

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

Regular Meeting of Council

Minutes

Monday December 8, 2025, at 6 p.m.

Council Chambers

3720 County Road 34

Alexandria, Ontario K0C 1A0

PRESENT:

Mayor: Jamie MacDonald – *arrived at 6:03pm*

Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams

Councillor: Jacques Massie

Councillor: Jeff Manley

Councillor: Brian Caddell

Councillor: Michael Madden

Councillor: Gary Martin

ALSO PRESENT:

Interim CAO/Clerk: Timothy Simpson

Deputy Clerk: Jena Doonan

Director of Community Services: Stephanie MacRae

Director of Building, Planning & By-law: Jacob Rheaume

Fire Chief: Matthew Roy

Director of Public Works: Timothy Wright

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

Mayor MacDonald running late.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

3. ACCEPT THE AGENDA (Additions/Deletions)

Resolution No. 1

Moved by: Jeff Manley

Seconded by: Jacques Massie

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry accepts the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Council on Monday December 8, 2025

Carried

4. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Resolution No. 2

Moved by: Jacques Massie
Seconded by: Jeff Manley

THAT the minutes of the following meeting(s) be adopted as circulated.

- Regular Meeting of Council Minutes – Monday November 24, 2025
- Special Closed Session Meeting Minutes – Thursday November 27, 2025

Carried

**Mayor MacDonald arrived and proceeded to chair the remainder of the meeting*

5. DELEGATIONS

Raisin Region Conservation Authority Budget - Alison MacDonald, General Manager/Treasurer

Alison MacDonald, General Manager/Treasurer of the Raisin Region Conservation Authority (RRCA), provided an overview of RRCA's programs, including natural hazard management, source water protection, and conservation lands. RRCA continues to monitor the Glengarry River system, including eight beaver dams near the Mill Pond intake. Also informing Council that the 2026 draft budget is currently under a 30-day consultation period. RRCA also noted ongoing concerns regarding the province's proposed consolidation of conservation authorities.

6. STAFF REPORTS

Community Services Department

CS 2025-23: 2026 Canada Day Events

Resolution No. 3

Moved by: Jeff Manley
Seconded by: Michael Madden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives Staff Report No. CS-2025-23: 2026 Canada Day Events; and,

THAT Council approves the following schedule for the 2026 Canada Day celebrations:
Saturday, June 27, 2026 – Canada Day in Glen Robertson
Tuesday, June 30, 2026 – Canada Day in Apple Hill and Maxville
Wednesday, July 1, 2026 – Canada Day in Alexandria

Carried

CS 2025-24: Municipal Recreation Association Committee Capital Project

Resolution No. 4

Moved by: Michael Madden
Seconded by: Jeff Manley

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives Staff Report No. CS-2025-24: Municipal Recreation Association Committee Capital Projects Update; and

THAT Council approves the re-allocation of Dalkeith Recreation Association Capital Funds to support siding repairs at the Dalkeith Community Centre; and

THAT Council approve the allocation of the 2026 Municipal Recreation Association Committee Capital Projects.

Carried

CS 2025-25: HGMH Pool Update

Resolution No. 5

Moved by: Brian Caddell
seconded by: Jeff Manley

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives Staff Report No. CS-2025-25: HGMH Pool Updates for information purposes only.

Carried

CS 2025-26: Arts Culture and Heritage Committee Terms of Reference

Resolution No. 6

Moved by: Micheal Madden
Seconded by: Gary Martin

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives Staff Report No. CS-2025-26: Arts Culture and Heritage Committee Terms of Reference; and

THAT Council adopts the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee Terms of Reference.

Carried

CS 2025-27: Community Development Committee Terms of Reference

Resolution No. 7

Moved by: Gary Martin
Seconded by: Carma Williams

THAT the council of the township of north glengarry receives staff report no. cs-2025-27: community development committee terms of reference; and

THAT council adopts the community development committee terms of reference.

Carried

CS 2025-28: Designation of the Glengarry Archives Building

Resolution No. 8

MOVED BY: Carma Williams

SECONDED BY: Jacques Massie

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives Staff Report No. CS-2025-28, Designation of the Glengarry County Archives Building, and

THAT Council receives By-law 47-2025, being a by-law to designate the property at 28 Kenyon Street East, Alexandria, (Glengarry County Archives), as a property of cultural heritage value or interest;

AND THAT By-Law 47-2025 be read a first, second, and third time and enacted in Open Council this 8th day of December 2025.

