



Township of Joly

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2026 - Regular - 05:30 PM

Present: Mayor, Brian McCabe; Deputy Mayor, Budd Brown; Councillor, Bill Black;
Councillor, Tom Bryson; Councillor, Chris Nicholson

Staff: Municipal Administrator (Clerk), Jennifer Martin; Working Road Foreman, Clint Main

1. Call To Order

Resolution No: 2026-057

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

The chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 P.M.

CARRIED

2. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No: 2026-058

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby amends the Agenda as presented to include item 8.7
Emergency Management C.E.M.C Remuneration.
AND to include a Closed Session under item 9.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Disqualifying Interest (Pecuniary)

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

Resolution No: 2026-059

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 adopts the Minutes of
- Regular Meeting Minutes of January 13
- Special Meeting Minutes of January 22
- Special Meeting of January 29

5. Council Direction From the Previous Meeting-

5.1 Nation Building Improvements to Highways 11/17

Resolution No: 2026-060

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

WHEREAS Canada's east-west trade and national mobility rely on the Trans-Canada Highway system, including Highways 17 and 11 across Northern and Eastern Ontario, which carry significant freight volumes but remain predominantly two-lane corridors;

AND WHEREAS four-laning the entirety of Highway 17 is the ultimate goal of the communities along the corridor;

AND WHEREAS the proven "2+1" highway design - alternating passing lanes with a continuous median barrier - delivers safety outcomes comparable to full twinning at substantially lower cost, land, and environmental impact, and can be scaled or converted to four lanes (2+2) as volumes grow;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced a 2+1 pilot between North Bay and Temagami and a further extension toward Cochrane, creating a near-term implementation pathway;

AND WHEREAS modernizing Highways 17 and 11 will improve safety, reduce closures, strengthen supply-chain reliability for mining, forestry, agriculture, tourism and manufacturing, and enhance national resilience and emergency response capacity;

AND WHEREAS a phased 2+1 build - prioritizing Highway 11 (North Bay -+ Cochrane, then Cochrane -+ Nipigon) and key sections of Highway 17 (western border of County of Renfrew-+ Sudbury; Sault Ste. Marie--+ Sudbury; Thunder Bay--+ Kenora) - aligns with nation-building criteria, supports economic reconciliation with indigenous partners, and enables integrated EV charging and low-carbon construction practices;

AND WHEREAS analysis summarized by the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, (FONOM) demonstrates high freight demand on these routes and strong safety / economic rationale for a 2+1 program;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly formally endorses the adoption and phased implementation of a 2+1 highway program on Highways 17 and 11 as a nation-building project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Canada be urged to designate this initiative as a project of national interest under the Building Canada Act and to partner with Ontario to co-fund and accelerate planning, design, procurement, and construction;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario be urged to expand the announced pilot to a corridor-wide program, sequencing works according to readiness, safety benefit and economic importance;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Government of Ontario prioritize these projects into the Ministry of Transportation's Major Projects Division;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT both governments ensure early, ongoing, and capacity supported engagement with affected Indigenous Nations, with opportunities for Indigenous training, contracting, and equity participation ;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the program incorporate corridor-wide safety features (barrier-separated 2+1 cross-sections, controlled passing frequency, wildlife considerations), resilience measures (closure mitigation, climate adaptation), and clean-growth elements (EV charging readiness, recycled aggregates, lower-carbon materials) ;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this Resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transport (Canada), the Minister of infrastructure (Canada), the Ontario Minister of Transportation, our local MP and MPP, Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), Northwestern Ontario Municipal Association (NOMA), Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC) for support, and the County of Renfrew for information.

5.2 Support for steel and lumber sectors

Resolution No: 2026-061

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby Supports The Township of Nairn and Hyman Resolution #2025-14-247;

WHEREAS the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM) has issued a media release dated November 26, 2025, welcoming the Government of Canada's new measures to support the steel and softwood lumber sectors in response to ongoing U.S. tariff pressures; and

WHEREAS the federal actions-including strengthened protections for domestic producers, expanded financial supports, and increased incentives to utilize Canadian steel and lumber in federal infrastructure and housing projects-represent important steps in stabilizing industries that are vital to Northern Ontario's economy; and

