	861 Forest Lake Road	Administrative Staff	Collect the minor variance fee from the property owner; consult with the municipal planner; and advise the property owner that Council supports a future consent application in principle, provided the severed lot meets the minimum lot size.
8.4.1	Procedural By-law amendment	Clerk	Update prior by-law and Post the amended Procedural By-law 2026-030 in the Township's records.
9.1	Fall Newsletter	Administrative Staff	Proceed with production and distribution of the 2026 Fall Newsletter using Option 1.
9.2	RFP 2026-002 cancellation / AloeRoot sole-source award	Administrative Staff	Communicate the RFP cancellation to those who submitted bids; communicate with AloeRoot Web Services to proceed with the website improvement; and notify the current website provider that the Township will be switching providers.
9.3	Phishing awareness	Clerk	Email and communicate phishing-awareness emails periodically as outlined in the staff report.
9.4	OCIF permanent doubling resolution	Clerk	Circulate the resolution in support of MFOA's letter to the Ministry of Infrastructure; forward to MFOA and other stakeholders as appropriate.
9.5	Lynch Lake Dock Project	Administrative Staff	Inquire with the owner of Gerry's Docks regarding composite decking material and then notify them to proceed with the quote. If composite pricing within budget – composite.
9.6	NORDS funding	Administrative Staff	Begin the process to submit the NORDS funding application.
5 / 6.1	Huntsville Cancer Clinic petition/resolution	Clerk	Make the petition available at the municipal office for public signature; circulate the resolution to Premier

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			Doug Ford, Deputy Premier & Minister of Health Sylvia Jones, MPP Graydon Smith, MP Scott Aitchison, FONOM, AMO, NOMA, and Almaguin-area municipalities.

12. Confirmatory By-law

Resolution No: 2026-245

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson **Seconded By:** Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "Bylaw #2026-031 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council, its Regular Meeting of July 14, 2026, be read and adopted."

CARRIED

13. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2026-246

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson **Seconded By:** Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: "The Regular Council Meeting of July 14th, 2026, be adjourned at 8:12 P.M.."

CARRIED

Budd Brown (in place of Mayor)

Dan Truchon, Clerk