Carried

Building, Planning & By-law Department

BP 2025-27: Zoning By-law Amendment No. Z-10-2025, Zawisla

Resolution No. 9

MOVED BY: Brian Caddell

SECONDED BY: Jeff Manley

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry adopt Zoning By-Law No. Z-10-2025; and

THAT By-law No. Z-10-2025 be read a first second and third time and enacted in open Council this 08th day of December 2025.

Carried

BP-2025-28: Zoning By-law Amendment No. Z-11-2025, Dirico

Resolution No. 10

MOVED BY: Jeff Manley

SECONDED BY: Michael Madden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry adopt Zoning By-Law No. Z-11-2025; and

THAT By-law No. Z-11-2025 be read a first second and third time and enacted in open Council this 08th day of December 2025.

Carried

Public Works Department

PW 2025-25: Pick up Replacement

Resolution No. 11

MOVED BY: Michael Madden

SECONDED BY: Gary Martin

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives report PW-2025-25: Pick up Replacement; and

THAT Council authorizes the purchase of a replacement pickup truck for the sum of \$66,750+HST from Roy's Chevrolet Buick GMC Inc;

AND THAT Council authorizes the purchase of a replacement V plow blade from for the sum of \$17,760+HST from Carmikel's Canada

Carried

PW 2025-26: Equipment Attachments

Resolution No. 12

MOVED BY: Carma Williams

SECONDED BY: Jacques Massie

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives report PW-2025-26: Equipment Attachments; and

THAT Council authorizes the purchase of a backhoe thumb for the sum of \$17,900+HST from Terrapro Construction - Vars; and

THAT Council authorizes the purchase of a pair of forks for the Loader in Alexandria for \$13,914 + HST from Brandt- Ottawa

Amendment – That the motion be amended to approve the purchase of a pair of forks for the Loader from Delta Power Equipment for \$10,500.

Final Motion

THAT the Council the Township of North Glengarry receives report PW-2025-26: Equipment Attachments; and

THAT Council authorizes the purchase of a backhoe thumb for the sum of \$17,900+HST from Terrapro Construction - Vars;

AND THAT Council authorizes the purchase of a pair of forks for the Loader from Delta Power Equipment for \$10,500, As Amended

Carried

PW 2025-27: Pedestrian Crossing Warning Light Equipment

Resolution No. 13

MOVED BY: Jeff Manley

SECONDED BY: Michael Madden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives report PW-2025-27: Pedestrian Crossing Warning Light Equipment; and

THAT Council authorizes the purchase of two sets of pedestrian crossing warning lights for \$22,020.35 from Logix ITS Inc;

Carried

Fire Department

FD 2025-07 -Dunvegan Water Storage Tank – Licence Agreement and Bill of Sale

Resolution No. 14

MOVED BY: Carma Williams

SECONDED BY: Jeff Manley

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry authorizes the Mayor and Clerk to execute the License Agreement between the Corporation of the Township of North Glengarry (Licensor) and North Glengarry BESS Inc. (Licensee) for the installation of an underground water storage tank on municipal lands in Dunvegan.

THAT Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk to execute the Bill of Sale transferring ownership of the tank and associated equipment to the Township upon completion of the work.

THAT By-law number 48-2025, Licence Agreement with BESS, be read a first, second and third time in open Council this December 8, 2025.

Carried

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution No. 15

Moved by: Gary Martin

Seconded by: Jacques Massie

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry receives the item(s) from the consent agenda for information purposes only.

Carried

9. NEW BUSINESS

Support for Local Governance of Conservation Authorities

Moved By: Jamie MacDonald

Seconded By: Carma Williams

Proposed Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act and ERO #025-1257

WHEREAS the *Conservation Authorities Act* (1946) enables municipalities to establish Conservation Authorities and appoint locally elected representatives to their Boards, ensuring direct municipal oversight and accountability for programs funded by municipal taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the municipalities within the South Nation River watershed established South Nation Conservation (SNC) in 1947 to protect people, property, farmland, water resources, and natural systems through a watershed-based model that reflects local geographic, hydrologic, and community needs;

AND WHEREAS municipalities within the SNC jurisdiction currently provide between 25% and 50% of total funding for conservation authority operations, while provincial funding has declined to approximately 3% in recent years;

AND WHEREAS SNC delivers essential services that support municipal responsibilities, including:

- natural hazard identification and permitting;
- watershed planning and development review;
- flood forecasting, emergency management, and low water response;
- drinking water source protection;
- watershed monitoring, reporting, and technical studies;
- sustainable forestry, agricultural stewardship, and restoration programs;
- management of over 13,000 acres of conservation lands, including lands donated by residents and managed through municipal service agreements;

AND WHEREAS on November 7, 2025, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks posted ERO #025-1257 proposing to consolidate Ontario's 36 Conservation Authorities into seven regional conservation authorities and to establish a new Ontario Provincial Conservation Agency, with limited consultation and without accompanying cost-benefit analysis or evidence demonstrating the need for this restructuring;

AND WHEREAS Schedule 3 of Bill 68 enables the Province to assume governance authority over regional conservation authorities, raising concerns regarding diminished municipal representation, loss of local decision-making, and centralization of watershed management;

AND WHEREAS municipalities in Eastern Ontario have expressed concern, including the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, that restructuring may:

- increase red tape and administrative burden;
- impose significant transition costs for HR, IT, land transfers, and governance realignment;
- dilute rural voices within large regional agencies dominated by major urban centres;
- erode donor confidence and affect the stewardship of thousands of acres of locally donated lands;
- disrupt bilingual service delivery in designated municipalities governed by the *French Language Services Act*;

AND WHEREAS Conservation Authorities—including SNC—already collaborate regionally through successful shared-service models, joint watershed studies, coordinated flood forecasting, agricultural stewardship partnerships, digital permitting, and harmonized technical reviews, demonstrating that modernization and efficiency can be achieved without dismantling local governance structures;

AND WHEREAS municipalities rely on SNC's field-based expertise, rapid on-site support, landowner relationships, and local knowledge—services that risk being weakened under a large, centralized regional structure;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Township of North Glengarry urges the Government of Ontario to maintain local, municipally governed, watershed-based Conservation Authorities, including South Nation Conservation, to ensure effective natural resource and natural hazard management, transparent local services, and accountability for municipal levy dollars;

AND FURTHER THAT this Council does not support the proposed consolidation boundaries presented in ERO #025-1257 or the creation of a new provincial Conservation Agency without evidence-based analysis, transparent consultation, and clear articulation of impacts to municipal budgets, local service delivery, donor lands, and bilingual obligations;

AND FURTHER THAT this Council encourages the Province to work collaboratively with municipalities and Conservation Authorities to identify opportunities for improved consistency, modernization, and shared-service approaches within the existing watershed governance model;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to:

- the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks;
- local MPPs and MPs;

- all municipalities within the South Nation Watershed;
- the Association of Municipalities of Ontario;
- the Rural Ontario Municipal Association;
- Conservation Ontario; and
- all Conservation Authorities in Ontario.

Deferred

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Next Regular Meeting of Council

Monday January 12, 2026, at 6.p.m. in the Council Chambers, 3720 County Road 34, Alexandria, Ontario

Note: Meeting are subject to change and cancellation

11. QUESTION PERIOD

Questions are to be in relation to the items presented on this agenda. Limit of one question per person and subsequent questions will be at the discretion of the Mayor/Chair.

12. CLOSED SESSION

Resolution No. 17

Moved by: Michael Madden

Seconded by: Gary Martin

Proceed “In closed Session”

As this matter deals with personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees they may be discussed in closed session under sections 239 (2)(b) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*;

As this matter deals with labour relations or employee negotiations they may be discussed in closed session under sections 239 (2)(d) of the *Ontario Municipal Act*;

And adopt the minutes of the Municipal Council Closed Session meeting of Monday November 27, 2025.

Carried

Resolution No. 18

Moved by:

Seconded by:

MOVED BY: Carma Williams

SECONDED BY: Jacques Massie

THAT Council now rise and report from the in-camera session held on Monday December 8, 2025 during the Regular Council Meeting; and

THAT there are no reportable items arising from the closed session;

AND THAT the Regular Council Meeting now resume at 7:41p.m

Carried

13. CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

Resolution No. 19

Moved by: Jeff Manley

Seconded by: Michael Madden

THAT the Council of the Township of North Glengarry adopts by-law 49-2025, being a by-law to adopt, confirm, and ratify the matters dealt with by Resolution; and

THAT by-law 49-2025 be read a first, second and third time and enacted in Open Council this 8th day of December 2025.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 20

Moved by: Jacques Massie

Seconded by: Brian Caddell

THERE being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Carried

CAO/Clerk/Deputy Clerk

Mayor/Deputy Mayor