WHEREAS municipalities across the North continue to experience the economic impacts of industry closures, including the recent shutdown of Domtar a pulp and paper mill in the neighboring Town of Espanola, which has demonstrated the vulnerability of resource-dependent communities and the need for coordinated intergovernmental support; and

WHEREAS the Township of Joly recognizes the significant role of Interfor, our local soft-wood lumber mill, as a major employer and economic anchor in our region, and further recognizes that any threat to its continued operation would have devastating consequences for workers, families, and local businesses; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has a shared responsibility to ensure the long-term sustainability of the forestry, lumber, and steel sectors, which are foundational to the economic wellbeing of Northern and rural communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Joly commends the Government of Canada for its leadership and for implementing substantial measures to support Canada's steel and softwood lumber industries during this period of trade volatility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council respectfully urges the Government of Ontario to introduce additional financial, regulatory, and policy-based supports to ensure that Ontario's steel, forestry, and lumber sectors remain competitive, resilient, and able to withstand ongoing international trade pressures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council specifically calls upon the Province of Ontario to work directly with industry stakeholders, including municipalities and major employers such as Interfor, to create programs and investments that will help protect jobs, maintain production capacity, and support long-term industry growth in Northern Ontario; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Minister of Northern Development, FONOM, MP, MPP all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

5.3 Support Opposition to consolidation of Conservation Authorities

Resolution No: 2026-062

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Seconded By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby support the Town of Kingsville Resolution number 195-11172025.

Whereas the Conservation Authorities Act, 1990 (the "Act"), originally enacted in 1946, was established to allow municipalities to form conservation authorities that are equipped to develop and deliver local, watershed-based conservation, restoration and natural resource management programs on behalf of the province and municipalities;

And whereas there are thirty-six (36) conservation authorities in Ontario, each of which is distinct and reflects the unique environmental, geographic and community needs of its watershed;

And whereas on October 31, 2025, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks announced the Government's intention to introduce legislation which would amend the Act to create the Ontario Provincial

Conservation Agency and consolidate Ontario's 36 conservation authorities into seven (7) regional conservation authorities.

NOW Therefore Be It Resolved Council for the Corporation of The Township of Joly:

- Wishes to formally state that it opposes the consolidation of Ontario's conservation authorities without knowing the full financial and operational impact to municipalities and the conservation authorities; and,
- Directs the Municipal Administrator to forward a copy of this resolution to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy, the Honourable Rob Flack, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Anthony Leardi, MPP, AMCTO, AMO and all Ontario Municipalities.

CARRIED

6. Roads Report

Resolution No: 2026-063

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Seconded By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the road report from January and direct the Road Foreman to bring back a staff report outlining the breakdown of cost for the Township to maintain Brennans Road year round, including, grading, calcium, plowing.

AND Further direct the Road Foreman to send out bridge inspection RFP.

CARRIED

6.1 Future Flood Mitigation Discussion

Resolution No: 2026-064

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 discusses future flood mitigation and direct the Road foreman to provide a list of year round and seasonal road problem area that are effected with heavy rainstorms based on prior years.

Example:

- Forest Lake Road
- Kents Mill
- Lynch Lake
- Lodge Lane
- Any others
- Maple Ridge

CARRIED

7. Legislative Matters

7.1 Consent Agenda

Resolution No: 2026-065

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 consent agenda as presented and wishes to support the following;

CARRIED

7.2 Committee (Internal/External Reports)

Resolution No: 2026-066

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 committee updates as presented.

CARRIED

7.2.1 Joint Building Committee

Resolution No: 2026-067

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Seconded By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the unaudited year end reports from the Joint Building Committee.

CARRIED

7.2.1.1 Joint Building Committee Budget

Resolution No: 2026-068

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 receive JBC Resolution #2026-006.

AND THAT Council hereby approves the Joint Building Committee 2026 budget of \$34,320.00

CARRIED

7.2.2 ACED Regional Economic Development Services 2026 Budget

Resolution No: 2026-069

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 and approves the 2026 Regional Economic Development Operating budget of \$241,300 with the Township of Jolys portion being \$7,366.

CARRIED

7.3 By-Laws for Consideration

7.3.1 Bylaw 2026-002 Respecting remuneration and expenses for members of Council for 2026

Resolution No: 2026-070

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Bylaw 2026-002 being a Bylaw respecting remuneration and expenses for members of Council for 2026 be read and adopted.

CARRIED

7.3.2 Bylaw 2026-011 Being a bylaw to enter into an agreement for the provision of Regional Economic Development Services

Resolution No: 2026-071

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Bylaw 2026-011 being a Bylaw to enter into an agreement for the provision of Regional Economic Development Services be read and adopted.

AND Further Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly direct the Mayor and Municipal Administrator to sign the agreement attached hereto.

CARRIED

8. Administrative Matters

**New Business/Reports from Officers/Employees on Various Issues
(Including reports from Departments which require Council approval- NIL**

8.1 Medical Centre- Not For Profit Clarification Report

Resolution No: 2026-072

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

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 regarding Sundridge and District Medical Centre - Board of Directors Not-For-Profit.

CARRIED

8.2 R2026-050 Township of Strong

Resolution No: 2026-073

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 resolution R2026-050 from the Township of Strong.

AND Council hereby remains in support of the Township of Joly Resolution#2025-00308 from the October 14, 2025 Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

8.3 Village of Sundridge Resolution 2026-020 Administration for shared services

Resolution No: 2026-074

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 and supports resolution 2026-020 from the Village of Sundridge

And that this process and information gathering be brought to a Tri-Council meeting for further consideration.

CARRIED

8.4 Phragmites Control Centre

Resolution No: 2026-075

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 letter and map from the Phragmites Working Group and hereby authorizes the Municipal Administrator to sign the Municipal Comment form attached hereto as provided by the Phragmites Working Group.

CARRIED

8.5 Fee Schedule Updates

Resolution No: 2026-076

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 and approves the updated General Administration Fees/ User Fees/ Licenses Schedule "A" to Bylaw 2023-016. Council direct staff to bring back Bylaw for updating at the next Regular meeting of Council.

CARRIED

8.6 Treasurer Report January

Resolution No: 2026-077

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the Treasurers Report form January.

CARRIED

8.7 Emergency Management Program C.E.M.C Renumeration

Resolution No: 2026-080

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

WHEREAS In Ontario, municipalities must comply with the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* and *Ontario Regulation 380/04*,

AND WHEREAS municipalities need an emergency management plan to protect residents, property, and the environment by providing a structured, coordinated approach to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies, ensuring quick mobilization, resource integration, clear responsibilities, and reduced chaos and loss during disasters like floods, fires, or power outages,

AND WHEREAS the Township of Joly enacted Bylaw A-2024-020 that formalized an emergency management program with the municipalities of the Village of South River, the Village of Sundridge, and the Township of Strong,

AND WHEREAS the intent of this collaborative program was to support any or all four of the municipalities with staffing and resources during an emergency, including a C.E.M.C. position that was to assist in the creation and development of an Emergency Management Program and Plan, and the facilitation of public awareness,

AND WHEREAS the development of this plan that encompasses four separate communities and brings their unique characteristics and specific needs into one emergency plan has taken time, dedication, hard work, and commitment by the C.E.M.C.,

AND WHEREAS this shared emergency management program has seen success in not only the municipalities obtaining their provincial compliance, but with elected officials and residents being more prepared for an emergency event.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT in recognition of the commitment and dedication shown by the C.E.M.C. the Council for the Corporation of The Township of Joly authorize a three (3) dollar per hour wage increase for 2026, effective January 1, 2026, plus an annual cost of living allowance increase as per The Village of Sundridge's Employee Wage By-Law for the years of 2027 and 2028.

CARRIED

8.8 Landfill Waste Disposal Fees

Resolution No: 2026-083

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the update regarding the 7% increase in Landfill fees for the 2026 year.

CARRIED

9. Closed Session

Resolution No: 2026-081

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 moves into closed session at 7:50 P.M. pursuant to section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act* and specifically, subsections:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

For the purpose of considering: Christmas Bonus

CARRIED

9.1 Closed Session Adjournment

Resolution No: 2026-082

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council adjourned the Closed Meeting at 8:02P.M. and returned to open session.

CARRIED

10. Confirmatory By-law

Resolution No: 2026-078

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Bylaw 2026-012 being a Bylaw to confirm the proceedings of Council, its Regular Meeting of February 10, 2026 be read and adopted.

CARRIED

11. Adjournment

Resolution No: 2026-079

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Regular Council Meeting of February 10, 2026 be adjourned at 8:03 P.M. Until the next Regular meeting of Council on March 10, 2026 or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk