

REGULAR AGENDA – AGENDA 46
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
August 21, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Laird Township Council Chambers

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**
- 3. Agenda Approval**
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the August 21, 2025, agenda as presented.
- 4. Delegations and Presentations**
- 5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - a. Council Regular Meeting – July 17, 2025 **P. 5 - 9**
 - b. Special Council Meeting – August 21, 2025 **P. 10 - 11**
 - c. Recreation Committee Meeting – No scheduled meeting for July
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves minutes of the Regular Council meeting of July 17, 2025, and the Special Council Meeting of August 12, 2025.
- 6. Adoption of Accounts**
 - a. General accounts to July 31, 2025 **P. 12**
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the general accounts to July 31, 2025, in the amount of \$1,913.07.
 - b. Roads accounts to July 31, 2025 **P. 13**
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the roads account to July 31, 2025, in the amount of \$37,481.80.
- 7. Staff and Committee Reports**
 - a. **Road Superintendent** (Roads, Waste Disposal & Recycling, and Maintenance)
 - i. Road Superintendent Report
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Road Superintendent Report dated August 21, 2025, as presented.
 - ii. Council Q&A
 - b. **Clerk Administrator, Deputy Treasurer**
 - i. Clerk's Report
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Clerk's Report dated August 21, 2025, as presented.

- ii. Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log **P. 14 - 15**
- iii. Concern/Information Log – Updates **P. 16**
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the August 21, 2025, Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log and the Concern/Information Log as presented.

iv. Council Q&A

c. Treasurer's Report

- i. Budget report up to June 30, 2025 **P. 17 - 29**
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Budget Report up to June 30, 2025.
- ii. Arrears Update – Verbal report
- iii. Financial Audit Meeting August 14, 2025 – Verbal report

d. Recreation Committee & Recreation Sub-Committees

- i. Finns' Bay Wharf Sub-committee Minutes – June 25, 2025 **P. 30 - 32**
 - ii. Pumpkin Point Park Sub-committee Minutes – July 22, 2025 **P. 33 - 34**
 - iii. Fairgrounds Sub-committee Minutes – July 22, 2025 **P. 35 - 36**
- Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the June 25, 2025 Finns' Bay Wharf Sub-committee minutes, July 22, 2025, Pumpkin Point Park Sub-committee minutes and the July 22, 2025, Fairgrounds Sub-committee minutes; and

Further That Council approves the Finns' Bay Wharf Sub-committee motion 09-25 to have the Wharf gazebo made accessible by altering the West corner and installing a 36-inch door to match the existing entrance door and install a ramp and requests the committee to put required renovations in the 2026 budget.

Council also approves the Finns' Bay Wharf Sub-committee motion 10-25 to have the gravel be cut back by one load and the funds be used to purchase and install the life ring at the Finns' Bay Wharf.

Council approves Fairgrounds sub-committee motion R34-25 to add the option of a \$25.00 fee for having the horse arena groomed the following day by staff.

- iv. 2025 Committee and Board – Addition to Fairgrounds Sub-committee **P. 37 - 38** and resignations from Pumpkin Point Park Sub-committee and the Laird Hall Sub-committee.

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves adding Patrick Connolly as a member of the Fairgrounds Sub-committee and that Council accepts the resignation of Shawna DePlonty from the Pumpkin Point Park Sub-committee and the Laird Hall Sub-committee, with regrets, and would like to thank Shawna for her volunteer work.

- e. Cemetery Board
- f. Planning Board
- g. Police Detachment Board
- h. Algoma District Services Administrative Board

i. Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA)

- i. ADMA AGM – September 27, 2025, White River **P. 39 - 40**

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the ADMA correspondence and further that Council will send _____ and _____ to attend the September 27, 2025 meeting and will participate on the shared bus transportation.

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Computer Purchase Options and Recommendation Report **P. 41 - 42**

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the quote from Algoma Business Computers in the amount of \$10,464.67 plus HST for the purchase of desktop computers, including full-service setup and a 3-year warranty, as per the specifications provided by the Township's IT provider.

- b. Memo: Appointment of an Engineer for ECA Compliance **P. 43 - 44**

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Algoma Engineering Co. to provide engineering services for the Township's Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) compliance at the Fairgrounds site, including preparation for and attendance at the pre-application consultation meeting with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), at a cost of \$5,000 plus HST, with fees as outlined in their submitted proposal;

And further that Staff be directed to notify the MECP of the appointment of a qualified person and provide estimated timelines for submission, in accordance with the requirements of the Inspection Report received July 3, 2025.

9. New Business

- a. Fairgrounds Yard Light Replacement

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve Black Fox Electric to install 4 300-watt flood lights for the horse barn area and 4 150-watt yard lights at the Laird Fairgrounds in the amount of \$6,102.66 plus HST, to come out of working capital reserve.

b. By-law Enforcement Officer – Best Buy Quote **P. 45 - 46**

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the Best Buy quote for a new laptop equipped with the necessary Microsoft Office program, contributing \$215.00 to the joint purchase with the Townships of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional, Tarbutt and Hilton Township.

c. 2025 Northeast Municipal Council Workshop **P. 47 - 48**

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council reviews the save the date information on the upcoming 2025 Northeast Municipal Council Workshop on October 21 and 22, 2025, in Sudbury, and further that Council would like to register _____ Councillors to attend.

10. Notices of Motion

11. Closed Session

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into closed session at _____ p.m. in accordance with Section 239 (2) (c) a proposed or pending acquisition of disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

a. Approval of closed meeting minutes of July 17, 2025.

b. Pending disposition of land by the municipality

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council come out of closed meeting session at _____ p.m. and continue with the Regular Council Meeting.

Consideration of and action on matters arising out of the closed meeting.

12. Communications and Correspondence

a. Canadian Land Access Systems, RE: CLAS Introduction, June 11, 2025 **P. 49 - 50**

b. Riston McBride, RE: Summer Co-op Student, August 6, 2025 **P. 51 - 52**

c. Jim and Jackie Junor, RE: Support for Stop the Spray Ontario, August 13, 2025 **P. 53 - 55**

d. Jacob Kluding, RE: Laird Heritage Tidbits, August 2025 **P. 56 - 57**

13. Mayor and Council Comments

14. By-laws

a. 2060-25 Conformity By-law **P. 58**

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2060-25 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on August 21, 2025.

15. Adjournment

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council shall now adjourn to meet again on September 18, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.

REGULAR AGENDA – AGENDA 44
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
July 17, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Laird Township Council Chambers

Present: *Mayor:* Shawn Evoy
Councillors: Matt Frolick, Wayne Junor, Todd Rydall,
Brad Shewfelt
Clerk: Jennifer Errington
Road Superintendent: Shawn Evoy
Presenters: Mitch Marinovich, Patrick Connolly (phone)

1. Call to Order

Mayor Evoy called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Agenda Approval

#160-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the July 17, 2025 agenda as presented.

Carried.

4. Delegations and Presentations

a. Stefanizzi Professional Corporation Chartered Professional Accountant

i. Consolidated Financial Statements for year ended December 31, 2024
DRAFT

- Good clean audit.

#161-25

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs the Treasurer and the Clerk to sign the Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2024.

b. North Shore Agricultural Society (NSAS) – Patrick Connolly, President, called in at 7:22 p.m. to speak to Council.

i. NSAS use of fairgrounds on dates other than the Laird Fair weekend.

- Patrick Connolly explained to Council that the grant funding is based on membership and the number of events NSAS puts on. Grant money raised can go towards things such as kids' events for the Laird Fair, and there are opportunities for grant funding that can go towards upgrades/repairs to the fairgrounds. The more events NSAS puts on, their insurance fees go up. They would like to work with the Township to help lower the costs for events. NSAS put on the Little Britches Rodeo on July 12, 2025, they didn't charge admission or require membership. NSAS would like to put on more events and would like to have the use of the grounds at no cost. Council requested that NSAS put together a plan and present it to Council after the Laird Fair.

#168-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to refund the Laird Fairgrounds Rental fees for the Little Britches Rodeo held on July 12, 2025 put on by the North Shore Agricultural Society.

Carried.

5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

a. Council Regular Meeting – June 19, 2025

b. Recreation Committee Meeting – June 24, 2025 – No Quorum
#162-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves minutes of the Regular Council meeting of June 19, 2025.

Carried.

6. Adoption of Accounts

a. General accounts to June 30, 2025

#163-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the general accounts to June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$10,798.75.

Carried.

b. Roads accounts to June 30, 2025

#164-25

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the roads account to June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$67,496.01.

Carried.

7. Staff and Committee Reports

a. **Road Superintendent** (Roads, Waste Disposal & Recycling, and Maintenance)

i. Road Superintendent Report

#165-24

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Road Superintendent Report dated July 17, 2025, as presented.

Carried.

#166-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to purchase the Kubota Disc Mower currently being rented by the Roads Department from roadside cutting. For the purchase price of \$8,000.00. Noting that the \$1,500.00 rental fee will be waived by Northshore Tractor.

#167-25

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to proceed with required repair to the washroom trailer used by LIR.

Carried.

b. **Clerk Administrator, Deputy Treasurer**

i. Clerk's Report

#169-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Clerk's Report dated July 17, 2025, as presented.

Carried.

- ii. Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log
- iii. Concern/Information Log – Updates
#170-25
Moved by: Brad Shewfelt
Seconded by: Matt Frolick
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the July 17, 2025, Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log and the Concern/Information Log as presented.
Carried.

c. Treasurer's Report

d. Recreation Committee & Recreation Sub-Committees

- i. Wharf Sub-committee Minutes – June 25, 2025
#171-25
Moved by: Wayne Junor
Seconded by: Matt Frolick
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the June 25, 2025, Wharf Sub-committee minutes.
Carried.
- ii. 2025 Committee and Board – Addition to Wharf Sub-committee
#172-25
Moved by: Todd Rydall
Seconded by: Matt Frolick
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves adding Carol Ranta as a member of the Wharf Sub-committee.
Carried.

e. Cemetery Board

f. Planning Board

g. Police Detachment Board

h. Algoma District Services Administrative Board

i. Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA)

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Algoma Power Echo Bay to St. Joseph Community Tree Giveaway
#173-25
Moved by: Brad Shewfelt
Seconded by: Matt Frolick
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to reach out to organizers Paul and Tania Hazelett to confirm that Council would like Laird Township to participate in the Algoma Power Echo Bay to St. Joseph Community Tree Giveaway, and to have staff let the organizers know when the next Township newsletter will be issued in order to advertise the community tree giveaway event.
Carried.

9. New Business

- a. Memo: Modernizing Municipal Payment and Revenue Collection with Access2Pay
#174-25
Moved by: Todd Rydall
Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Modernizing Municipal Payment and Revenue Collection with Access2Pay report for information, and THAT Council directs staff to schedule a formal proposal review with Access2Pay, explore funding options, and to return to Council with a recommendation as to how this system or others like it may free up an equal or better amount of staff labour and make the case that this system pays for itself in offset labour.
Carried.

10. Notices of Motion

11. Closed Session

#175-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into closed session at 8:07 p.m. in accordance with Section 239 (2) (a) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

Carried.

a. Approval of closed meeting minutes of June 17, 2025.

b. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

#176-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council come out of closed meeting session at 8:34 p.m. and continue with the Regular Council Meeting.

Carried.

Consideration of and action on matters arising out of the closed meeting.

#177-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hire Noah Crozier as the Laird Fairgrounds Custodian.

Carried.

#178-25

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hire Ron Schmidt as the Temporary Waste Disposal Site Attendant.

Carried.

12. Communications and Correspondence

a. Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre, RE: Thank you for your Support, June 17, 2025

b. Ministry for Seniors and Accessibility, RE: Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) Grant, July 7, 2025

#179-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to participate in information sessions for the Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) Grant and to apply for grant.

Carried.

c. Support Resolution: City of Pickering, RE: Raising Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), June 6, 2025

#180-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Municipality of Pickering's' resolution requesting the Ontario Provincial Government to significantly raise the

payments of Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and the increases be reflected in the upcoming Provincial Budget and that the increased amount aligns with inflationary costs and thereby decrease the pressure on food banks and the reliance on municipalities and taxpayers to supplement the gap in financial need; and,

THAT the resolution be forwarded to all Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).
Carried.

- d. Jody Wildman, RE: Meeting with the Opposition, July 14, 2025
- e. Hydro One, RE: North Shore Link Project, July 2025
- f. Township of Tarbutt, RE: Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board, June 19, 2025

13. Mayor and Council Comments

14. By-laws

- a. 2058-25 Conformity By-law
#181-25
Moved by: Wayne Junor
Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2058-25 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on July 17, 2025.
Carried.

15. Adjournment

- #182-25
Moved by: Todd Rydall
Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council shall now adjourn to meet again on August 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Laird Fairgrounds for a Special Site Meeting or until the call of the chair.
Carried.

Mayor – _____
Shawn Evoy

Clerk – _____
Jennifer Errington

SPECIAL AGENDA – AGENDA 45
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
August 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Laird Township Fairgrounds: 127 Lake George Road East

Present:	<i>Mayor:</i>	Shawn Evoy
	<i>Councillors:</i>	Todd Rydall, Brad Shewfelt, Wayne Junor, Matt Frolick
	<i>Clerk:</i>	Jennifer Errington
	<i>Staff:</i>	Ed Lapish
	<i>Guest:</i>	Donnie Varcoe

1. Call to Order

Mayor Evoy called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

3. Agenda Approval

183-25

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the August 12, 2025, agenda as presented.

Carried.

4. Delegations and Presentations

5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

6. Adoption of Accounts

7. Staff and Committee Reports

8. Unfinished Business

9. New Business

a. Fairgrounds Site Visit

- i. **LIR Site Visit as per lease agreement** – Walk through of premises, looking to see if grounds and structures are in good condition or require repairs.
 - Council walked the grounds, the fence between the parking area and LIR needs to be properly repaired.
 - Donnie Varcoe stated there are lights that need to be switched out on the LIR side.
- ii. **Public Washrooms** – Review repairs.
 - 4 toilets have been replaced, 2 others were acting up but seem to be working okay, but may need to be changed in the future.
 - There was a water leak under the washroom building; it seems to have disappeared, but it may be an issue in the future. Staff to keep an eye on situation.
 - Staff are going to fix the rubber membrane on the washroom building roof.
 - Staff are working on getting a quote to have wired lighting in the washroom building, as they currently have plug-in lights.
 - The washroom building has been set up to make it easier to drain for the winter.
 - Council and Donnie Varcoe of LIR confirmed that the repairs to the washroom building will be split 50/50.

- iii. **LIR Lease Agreement** – June 1, 2022, ending May 31, 2027
 - Donnie Varcoe will come to us when he is ready to hand over the lease.
- iv. **Laird Fairgrounds**
 - At least 5 lights need to be fixed on the grounds. Staff to get quotes for Council to review.
 - Rental for the weekend of August 16-17, renters drained the well. Staff to send the renter a letter. Council requested that staff look into having flow meters on all water lines as a means to monitor water usage.
 - Staff to investigate having bigger holding tanks for well water.

10. Notices of Motion

11. Closed Session

12. Communications and Correspondence

13. Mayor and Council Comments

14. By-laws

a. 2059-25 Conformity By-law
#184-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2059-25, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on August 12, 2025.
Carried.

15. Adjournment

#185-25

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council shall now adjourn to meet again on August 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.
Carried.

Mayor – _____
Shawn Evoy

Clerk – _____
Jennifer Errington

**Township of Laird
General Cheques for July 2025**

Name	Description	Journal No.	Amount
encompassIT.ca	Tax Program	J1391	119.06
Jennifer Errington	Mileage	J1392	172.48
Heritage Home Hardware	Office Supplies	J1393	13.22
Barb's Emroidery	Health & Safety	J1399	122.11
Brenda Aelick	Dump	J1701	11.18
Rogers	Dogs	J1715	21.96
Bell	Emerg. Man.	J1716	98.37
	Office	"	395.04
Algoma Office Equipment	Office Supplies	J1725	361.77
Starlink	Internet	J1747	142.46
Algoma Power	Church	J1754	55.90
	Office	"	362.62
Heritage Home Hardware	Office Supplies	J1755	36.90
TOTAL			<u>\$1,913.07</u>

ACCOUNTS CERTIFIED CORRECT

Motion #	(Signed) Mayor
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To Treasurer of Laird Township Authority Herewith To issue Cheques in payment of Accounts Certified by Clerk as listed above.

(Signed) Clerk

I hereby certify that Accounts listed above have been paid, and amounts are charged to proper expenditure appropriation.

Date Passed by Council	(Signed) Treasurer
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TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
Road Department
VOUCHER LISTING

Voucher No. 1			Date 7/31/25
Name	Description	Journal No.	Amount
Payroll			21,525.19
1372196 Ontario Inc. Michael Fera	Track Excavator	J1395	127.20
	Backhoe	"	127.20
Kentvale Merchants	Roadside Cutting	J1394	286.89
Ed Lapish	Mileage	J1702	122.64
Toromont	Backhoe	J1703	246.14
K. Smart Ass.	Drainage Ditching	J1706	763.20
Rogers	Roads Office	J1715	45.79
Bell	Shop	J1716	101.31
KalTire	Roadside Cutting	J1717	240.93
Construction Equipment Co.	Brushing	J1718	634.12
Holley Inc.	Brushing	J1719	1,767.43
Linde	Shop	J1720	356.06
Huron Central Railway	Safety	J1721	366.00
Co-Op	Track Excavator	J1722	188.90
	Wheeled Excavator	"	377.79
	Backhoe	"	755.58
	Grader	"	566.68
Northshore Tractor	Capital Roadside Cutting	J1751	8,140.80
Co-Op	Shop	J1752	52.90
Toromont	Backhoe	J1753	423.72
	"	"	84.59
Algoma Power	Shop	J1754	180.74
TOTAL			<u>\$37,481.80</u>

ACCOUNTS CERTIFIED CORRECT

Motion #

(Signed) Road Superintendent

To Treasurer of Laird Township Authority Herewith To issue Cheques in payment of Accounts Certified
by Road Superintendent as listed above.

(Signed) Mayor

I hereby certify that Accounts listed above have been paid, and amounts are charged to Road Expenditure
Appropriation.

Date Passed by Council

(Signed) Treasurer

TASK SUMMARY SHEET RECENT ACTIVITY LOG

DATE	MOTION #	TASK	CATEGORY	CONTACT	STATUS	TARGET DATE
19-Oct-23	231-23	Council receives the draft Unassumed Road Policy and requests the Clerk make amendments as discussed and prepare a by-law Note: Draft Unassumed Road Policy has been reviewed by legal counsel, further review and discussion with legal counsel are required in order to refine policy.	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	Sep-25
21-Mar-24	46-24	Council directs the Clerk to draft a By-law to designate the Knox Church as a municipal heritage building.	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	Sep-25
30-Apr-25	108-25	Council instructs staff to prepare the following tenders: office computers, cemetery stone straightening, rink playground equipment installation, museum framing, gazebo wall sliding panels, water system upgrades at fairgrounds, new interior washrooms at fairgrounds, and Bar River Road Bridge waterproofing.	TREASURER		IN PROGRESS	Sep-25
30-Apr-25	109-25	Council approves submitting a NOHFC application for the Laird Hall.	TREASURER	RC	IN PROGRESS	Sep-25
19-Jun-25	141-25	Council directs staff to: 1) Provide report on Murray Drive. 2) Modify Road Superintendent Report format.	CLERK RDS	JE DP	IN PROGRESS IN PROGRESS	Sep-25 Aug-25
19-Jul-25	142-25	Council instructs the Road Department to address the following issues: 2) Point drive - Replace/repair the surface treatment as needed (specifically at the boat launch end of the road) 3) Murray Drive - Roadside sand and gravel buildup to be re-graded and/or removed from the shoulder. 14) Bar River Road - Guardrails to be lifted and riprap to be installed on riverbank to address erosion issues.	RDS RDS RDS	DP DP DP	IN PROGRESS IN PROGRESS COMPLETED	Aug-25 Aug-25 Aug-25

TASK SUMMARY SHEET RECENT ACTIVITY LOG

DATE	MOTION #	TASK	CATEGORY	CONTACT	STATUS	TARGET DATE
19-Jun-25	149-25	Council requests staff to investigate acquiring 10-20 feet of property East of the Cemetery from the adjacent property owners and report back to Council.	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	Sep-25
17-Jul-25	174-25	<p>Council directs staff to schedule a formal proposal review with Access2Pay, explore funding options, and to return to Council with a recommendation as to how this system or others like it may free up an equal or better amount of staff labour and make the case that this system pays for itself in offset labour.</p> <p>Note: Clerk has done a Access2Pay meeting to explore product, working on preparing report back to Council.</p>	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	Sep-25

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
Registered Concern/Information Log

DATE	CONCERN	ACTION	COMMENTS IN RETURN
July 16, 2025	Potholes in front of the mailboxes on Neebish Road at Blue Nose Drive.	Roads Department attempted to alliviate problem.	Staff was not sure that the area in question was Township property of Canada Post jurisdiction, but Roads Department did go and attempt to alliviate problem.
July 25, 2025	Excessive light over water on boat house and dock, on all night.	Request property owner to have lights out by 11 p.m.	Staff sent a letter to the property owner kindly asking them to turn off lights at 11:00 p.m. Complainant plans to contact Ministry of a Game Warden to see if anything can be done at that level.
August 14, 2025	Waste Disposal Site Concerns - Concerns that the Shashed was cleaned out and items were thrown out and that people are no longer to feed cats.	Request that before items in shashed are thrown out that the individual is contact to find alternate homes for items, and to find a solution for the cats at the Waste Disposal Site.	Staff to present information to Council to determine if a solution can be had for both issues.

FINE LINE IN THE STAFF-COUNCILLOR RELATIONSHIP

Quote from Municipal World

Dealing with Problems - First of all the councillor should be taking enquiries to the CAO, who should then coordinate a response from staff. This point must be made crystal clear in training and policy should be repeated often. The councillor should be reminded that the identity of the complainant is their personal information and will never be released to someone else.

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
2025 BUDGET COST JUNE 30/25



Final Budget Passed Motion #110-25

Description	2025	2025
	Budget	30-Jun

TAXATION REVENUE

TAXATION

4.10%

Taxation Levy This Year	78,563	
Taxation Payments Revenue Received		1,272,510
Taxation Levy Municipal Prior Year	1,916,173	
	1,994,736	1,272,510
Taxation Added Assessment Value Increase from Prior Year as per MPAC	13,676	
Total Municipal Taxation	2,008,412	1,272,510

OPERATING REVENUE

TAXATION OPERATING

Unaudited Surplus from Prior Year	122,200	122,200
Penalty & Interest Earned	40,000	27,902
Grant-in-Lieu - Provincial	500	1,788
Total Taxation Operating	162,700	151,890

INVESTMENT INCOME

IPC Securities Corporation	54,000	24,973
Total Investment Income	54,000	24,973

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING

General Government Rent (Misc. eg. XplorNet)	13,000	6,828
Weddings	750	325
Total General Government	13,750	7,153

PROTECTION OPERATING

Building Permits	19,000	9,595
Provincial Offences Revenue, 911 & Emerg. Man.	500	
Community Safety & Correction	8,285	682
Dog Licences, etc.		
Total Protection	27,785	10,277

ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATING

Aggregate	310	239
Tipping Fees	23,000	12,560
Total Environmental	23,310	12,799

CULTURE OPERATING

Provincial Library Grant	2,429	
Total Recreation & Culture	2,429	0

Description	2025	2025
	Budget	30-Jun

MISC. REVENUE OPERATING

Tax Certificates	850	320
Transportation Road Department (Culverts & Misc.)	5,000	605
Total Misc. Revenue	5,850	925

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OPERATING

Planning Fees	200	200
Surplus Property Sales - Back Lots Etc.	0	
Total Planning & Development Revenue	200	200

RECREATION OPERATING

Bar River Hall Rent	2,500	1,264
Laird Fairgrounds Misc. & Rent	8,175	1,180
Laird Fairgrounds Storage Rent	7,280	
Laird Fairgrounds Raceway Contact	25,000	
Laird Hall Rent	2,500	1,324
Main Recreation Misc. & Pumpkin Fest Event	1,000	
Pumpkin Point Park Revenue		
Total Recreation Revenue	46,455	3,768
Total Operating Revenue	336,479	211,985

Subtotal Taxation/Operating Revenue	2,344,891	1,484,495
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OTHER REVENUE

RESERVES & SURPLUSES

Reserve Fund - Landfill	3,000	
Reserve Fund - Working Capital - Bar River Hall Flooring		
Reserve Fund - Working Capital - Gov. Rd. Bridge		
Reserve Fund - Recreation General Bar River Hall		
Reserve Fund - Cemetery		
Reserve Recreation G. W. Evoy Rink Playground Equipment		
Reserve Heritage	35,726	
Ditching - Cemetery Rd. 400 m - Self Perform Rent Equipment	8,000	
Ditching - Riverside Dr. 700 m - Contracted	14,000	
Ditching - Lake George Rd. 800 m - Contracted	16,000	
Surplus Recreation Laird Fairgrounds		
Total Reserves & Surpluses Revenue	76,726	0

Description	2025	2025
	Budget	30-Jun

GRANT REVENUE

Heritage - Summer Employment Funding	2,408	
Main Recreation Summer Employment Funding Fed. & Prov.	6,149	3,741
NOHFC Funding B. R. Hall	0	
Ont Trillium Funding - Gazebo Laird Fairgrounds	0	
Canada Community Building Fund (Gas Tax)	73,426	
Nords Funding for Roads Surface Treatment	70,822	70,882
OMPF	375,400	187,700
OCIF (Roads Capital, Asset Management, Cultural Infrastructure)	100,000	100,000
Total Grant Revenue	628,205	362,323

Total Other Revenue	704,931	362,323
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Subtotal Other Revenue	704,931	362,323
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TOTAL COMBINED REVENUE	3,049,822	1,846,818
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GENERAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Admin Salaries & Benefits \$305,000 Approx.	245,000	150,128
Admin Travel	3,500	843
Admin Education, Conventions & Workshops	4,000	1,143
Admin Health/Safety	1,000	
Council Honourariums & Benefits	31,983	15,992
Council Legal, Advertising & Misc.	4,000	151
Council Conventions/Workshops Good Roads	8,000	8,174
Council Conventions/Workshops ROMA (March)	0	
Council Conventions/Workshops FONOM (May)	0	
Council Conventions/Workshop Misc.	2,000	488
Council Donation Retro Ride		200
Council Donation Graduates	750	675
Council Donation Wall of Rem. - W.O.R. Review	356	
Council Donation Laird Fair	1,500	1,500
Council Donation Echo Bay Elks Fireworks	300	
Council Donation Crime Stoppers	500	
Council Donaton Royal Canadian Legion & Remembrance Day	406	356
Donation - Skating Program	100	
- Perch Derby	300	300
- Dog Classes	200	
- Cycling	500	500
- Christmas Cheer	300	
Council Special Meetings Travel	1,500	
Taxation Program	5,665	3,740
Tax Allowance & Sale	1,064	172

Description	2025	2025
	Budget	30-Jun
GENERAL GOVERNMENT CONT		
Audit Fees	25,705	
Bank Charges & Interest	650	577
Consultant Fees	5,000	185
Office Bldg Maintenance, Heat & Lights	9,500	3,120
Supplies & Equipment Including Copier	10,500	8,067
Insurance	30,077	30,077
Bad Debt, Misc & Advertising	2,000	
Subscriptions, Memberships	8,000	3,199
Telephone, Postage & Internet	10,000	5,741
Asset Management Consult \$7200 & Admin. Costs \$5000 (OCIF)	12,200	
Legal Fees	2,000	
MPAC	24,297	18,223
Health & Safety		1,947
Election	1,500	
Total General Government	454,353	255,498

PROTECTION PERSONS & PROPERTY		
Emergency Management Admin Salaries & Benefits	7,000	562
Emergency Management Materials	3,000	615
Fire Services Miscellaneous	2,000	
Fire Services Agreement	73,950	37,050
CFSO Admin Salaries & Benefits	1,000	156
CFSO Education & Safety	1,000	
By-law Officer CBO - Wages & Travel	17,000	2,620
By-law Officer CBO - Admin.Wages & Benefits	5,000	2,190
By-law Officers CBO - Membership,Workshops & Supplies	6,500	189
By-law Property, Parking & Dogs - Wages, Travel	11,000	3,214
By-law Property, Parking & Dogs - Legal	7,600	5,026
By-law Property, Parking & Dogs - Misc. & Supplies	500	80
By-law Property, Parking & Dogs - Admin Salaries & Benefits	7,500	
By-law Dogs - Membership and Fees	850	1,299
Police Admin Salaries & Benefits	1,000	156
Police Contract	156,560	68,970
Police OPP Detachment Board & Legal	2,119	1,544
9-1-1	618	
Total Protection Persons & Property	304,197	123,671

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES		
Environmental Waste Wages	20,600	8,618
Environmental Admin. Salaries & Benefits	3,000	406
Environmental Material	2,575	316
Environmental Recycling-WDS	37,777	
Environmental - Rd Wages & Materials	20,000	7,418

2025 BUDGET COSTS JUNE 30 Cont.....		
Description	2025	2025
	Budget	30-Jun

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CONT.....

Environmental - Site Monitoring and Annual Report	12,341	2,512
Environmental - Legal	0	
Environment - Insurance	3,873	3,873
Total Environmental Services	100,166	23,143

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Planning Admin. Salaries & Benefits	2,575	
Planning Official Materials & Miscellaneous	7,500	1,839
Planning Board Levy	11,732	11,732
SSM Public Library	2,429	
Property Sales Back Lots & Purchases, Legal	1,030	
Total Planning & Development	25,266	13,571

HEALTH SERVICES

Algoma Public Health	52,376	26,188
Matthews Memorial Hospital	2,000	2,000
Total Health Services	54,376	28,188

SOCIAL & FAMILY SERVICES

Algoma DSAB	524,418	268,125
Dr. Harold Trefry Memorial Centre	3,000	3,000
Total Social & Family Services	527,418	271,125

TOTAL GENERAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

1,465,776

715,196

SUBTOTAL GENERAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

1,465,776

715,196

HERITAGE OPERATING EXPENDITURES

	2025	2025
Heritage		
Wages, Benefits Church Caretaker, Admin	1,545	200
Insurance Church	1,365	1,365
Materials, Power & Mileage Church	309	70
Heritage Wages Summer Employment	5,263	
Heritage Admin Salaries & Benefits	1,030	101
Museum Online Compensation for Programmer	2,000	
Maintenance Museum		58
Insurance Contents	1,114	1,114
Total Heritage	12,626	2,908

Description	2025	2025
	Budget	30-Jun

RECREATION OPERATING EXPENDITURES

Bar River Hall	2025	2025
Wages (Caretaker, Admin & Roads)	5,000	836
Training (Food Handlers)	200	
Building Maintenance		457
Supplies	300	2,288
Propane Heat	6,000	6,009
Power	2,200	560
Equipment Repair		469
Insurance	5,591	5,591
Permits & Fees		613
Roads Cost		1,204
Grand Opening - one time cost	400	
Total Bar River Hall	19,691	18,027
G. W. Evoy Rink	2025	2025
Wages	3,000	2,629
Training (Propane Course)	600	
Building Maintenance	1,300	259
Supplies	600	1,832
Heat	4,500	
Power	1,200	624
Equipment Repair	1,500	295
Insurance	4,252	4,252
Snow Removal		
Total G. W. Evoy Rink	16,952	9,891
Finns Bay Wharf	2025	2025
Wages & Mileage	1,500	232
Grant Wages Summer Employment	200	
Misc/shared equipment maintenance	200	
Insurance	775	775
Supplies - Office & Events & Life Ring \$500	200	20
Parking Lot Improvements	500	
Signage & Move Picnic Tables	1,500	
Roads Cost		1,171
Total Finns Bay Wharf	4,875	2,198

2025 BUDGET COSTS JUNE 30

Description	2025	2025
	Budget	30-Jun
Laird Hall	2025	2,025
Wages & Mileage (Caretaker and Roads)	7,000	2,647
Training (Food Handlers)	200	
Building Maintenance (Signage, Sump Repairs, Outside Vents, Outdoor plug, & hand wash sink)	4,200	164
Supplies	750	91
Propane	7,500	5,328
Power	2,750	896
Equipment Repairs	1,500	453
Snow Removal	500	
Insurance	5,580	
Total Laird Hall	29,980	9,579

Main Recreation		
Rec. Secretary - Admin Salaries & Benefits	5,500	
Other - Admin. Salaries & Benefits	4,500	510
Advertising	200	8
Supplies & Library Boxes	200	25
Events - Pumpkin Fest & Earth Day	3,000	196
- Winter Carnival	1,000	558
- Appreciation BBQ Activity	1,500	1,251
- Christmas	500	
Total Main Recreation	16,400	2,548

Summer Program		
Grants - Wages 2 Students (1 Fed and 1 Prov.)	6,500	
Wages	4,350	
Misc.	200	
Total Summer Program	11,050	0

Pumpkin Point Park	2025	2,025
Wages & Mileage including Roads	3,500	1,609
Summer Youth Wages	500	
Insurance	3,913	3,913
Maintenance & Misc (Paint Inside, Sign, Lights in & out)	600	
Clay Sand & Playground Sand	450	
Supplies	350	20
Roads Cost		1,425
Replace 4 posts on Gazebo	750	
Playground Inspections	220	
Tree Limbing & Stump Removal	500	
Total Pumpkin Point Park	10,783	6,967

Description	2025	2025
	Budget	30-Jun
2025		
Laird Fairgrounds		
Wages - Grounds Keeper Bldg & Grounds Maintenance	10,000	2,011
- Grounds Keeper Grass Cutting (all equipment)	6,500	1,421
- Grounds Keeper Trimming	4,000	
- Admin. Salaries & Benefits	7,000	477
- Roads Labour	8,000	6,700
- Summer Employee	4,200	
Caretaker	4,000	
Algoma Power Inc.	1,000	165
Mileage	1,500	
Insurance	8,062	8,062
Maintenance - Electrical		
Maintenance - New Stoves	0	
Equipment Repair	2,000	433
Supplies	2,000	36
Legal	0	
Misc. Grounds	1,000	2,146
Telephone	100	31
Total Laird Fairgrounds	59,362	21,482
TOTAL RECREATION	169,093	70,692
Total Culture/Heritage & Recreation Expenditures	181,719	73,600

TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES

TRANSPORTATION

BRIDGES & CULVERTS	2025	2025
Road Bridges & Culvert Materials		281
Road Bridges & Culvert Equipment Time	1,000	
Road Bridges & Culvert Labour	1,500	
Driveway Culvert Materials	5,000	5,077
Driveway Culvert Equipment Time	2,000	
Driveway Culvert Labour	2,000	590
TOTAL BRIDGES & CULVERTS	11,500	5,948

2025 BUDGET COSTS JUNE 30

Description	2025	2025
	Budget	30-Jun
ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE		
Brushing Materials	500	432
Brushing Equipment Time	2,000	
Brushing Labour	11,000	1,570
Ditching Materials Added Cemetery Rd. to Capital Self Perform	5,000	
Ditching Equipment Time	2,500	
Ditching Labour - Added Capital Ditching	10,000	
Water Control Materials- Beavers	1,000	
Water Control Equipment Time	3,000	
Water Control Labour	3,500	284
Tree Limbing/Tree Removal Materials		
Tree Limbing/Tree Removal Equipment Time	3,500	
Tree Limbing/Tree Removal Labour	5,000	42
Roadside Cutting - Tender		
Roadside Cutting Equipment time	6,000	
Roadside Cutting Labour	3,000	1,169
TOTAL ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE	56,000	3,497

HARDTOP MAINTENANCE		
ST Hardtop, Patch & Spray Materials	23,000	11,596
ST Hardtop, Patch & Spray Equipment Time	3,000	
ST Hardtop, Patch & Spray Labour	25,000	11,849
Sweep & Clean Materials	2,000	1,274
Sweep & Clean Equipment Time	1,200	
Sweep & Clean Labour	2,500	1,788
S.T. & Capital Projects Labour	5,000	432
TOTAL HARDTOP MAINTENANCE	61,700	26,939

LOOSETOP MAINTENANCE		
Grading Materials includes yard stock	4,000	3,906
Grading Equipment Time	2,000	
Grading Labour	3,000	1,579
Dust Control Materials	180	
Dust Control Labour	500	625
TOTAL LOOSETOP MAINTENANCE	9,680	6,110

Description	2025	2025
	Budget	30-Jun
WINTER CONTROL		
Plowing Materials		
Plowing Equipment Time	35,000	27,448
Plowing Labour	30,000	22,498
Sanding Materials	20,000	16
Sanding Equipment Time	12,000	2,013
Sanding Labour	18,000	4,206
Culvert Thaw Materials	1,200	1,654
Culvert Thaw Equipment Time	1,000	
Culvert Thaw Labour	2,000	1,931
TOTAL WINTER CONTROL	119,200	59,766

SAFETY		
Safety Materials Including (Guardrails?)	8,500	1,662
Safety Equipment Time	1,200	79
Safety Inspections	4,500	2,196
Safety Labour and Meetings	16,000	7,843
Safety Courses and Training	8,000	
TOTAL SAFETY	38,200	11,780

STORMS		
Storms/Wind Materials	1,000	
Storms/Wind Equipment Time	2,000	
Storms/Wind Labour	5,000	1,658
TOTAL STORMS	8,000	1,658

OVERHEAD		
Shop Cleanup/Maintenance Materials	8,000	12,296
Shop Equipment Time	1,000	831
Shop Labour	6,000	6,379
TOTAL SHOP	15,000	19,506

Road Patrol Equipment Time	3,500	3,797
Road Patrol Labour	14,000	8,570
TOTAL ROAD PATROL	17,500	12,367

Road Office/Admin. Materials	3,000	245
Road - Admin Staff Labour	15,000	1,515
Road - Road Admin Asset Management Labour	1,000	
Road Staff Labour	9,000	8,028
TOTAL ROAD OFFICE/ADMIN	28,000	9,788

Description	2025	2025
	Budget	30-Jun
ROAD MISC.		
Payroll Sick Time	6,000	3,797
Payroll Vacation Time & Stat. Holiday Time	28,000	4,739
Insurance	26,524	26,524
Fees & Dues	1,000	
Streetlights	1,000	
Roads Legal Costs	2,000	
Misc.	2,000	679
Bereavement		3,745
Road Association Grants	4,800	4,800
TOTAL ROAD MISC.	71,324	44,284
OVERHEAD		
Equipment Time not costed out		14,757
TOTAL OVERHEAD	0	
SUBTOTAL TRANS. MAINT. & OVERHEAD OPERATING	436,104	201,643

SUBTOTAL REC/CULTURE & TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES	617,823	275,243
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SUBTOTAL GENERAL, REC/CULTURE & TRANS. EXPENDITURES	2,083,599	990,439
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OTHER EXPENDITURES

CEMETERY BOARD OPERATING		
Wages \$12,611 & Mileage \$706 Including Admin \$466 & Road's Time \$1,603	17,000	1,734
Maintenance Property	515	609
Maintenance Lawnmower	618	
Telephone		
Liability Insurance	515	515
TOTAL CEMETERY BOARD OPERATING	18,648	2,858

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDED BY RESERVES & SURPLUSES

Capital Reserve - Rec. Bar River Hall (Twp Grant Funding & \$10,000 Flooring)		
Capital Reserve Fund - Landfill Envir. Ministry Requirements	3,000	
Capital Reserve Fund - Cemetery		
Capital Reserve Heritage (CCBF)	35,726	
Capital Surplus G. W. Evoy Rink Playground Equipment		
Ditching - Cemetery Rd. 400 m - Self Perform Rent Equipment	0	
Ditching - Riverside Dr. 700 m -	0	
Ditching - Lake George Rd. 800 m -	0	
Total Capital Projects Funded by Reserves & Surpluses	38,726	0

Capital Projects Funded by Grants

Capital Grant NOHFC Bar River Hall Funding Expenses		
Capital Grant Ont. Trillium Funding - Gazebo Laird Fairgrounds		
Total Capital Projects Funded by Grants	0	0
Description	2025	2025
	Budget	30-Jun

Capital Other Projects

Capital Laird Fairgrounds LIR Washrooms		
Total Capital Other Projects	0	0

Operating, Capital 5 Year Plan Projects & Other

Capital Office Computers	10,000	
Operating Pumpkin Point Park Bear Proof Garbage Can	2,000	
Operating Garage - New Sink	2,000	
Operating Garage - Door and Weather Stripping	5,000	3,627
Operating Garage - Remove wing walls at doorway of sand Shed	2,000	
Capital Garage - Spray foam around top of walls	5,000	
Capital Garage - replace bottom door panel in middle bay	5,000	
Capital Garage - auto opener with remote on backhoe bay	2,500	
Capital Garage - exhaust fan	500	
Capital Garage generator hookup	5,000	
Capital Cemetery Survey	2,000	
Capital Cemetery Phase 3	8,000	
Operating Wharf - Life Ring & Brushing upper level	1,300	
Capital Wharf - Outhouse	1,000	
Capital Wharf - Gravel	3,000	
Capital Rink - Install Playground Equipment	15,000	
Capital Museum - Construction (CCBF)	15,000	
Capital Fairgrounds - Horse Stalls	5,000	
Operating Fairgrounds - Arena Drainage	10,000	
Operating Fairgrounds - Electrical Gazebo & Announcers Booth	3,000	
Operating Fairgrounds - Gazebo Kitchen Sinks	3,000	
Operating Fairgrounds Maintenance - Well Flushing	2,500	2,166
Operating Fairgrounds Maintenance - Misc. & water repairs	2,500	
Operating Fairgrounds Maintenance - Gazebo Wall - 4 Panels	12,000	
Operating Fairgrounds Maintenance - Washroom Outdoor	5,000	
Capital Fairgrounds Gazebo Exterior Doors (CCBF)	4,500	
Capital Fairgrounds - Water System upgrades (CCBF)	13,811	14,717
Capital Fairgrounds - New interior washrooms	30,000	
Capital Equipment - Grader Light Upgrade	2,000	
Capital Equipment - Conveyor bucket	10,900	8,203
Capital Equipment - Wheeled Excavator	185,660	185,660
Total Operating, Capital 5 Year Plan Projects & Other	374,171	214,373

2025 BUDGET COSTS JUNE 30

Description	2025	2025
	Budget	30-Jun
Capital Transportation		
CHANGE LAKE GEORGE RD EAST RESURFACE GRAVEL		
CHANGE LAKE GEORGE RD EAST RESURFACE GRAVEL (Nords 2024)		
Western Star Truck Exhaust		
Roadside Cutting Equipment		
Ditching - Riverside Dr. 700 m (Nords)		
Ditching - Cemetery Rd. 400 m (Nords)		
Ditching - Lake George Rd. 800 m (Nords)		
S.T. 3rd Coat Neebish Rd. E. & Patching (Nords2024)		
S.T. 3rd Coat Reids Rd. W. & Patching (Gas Tax)		
S.T. New Government Rd New Culvert		
S.T. New Porchuk Rd. (Double) & Gravel Prep (OCIF2024)		
Culvert Lake George Road (Nords 2024)		
Bridge Government Road	30,834	
S.T. Government Rd. - Contracted (OCIF, CCBF, NORDS)	0	
S. T. Bar River Rd. E. - Contracted (OCIF, CCBF, NORDS)	52,618	
S. T. Calabogie Rd. W. - Contracted (OCIF, CCBF, NORDS)	29,232	
S.T. Neebish Rd. W. - Contracted (OCIF, CCBF, NORDS)	46,771	
Patching Prep for Surface Treatment	14,600	
Gravel Prep for S. Treat Lake George Rd. E. - Contracted (OCIF, CCBF, NORDS)	22,000	23,825
Bar River Bridge Asphalt	5,000	
Bridge Bar River Road Weatherproof	15,000	
Total Capital Transportation	216,055	23,825

RESERVES & TRANSFERS (Going into Reserves)

Reserve Working Capital/Emerg.	100,593	100,593
Reserve Working Capital Unaudited Surplus from prior year.	122,200	122,200
Reserve Fund - Roads Equip.	0	
Reserve Fund - Landfill Closing Costs 2075	20,830	20,830
Reserve Fund - Fire Services	0	
Reserve Fund - MNR (Fire)	5,000	5,000
Reserve Fund - Climate Change/Extreme weather events	20,000	20,000
Reserve Fund -Tax Stabilization Fund	50,000	50,000
Total Reserves & Transfers	318,623	318,623

SUBTOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES	966,223	559,679
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TOTAL COMBINED EXPENDITURES	3,049,822	1,550,118
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Difference between Revenue & all Expenditures & Reserve contributions	0	
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TOTAL TO BALANCE WITH REVENUE	3,049,822	29
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MINUTES
FINNS' BAY WHARF COMMITTEE MEETING
June 25, 2025 AT 6:00 PM
LOCATION; Finns Bay Wharf Gazebo

Present: Todd Rydall (Chair) Jo-Anne Entwistle (Recording Secretary), Brad Shewfelt, Lee Ranta, John Hooper, Karolina Dick.

Guest: Carol Ranta

Regrets: Donna Connolly,

1. CALL TO ORDER/REVIEW THE AGENDA

(ON MOTION # 07-25) Moved by Brad Shewfelt Seconded by John Hooper
“That the meeting be called to order by Todd Rydall, chairperson, and that the committee approves the Finns' Bay Wharf Meeting Sub-committee Agenda of June 25, 2025”

CARRIED

2. MINUTES OF February 19, 2025

(ON MOTION #08-25) Moved by John Hooper, Seconded by Lee Ranta
“That the committee approves the Finns' Bay Wharf Sub-Committee minutes of February 19, 2025, as amended”

CARRIED

3. DELEGATION AND PRESENTATIONS

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1) Finns' Bay Wharf 2025 Budget as approved by Laird Township Council-
Todd Rydall reported that two loads of gravel are in driveway, the road crew will do the brushing, the entrance sign is in the planning stages. It is hoped that the final plan for the sign will be available for committee approval at the next Wharf Committee meeting.
-discussion regarding the accessibility of the outhouse and gazebo
-concern raised that refitting the existing outhouse would be comparable in price to a new accessible outhouse and ramp
-altering the gazebo would be an easier retrofit
-the flag pole as well as the life ring and installation were not approved by Laird Township Council

(ON MOTION #09-25) Moved by Lee Ranta, Seconded by Brad Shewfelt
“That the Finns Bay Wharf gazebo be made accessible by altering the west corner and installing a 36 inch door to match the existing entrance door and install a ramp.”

CARRIED

(ON MOTION #10-25) Moved by John Hooper, Seconded by Karolina Dick
“That the allotment that the Finns Bay Wharf had for gravel be cut back by one load and the funds be used to purchase and install the life ring.”

CARRIED

5. NEW BUSINESS

1) Resignation from the Finns’ Bay Wharf Sub-committee- Arla Luepkes

Carol Ranta has been attending the Wharf Committee meetings as an observer. A request to include her on the committee was proposed.

(ON MOTION #11-25) Moved by John Hooper, Seconded by Brad Shewfelt
“That the Finns Bay Wharf Committee requests Carol Ranta be added to the Finns Bay Wharf Committee membership.”

CARRIED

2) Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) and Ontario Human Rights Code Training-all committee members are required to complete the training-those who have not yet completed are urged to do so either on line or to contact the Township Office Staff for a hard copy.

3) Pumpkin Point Park Meet and Greet August 10, 2025 from 1:00-4:00 PM
Hot dogs will be served. Jo-Anne Entwistle will provide information to Rhonda Crozier to assist with the organization of the Meet and Greet. Todd Rydall also requested that Jo-Anne Entwistle make the application to Algoma Public Health for the required food permit for this event.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

1) Should the Wharf Committee consider moving slag from the back of the wharf to fill in the gap between the metal and the ground at the waters edge?

2) The Finns Bay Wharf property is very well maintained. Appreciation to Vasco Dias and helper expressed.

3) Five Year Plan to be updated at the next meeting.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 6:00PM

Location: Finns Bay Wharf gazebo

ADJOURNMENT

(On MOTION # 12 -25) Moved by John Hooper, Seconded by Karolina Dick

“That the June 25, 2025 meeting be adjourned and the Finns’ Bay Wharf Sub-committee will meet again on Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Finns Bay Wharf gazebo.”

CARRIED

Chair-_____
(Todd Rydall)

Recording Secretary-_____
(Jo-Anne Entwistle)

MINUTES
PUMPKIN POINT PARK - TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
July 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
LAIRD TOWNSHIP BOARDROOM

Present: *Todd Rydall* *Kathy Sutherland*
 Rhonda Crozier *Vasco Dias* Guest: *Justine Lamming*

A. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of Agenda

- a) Declaration of Conflict of Interest
- b) Modifications, Additions, Deletions

c) Approval of Agenda

#09-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Vasco Dias

“Be it resolved that the Pumpkin Point Park Committee hereby approves Agenda of July 22, 2025, as presented.” CARRIED

2. Routine Matters

a) Approval of Minutes

#10-25

Moved by: Vasco Dias

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

“Be it resolved that the Pumpkin Point Park Committee hereby approves May 13, 2024, minutes as presented.” CARRIED

3. Delegations and Presentations

4. Staff and Committee Reports

a) Caretaker

Vasco Dias reported that he will paint the inside of the change room. It was also discussed that Todd Rydall will not be able to install new posts on the gazebo but possibly Vasco and Riston could do the work under the supervision of Todd.

- b) Main Recreation Committee Member

5. Business Arising out of the Minutes

a) Budget 2024 & 2025

The committee reviewed the 2024 Budget figures and the 2025 Budget approved by council.

b) Five Year Plan

The committee discussed and updated the Five-Year Plan.

2025 – *Brushing around Beach and Changeroom; Bear Proof Garbage Can; Paint Inside Changeroom*
2026 – *New Swings; Soccer Nets; Tetherball; Playground Equipment Accessible (Reserve); Recycle Garbage Can*

2027 - Playground Equipment Accessible (Reserve); Dock (Pending Grant);
2028 – Basketball Area; Outhouse; Raft (Pending Grant)

Annual Checklist

Inspection & Tree Removal

Playground Equipment Maintenance

Beach & Property Maintenance

Building Maintenance

Painting

Brushing

Boat Launch

Bird Watch Station

6. New Business

a) Meet & Greet

The committee discussed hosting a Meet and Greet on Sunday, August 10th, 2025 1pm to 4pm weather permitting. A newsletter will be sent out from the office with the information of the Meet and Greet.

B. Information and Proposals

1. Communications and Correspondence

2. Committee Information

3. Committee Meetings

a) Next Meeting should be in the fall.

C. CLOSED MEETING

D. RETURN TO OPEN MEETING

E. ADJOURNMENT

#11-25

Moved by: Vasco Dias

“Be it resolved that the Pumpkin Point Park Committee hereby be adjourned at 6:00 p.m.”

CARRIED

Chair – _____
Kathy Sutherland

Secretary – _____
Rhonda Crozier

**MINUTES OF THE LAIRD FAIRGROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT THE
LAIRD TOWNSHIP OFFICE ON TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Colleen Alloi Vasco Dias Ashley Boychuk
Jim Withers Justine Lamming

REGRETS: Brad Shewfelt

SECRETARY: Rhonda Crozier

Call to order 7:05 pm

ON MOTION (No. R31-25) Moved by Vasco Dias, seconded by Justine Lamming
"That the committee approves the Agenda of July 22, 2025 as circulated." **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. R32-25) Moved by Jim W, seconded by Vasco Dias
"That the committee approves the Minutes of June 2, 2025, as circulated."
CARRIED

Delegations:

Business Arising out of the Minutes:

The committee discussed the Free Access Night, and it was reported that the township is not set up to hold it, but N.S.A.S. is in the process of arranging it and trying to find volunteers. Ashley Boychuk said she would possibly volunteer.

The committee discussed the possibility of setting up a small arena with panels. Colleen Alloi will discuss it with N.S.A.S. at her next meeting.

The township has hired a custodian along with the caretaker for the Laird Fairgrounds. The Custodian will be Noah Crozier, and he will be in charge of bookings, cleaning the gazebo and washrooms, as well as light maintenance of the area.

New Business:

ON MOTION (No. R33-25) Moved by Justine Lamming, seconded by Ashley Boychuk "That the Committee does **NOT** approve of a half day rental fee for the Gazebo." **CARRIED**

ON MOTION (No. R34-25) Moved by Ashley Boychuk, seconded by Vasco Dias "That the Committee approves of adding a \$25 charge for having the horse arena groomed the following day by staff." **CARRIED**

Budget:

The secretary reported on the status of the operating and capital projects. The committee would like a quote on fixing all the light poles on the property.

Five-Year Plan:

a) Updated

2025 – announcer booth electrical, arena drainage, gazebo sinks

2026 – fencing at baseball diamonds, wheelchair accessible gazebo doors, painting arena board & posts, painting concession booths and barns,

repair section of horse stalls, repair to one ball diamond, repairs to lighting

2027 – repair section of horse stalls, repairs second ball diamond, budget for section of playground equipment, pickleball/tennis/basketball courts

2028 – budget for section of playground equipment, repair section of horse stall, alter and repair fencing

2029 – install extra arena, budget for section of playground equipment

The next meeting will be held at the Laird Township Boardroom on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2025 at 7pm.

ON MOTION (No. R35-25) Moved by Jim Withers

“That the July 22, 2025 meeting be adjourned @ 8:00 pm.”

CARRIED

CHAIRPERSON: _____

SECRETARY: _____

Main Recreation Committee (maximum 9 members -1 council)

Name	Role
Donna Bos	Member
Jo-Anne Entwistle	Laird Hall Rep & Wharf Rep
Suzanne Evoy	Rink Rep
Matt Follick	Chair & Council Representative
Rhonda Crozier	Secretary-Treasurer PPP Rep
Shawn Evoy	Council Representative & BRH Rep
Noah Crozier	Member
Justine Lamming	Member

Recreation Sub-Committees:

Bar River Community Centre - 1 Council

Name	Role
Allen Cook	
Pam Cook	
Shawn Evoy	Chair & Main Rec/Council Rep
Suzanne Evoy	
Marlene Paquette	
Heather Frolick	Caretaker
Matt Frolick	Council Representative
Katie Hunter	

G.W. Evoy Memorial Rink - 1 Council

Name	Role
Allen Cook	
Gage Evoy	
Darin Evoy	
Merril Evoy	Chair
Shawn Evoy	

Laird Fairgrounds Committee - 1 Council

Name	Role
Brad Shewfelt	O. F.A. member
Vasco Dias	Grounds manager
Colleen Allooi	
Jim Withers	
Chuck Siddall	
Rhonda Crozier	Secretary
Ashlee Boychuck	
Justine Lamming	

Patrick Connolly

Laird Hall Community Centre - 1 Council

Name	Role
Dick Beitz	
Shawna Deplonty	
Heather Taylor	Caretaker
Cheryle Frenette	
Linda Kiraly	
Jo-Anne Entwistle	Rec Representative
Wayne Junor	Council Representative
Faye Crozier	

Pumpkin Point Park Committee - 1 Council

Name	Role
Shawna Deplonty	
Rhonda Crozier	Secretary
Kathy Sutherland	Chair
Vasco Dias	Grounds Manager
Todd Rydall	Council Representative
Finns' Bay Wharf Committee - 1 Council	
Name	Role
Donna Connolly	
John Ranta	
Todd Rydall	Chair/Council
John Hooper	
Arla Luepkes	Motion: 148-25
Joanne Entwistle	Rec Representative
Karilina Dick	
Brad Shewfelt	
Carol Ranta	Motion: 172-25
Laird Heritage Committee - 1 Council	
Name	Role
Linda MacDonald	
Suzanne Evoy	
Colleen Orr	
Jennifer Errington	Secretary/Clerk
Justine Lamming	
Shawn Evoy	Council Representative/Chair
Laird Cemetery Board - 1 Council	
Name	Role
Shawn Evoy	Chair/Council Representative
Merril Evoy	
Darin Evoy	
Matt Frolick	Council Representative
Allen Cook	
Brad Shewfelt	
Jennifer Errington	Secretary-Treasurer
Emergency Management Program Committee	
Name	Role
E. Shawn Evoy	Chair/Mayor
Jennifer Errington	
Rhonda Crozier	CEMC
Echo Bay to Desbarats Planning Board - Laird Township Members of Joint Board	
Todd Rydall	Laird Council Representative
Terence Graham	Laird Member at Large
Sault Ste. Marie O.P.P. Detachment Board - Laird Township Members of Joint Board	
Shawn Evoy	Laird Council Representative
Deborah Irwin	Laird Community Representative

From: Pam Walsh <Pam.Walsh@blindriver.ca>
Sent: August 6, 2025 2:59 PM
To: Aileen Singh; Amanda Richardson (clerkadmin@stjosephtownship.com); Carol Trainor; Debbie Rydall; Hilton Twp; Janet Boucher; Janet Maguire; Jennifer Errington; Judy Davis (jdavis@brucemines.ca); Juli Roy Ward (cao@whiteriver.ca); Katie Scott; Lacey Kastikanen; Line Webster (lwebster@plummertownship.ca); Lorraine Mousseau; Maury O'Neill; Michelle Quinton; Natalie Bray; Natasha Hallett; Pam Lortie; Rachel Tyczinski; Sam Carolei; Shelley Casey; treasurer@tarbutt.ca; Twp of NS (municipalclerk@townshipofthenorthshore.ca)
Subject: ADMA AGM - September 27, White River
Importance: High
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi,

Hoping this finds you well.

As we are finalizing the agenda for the ADMA AGM in September, I'm looking for a commitment from your Council regarding attendance.

We have a quote for a bus (see my notes below) Intent is to do the trip in ONE day, leave early Saturday morning back Saturday night. Therefore, no overnight accommodations.

Let me know if anyone from your municipality is interested/available to attend and if they would like to take a bus. Happy to discuss further.

For the trip to be done all the same day there will be a driver switch that has to take place
For full size coach 56 passengers would be \$5,198.90 Plus HST
For the Mini 24 passenger coach seats no washroom on board would be \$3,816.40 Plus hst

Scenario:

$\$5,198.9 \times 13\% = \$5,874.76$

$\$5,874.76 / 12 \text{ riders} = \$489.56 \text{ for each passenger}$

OR

$\$3,816.40 \times 13\% = \$4,312.53$

$\$4,312.53 / 12 \text{ riders} = \$359.38 \text{ for each passenger}$

Ex: Blind River to White River ~ 453.4 kms x 2 (round trip) x \$0.72 = \$652.90
Spanish to White River ~ 502.1 kms x 2 x \$0.72 = \$723.02

*plus accommodations.

Pam Walsh, CCSS
Deputy Clerk



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Computer Purchase Options and Recommendation Report

Introduction:

Using the invoice provided by Algoma Business Computers and the recommended specifications outlined by the Township's IT provider, Jim Tomlinson, several comparable purchase options have been identified for consideration. These options include both local and online sources.

Items highlighted in **yellow** indicate those that are available *online only*, and **bolded text** denotes the *lowest-priced option* when known and applicable. This comparison aims to provide a clear overview of available choices while considering cost, support, warranty, and service needs.

Item	Algoma Business Computers Item	Algoma Business Computers Cost (\$)	Best Buy Item	Best Buy Cost (\$)	Staples Item	Staples Cost (\$)
Desktop Computer, 1TB SSD & 32GB RAM, Dell preferred, 3 count	Dell CPU i7-14700 vPro(r) 32GB RAM 1 TB SSD 3 Year Warranty, unit prc 2450.00	7,350.00	HP ProDesk 600 G6 Desktop PC SFF i7-10700, 32GB RAM, 1 TB SSD, integrated Intel UHD Graphics 630 Windows 11 Pro. unit prc 1099.97	3,299.91	HP Z2 Mini G9 Workstation Desktop i7-14700 NVIDIA Quadro T1000 32GB RAM - 1 TB SSD - Windows 11 Pro, unit prc 3019.99	9,059.97
Cloning Service	Cloning Service, 6 hours	630.00	Geek Squad does not offer cloning service	Service Unavailable	Staples Tech Does not offer cloning service	Service Unavailable
24 Inch Monitors, 8 count	Asus VA24DQ 23.8 inch monitor, 1080p full HD, 75hz, unit prc 249.95	1,499.70	Asus VA24DQ 23.8 inch monitor, 1080p full HD, 75hz, unit prc 190.99	1,527.92	Asus VA24DQ 23.8 inch monitor, 1080p full HD, 75hz, unit prc 274.39	2,195.12
Monitor Stands, 3 count	ACC-Amer Dual Articulating Arm Monitor Stand, unit prc 59.99	179.97	ACC-Amer Dual Articulating Arm Monitor Stand, unit prc 65.99	197.97	StarTech Articulating Dual Monitor Arm, Grommet/Desk Mount, unit prc 315.99	947.97
Installation Service	Service to install onsite	805.00	Service to install onsite	1,600	Online support only.	No service
TOTAL	\$10,464.67		\$6,625.80		\$12,203.06	

Recommendation:

Algoma Business Computers is the preferred choice among the three vendors for supplying and supporting the Township's computer systems. They offer full-service support, including setup and system cloning, which is essential as the Township does not have in-house technical expertise to manage these tasks independently.

The Dell product recommended by Algoma Business Computers also aligns with our current IT provider's recommendation. It is the only option presented with a 3-year warranty, ensuring longer-term reliability and support. Dell has been the Township's standard computer product for many years, proving to be a reliable and consistent choice.

Additionally, Algoma Business Computers is a local provider capable of offering in-person support when needed—an important consideration for minimizing downtime and ensuring efficient service.

Recommended Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the quote from Algoma Business Computers in the amount of \$10,464.67 plus HST for the purchase of desktop computers, including full-service setup and a 3-year warranty, as per the specifications provided by the Township's IT provider.

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: August 21, 2025
To: Mayor Evoy and Council
From: Jennifer Errington, Clerk
Subject: Appointment of an Engineer for ECA Compliance

Background/Overview

At the June 5, 2025, Special Council meeting, Staff reported to Council that the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) had conducted an inspection of the Fairgrounds on May 19, 2025. Council was informed that the MECP was in the process of determining whether an Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) would be required and that an official Inspection Report would be issued once their assessment was complete.

The Township received the Inspection Report on July 3, 2025. The report confirmed that the Fairgrounds site has effluent limits which exceed the 10,000 litres per day threshold, thereby requiring an ECA under MECP regulations. The report further stated that, by September 1, 2025, the owner of the site must retain the services of a qualified person to apply for an ECA for the current sewage works and any further upgrades. Confirmation of this appointment, along with anticipated timelines for submission, must be provided to the issuing officer by that date. Failure to comply will result in further action.

Due to the number of unknowns and the need for further engagement with the MECP, it was difficult to define a full scope of work at this stage. As such, Staff conducted an informal Request for Proposals (RFP) to gather interested and rate structures for the initial phase of the process – specifically, preparation for and attendance at the MECP pre-application consultation meeting.

Submissions Received

Staff contacted six engineering firms. Rate structures and estimated costs for the pre-application meeting were as follows:

1. WSP Environmental Consulting Firm

- No bid submitted

2. Algoma Engineering Co.

- Engineering \$170/hr
- Drafting \$140/hr
- Surveying/Inspections \$125/hr

- Administration \$65/hr
- Mileage \$0.72/km
- Per Diem \$100/day
- **Pre-consultation with MECP: \$5,000 plus HST**

3. Kresin Engineering Corp.

- Engineering \$160/hr
- Technician rates \$80 to 100/hr
- **Pre-consultation (upset limit): \$7,500 plus HST**

4. AECOM Canada Ltd.

- No bid submitted (unable to commit due to current staffing constraints).

5. Tulloch Engineering

- No bid submitted (unable to participate due to staffing shortage).

6. Pinchin Environmental

- Administration \$85/hr
- AutoCAD Technologist \$95/hr
- Project Technologist \$105/hr
- Project Coordinator \$120/hr
- Operations Manager \$200/hr
- **Pre-consultation with MECP: \$6,000 plus HST**

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the proposals received, Algoma Engineering Co. is recommended for appointment. Their proposal offers the most cost-effective option, with a clear rate structure and availability to start the project as early as August 22, 2025. Their professional service fee of \$5,000 plus HST for pre-consultation with the MECP is the lowest submitted. Additionally, Algoma Engineering Co. has extensive experience with septic systems and Environmental Compliance approvals, which makes them well-suited for this project.

Recommended Resolution:

That Council appoint Algoma Engineering Co. to provide engineering services for the Township's Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) compliance at the Fairgrounds site, including preparation for and attendance at the pre-application consultation meeting with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP), at a cost of \$5,000 plus HST, with fees as outlined in their submitted proposal;

And further that Staff be directed to notify the MECP of the appointment of a qualified person and provide estimated timelines for submission, in accordance with the requirements of the Inspection Report received July 3, 2025.

From: Brant Coulter <brantcoulter@hotmail.com>
Sent: July 29, 2025 11:46 AM
Subject: Request for Support: Laptop Purchase to Ensure Continuation of Services
Attachments: Best Buy Quote Brant Coulter.xlsx

Dear Councils and Senior Staff of the Townships of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional; Laird; Tarbutt; and Hilton,

I hope you are all doing well.

As you know, I currently provide by-law enforcement to your townships, and I look forward to continuing to contribute in meaningful ways. My current personal computer is very outdated and my Microsoft subscriptions are expiring on August 16th. I makes for notes for inspections, upload pictures, respond to e-mail requests, prepare notices, submit monthly hours, etc.

To ensure that I can continue delivering efficient, professional service for at least two more years, I would kindly ask each township to consider contributing **\$215** toward the purchase of a new laptop equipped with the necessary Microsoft Office programs.

In return, I guarantee continuity of my services to each township for a minimum of two years—so you can be assured your investment supports reliable delivery service and improved productivity.

I have attached a quote from Best Buy for your review.

I'd sincerely appreciate your support and am happy to answer any questions or provide additional details if needed. I look forward to continuing to serve each of your communities.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.



548 Great Northern Rd. Sault Ste. Marie, ON P6B 4Z9 Phone # 705-942-0722

Please Note that the quote is subject to change at the General Managers discretion

Date - August 15, 2025

Price Quote

Name Brant Coulter
Address _____
City _____
Phone# _____
E-Mail _____

Qty	Description	Reg Price	Sale Price	Total
1	Vivobook Go 15 19194503	\$ 449.99		\$ 449.99
1	Microsoft 1 PC/Mac	\$ 169.99		\$ 169.99
1	New Computer Setup & Data Transfer	\$ 139.99		\$ 139.99

Product Service Plan		Grand Total With PSP
5 Year -		
4 Year -		
3 Year -		
2 Year -		

Sub Total #REF!
HST #REF!

Grand Total #REF!

Notes Product Service Plans are included as outlined in the above quotation.

Associate: JF

Thank-You. Please Call me if you have any questions 705-942-0722

SAVE THE DATE

MSO-North (Sudbury)
Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

2025 Northeast Municipal Council Workshop

Date: October 21, 2025 (8:45 am to 4:30 pm) and October 22, 2025 (8:45 am to 4:15 pm)

Location: Lionel E. Lalonde Centre, Greater Sudbury (Azilda) – In Person Only

Registration:

Agenda:

The Municipal Services Office-North in Sudbury is pleased to invite you to a two-day training workshop where members of council and staff from across northeastern Ontario will come together to hear from experts and each other on relevant and timely topics. Sessions will cover a range of essential learning on municipal governance, finance, land use planning and affordable housing issues. Please mark your calendars with the date of this event as you don't want to miss out.

Who Should Attend:

This two-day session will be of interest to both experienced municipal council and staff and those who are newer to municipal governance and operations.

Why attend:

We are arranging an impressive list of guest speakers with significant municipal knowledge and leading practices to share. Participants will engage with and hear about experiences and approaches to common challenges. Attendees will leave the workshop with a greater understanding of how to tackle current municipal issues and govern effectively and democratically.

Registration:

Feel free to register at anytime using this link: [Registration Form](#)

Payment information:

Payment: A \$80.00 (cheque only) registration fee includes lunch. Make cheque payable to the Minister of Finance.

Mail to: Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 159 Cedar Street, Suite 401, Sudbury ON, P3E 6A5

Payment date: Payment shall be made no later than October 10th, 2025.

Inquiries:

Municipal Services Office – North (Sudbury)

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From: Hon. Jim Karygiannis <honkarygiannisjim@gtastrategies.com>
Sent: June 11, 2025 5:59 PM
To: info@lairdtownship.ca
Cc: jeremy@gtastrategies.com; reception@gtastrategies.com
Subject: CLAS Introduction
Attachments: CLAS Introduction Letter.pdf

Good day, Todd Rydall Councillor

I'm reaching out on behalf of our client, Canadian Land Access Systems (CLAS), to introduce their innovative, subscription-based geofencing platform and explore how it could support your organization's access management needs. Please find an introductory letter from CLAS attached for your reference.

Originally built to help landowners manage guest access for recreational purposes such as hunting or hiking, CLAS combines GPS-based geofencing with a user-friendly mobile app to easy entry and exit tracking. Users "sign in" digitally upon arrival, giving property managers a clear, real-time view of who is on-site—reducing manual coordination and improving oversight. Landowners can set rules, ban specific activities, and have access to a notification system that helps keep CLAS landowners and users safe and informed in remote areas.

Beyond private land access, this flexible system can be adapted for a wide range of applications, including:

- Construction and mining sites
- Transportation and logistics yards
- **Municipal buildings and work zones**
- Hospitals, schools, and institutional campuses
- Indigenous lands, where clear, real-time access tracking supports self-determined land stewardship, enhances communication with guests, and helps ensure respectful use of traditional territories.

Whether you're managing remote worksites or multiple facility locations, CLAS provides a reliable and scalable tool to ensure only authorized personnel are entering designated areas.

We would welcome the opportunity to arrange a virtual meeting between your team and the CLAS leadership to explore how this technology might meet your specific needs. Please let us know your availability in the coming weeks. You can reach our project lead, Jeremy Beamer, at 416-499-4588 ext. 2 or jeremy@gtastrategies.com.

We look forward to connecting with you about this innovative solution.

Sincerely,



Hon. Jim Karygiannis
GTA Strategies
(416) 499 4588 ext 1 Office



Good day,

We at Canadian Land Access Systems (CLAS) are pleased to introduce a technology-driven solution designed to address long-standing challenges in land access management for Indigenous Nations, private landowners, public land managers, and a broad range of land users across Canada.

CLAS is a centralized platform that simplifies, secures, and supports responsible land access—whether for recreation, stewardship, cultural practice, conservation, research, or regulated development.

Key benefits of CLAS include:

- **Streamlined Access Management:** CLAS enables users to request permission to access thousands of public and private locations across Canada—conveniently from a mobile device. This helps eliminate time-consuming phone calls and unplanned visits.
- **Improved Communication:** The platform fosters dialogue between landowners and guests, ensuring all communication around land use is clear, concise, and digitally recorded for transparency and future reference.
- **Enhanced Oversight and Control:** Landowners retain full control—knowing who is on their land, when, and why—without disruptions to their lifestyle or operations.
- **Support for Environmental and Administrative Goals:** CLAS is built to complement environmental stewardship, Indigenous self-determination, and the needs of major infrastructure and economic projects across Canada.
- **Protection of Lands and Relationships:** By enabling controlled, permission-based access, CLAS helps reduce unauthorized use and fosters respectful, mutually beneficial relationships between land stewards and land users.

We would welcome the opportunity to meet with your organization to provide a full demonstration of CLAS, explore how it aligns and supports your objectives.

Let us know some times that might work with you for a demonstration of CLAS.app. We look forward to the possibility of working together to support responsible, respectful, and efficient land access in Canada.

Warm regards,

James Maxim

James Maxim | Program Coordinator
Canadian Land Access Systems (CLAS)
contact@canadianlandaccess.com

Riston McBride
18 Laurel Dr, RR4
Echo Bay, ON P0S 1C0

August 6, 2025

Laird Township Staff
3 Pumpkin Point Road, RR4
Echo Bay, Ontario, P0S 1C0
705-248-2395

Dear Laird Township Staff:

I have enjoyed working for Laird Township this summer as a co-op student. I have especially enjoyed the opportunity to work with the Grounds Manager once again. I have also enjoyed filling in for the dump attendant during the interim period between attendants. And of course, as always, I have appreciated operating the many groundskeeping equipment.

The supervisor has taught me so much this summer and has been so patient and understanding while I learned things. Thank you for allowing me to learn how to use the drag in the horse area and baseball diamonds. It has been a pleasure working as part of the team here at Laird Township.

I hope to return to Laird Township next summer and continue to work with this fantastic municipal team.

Thank you once again for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Riston McBride', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Riston McBride

KEEPING LAIRD GREAT

Laird Township Newsletter— Grounds Keeper Assistance Position

Written by: Riston McBride

In this Article:

- Grounds Keeper Assistant
- Jobs & Duties
- Equipment & Tools
- Safety Training

Township Location:

3 Pumpkin Point Road, RR4
Echo Bay, Ontario, Canada
POS 1C0

Grounds Keeper Assistant

This position is a great opportunity for a summer student between the ages of 15-30 years of age. The successful candidate will work at the township fairgrounds, alongside the township caretaker performing grounds keeping duties throughout the township. The applicant must have the ability to operate garden tractor for grass cutting, ability to use tools for minor repairs, work independently and collaboratively as a member of a team. The grounds keeper assistant needs to have excellent organizational, time management, communications and interpersonal skills.



Safety Training & Requirements

Safety is important in this job as the worker will be working with a variety of yard maintenance equipment. Certificates that are required include but not limited to:

- Landscaping Safety OSHA Training
- WHMIS Health & Safety Training
- Worker Health and Safety Awareness in 4 Steps
- OSG Certificate of AODA –Accessibility of Ontarians with Disabilities
- CPR & First Aid

Equipment, Tools & Working Environment

Currently at Laird Township, we use zero turn lawn tractor/ mowers, and a 45 horse power tractor to maintain the majority of the lawn care. Combined with string trimmers, leaf blowers, chainsaws, and general landscaping tools to sustain Laird's many grounds locations. Applicant will be expected to work in hot, cold, dry, wet conditions to provide services throughout the township. Pros to this position is that the work is outside in the fresh air all summer long. This working environment allows for many areas of personal growth and experiences.



Municipal Garage

*The Township of Laird,
located approximately
25 miles south/east of
Sault Ste. Marie*



Laird Township Population 1000 people

Jobs & Duties

Safely and appropriately mowing and maintaining the grounds at the Laird Fairgrounds, cemetery, government dock/wharf, Centennial park, boat launch, bird observatory, historical church, municipal office, garage and dump. Duties include but are not limited to: cutting and string trimming grass, blowing grass off headstones, emptying garbage cans, painting, and general clean up of grounds. General maintenance and repair of equipment are also included within the duties performed. Daily record of duties performed and effective communication with all Laird staff. This work is rewarding and appreciated by many, when seeing the grounds well kept.



Laird Municipal Office
Township first Established in 1891

From: Jackie Junor <gardengirl2012@hotmail.ca>
Sent: August 13, 2025 9:04 PM
To: info@lairdtownship.ca
Subject: RE: Support for Stop the Spray Ontario
Attachments: IMG_1107.jpeg; Image.jpeg

Attention: Mayor Shawn Evoy, Laird Township Councilors, Laird Township Staff

I'm writing this email to you to voice our support against spraying herbicides. It is a controversial way to control vegetation that competes with desired tree species. I'm concerned about how this practice affects people, wildlife and ecosystems. I realize the current planned sprays are not in our township but in close areas along Lake Huron and throughout Ontario. I've seen articles about the devastating loss of all living things in the spray areas, the quietness in these areas, no birds, no animals, no bugs....devastation.

My purpose of this email is to ask that our township support Moonbeams resolution against forest spraying.

For more information please see the attached print screens copied from "Stop the Spray Ontario" and more information posted on "Clean North", both on Facebook.

I appreciate your time taken to read this email and hope that we as a community can add our support against the spray.

Thank you.

Jim and Jackie Junor
Laird Township Residents



Stop the Spray Ontario ·

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West Nipissing Council passed a motion to stop Ontario's toxic herbicide forestry plan!

👏 (Watch/read on CTV News) well done Councillor Jamie Restoule !!!

Hopefully they, and many more municipalities, will take the next step: passing a formal resolution like Moonbeam's so we can build a united, province-wide push to finally end this harmful practice! 💪

Keep sending emails to your municipalities in support of Moonbeam's resolution against forest spraying. It doesn't stop the spraying yet - but it's real progress!

88 Municipalities have already received emails! ✨ <https://stopthespraycanada.ca/moonbeam>

The fight against spraying our forests has raged since the 1980s - and together, we can make it impossible to ignore. 🌲 🔥

Stand with the TEK Elders tomorrow at

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BREAKING NEWS: Air Canada to begin cancelling flights ahead of possible work stoppage on Saturday



Northern Ontario Watch

West Nipissing passed motion to reconsider provincial herbicide plan

West Nipissing council passed a motion Tuesday opposing provincial herbicide spray in local forests. The MNR plans to apply glyphosate Aug. 20 to control vegetation. Coun. Jamie Restoule cites tourism, hunting and health concerns, including cancer risks. Health Canada says it's safe, but WHO linked it to possible carcinogens in 2015.

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You might not know about the Lairds, the 'Lairds' of Laird



Image: The honorable David Laird, lieutenant governor of the Northwest Territories. His brother, Mr. J Laird, was the Crown Land inspector for Laird.

Around the time that the Laird Chronicles was being compiled, there was a fair amount of speculation around the origin of the Township of Laird's name. The word 'laird' is a Scottish term denoting a minor lord of an estate, but this didn't seem particularly relevant to the Township. There are also several families that have been here since the first days of the Township's existence for whom the township could have been named for - however, none of these families had the surname Laird.

It was then determined that the Crown Land inspector for this area in 1872 held the surname Laird - the Township is named for his family. Inspector Mr. J. Laird, after his survey, valued the land the Township is assumed to be on today at an economic 40 dollars. Of course, converting from 1872 to 2025, inflation means the expense would make 40 dollars then equal approximately 1,050 dollars today. What a bargain!

J. Laird's brother, David Laird, was a rather prominent businessman and politician. Born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia in 1833, David Laird would go on to become the first Lieutenant Governor of the Northwest Territories, which then covered a much more broad area covering the majority of modern Canada.

It takes a township: Statute Labour in Laird

My time as a summer student last year was spent doing the (admittedly rather boring but nonetheless important) task of recording and digitising previous By-laws extending all the way back into the 1890s. Of these, some of the more interesting ones were those relating to statute labour.

Statute labour was obligatory work within the nascent Township to better roads and improve land. Men in the township were expected to work to improve it, and the only way to not participate was to 'commute' the labour, which cost money.

Statute labour was instigated in 1891, (by-law 7-91) and could be commuted at the rate of seventy-five cents a day. Up until 1916, the work was unpaid, and after 1916, work wages were paid at the rate of 2 - 4 dollars a day, and labor could be commuted at the cost of \$1.50 a

day. (by-law 103-16) Statute labour was eventually abolished in January of 1924.

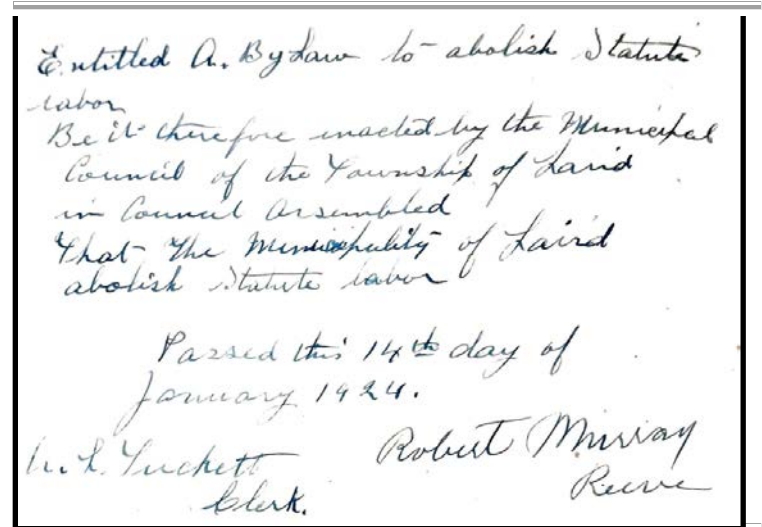


Image: By-law 149-24, announcing the abolishment of statute labour within the township of Laird.

When I feel tired or bored at my job, I think about how much worse it could actually be. My per-hour wage I earn scanning papers and learning about my township nearly quintuples the highest possible daily wage for statute labour. I'm very lucky that it was abolished 101 years ago!

1940s Kitchen Tested Recipes: Orange Fritters



Image: Gurney 'Kitchen Tested Recipes.' Item donated by G & E Fremlin Estate.

One of the best parts of working for the Heritage committee is having access to all of the interesting artifacts that we have stored at the Township office while the new Museum is being built at the fairgrounds. Of these, one of my favourite items in particular is the box of 1940's *Gurney 'Kitchen Tested Recipes'* donated by the Fremlin Estate. The recipes within are really interesting and often questionable.

Below is a recipe directly from the box:

Orange Fritters | Serves Six

¼ cup Sugar	⅔ cups Flour
1 beaten Egg	¼ tsp. Salt
1 ½ cups Milk	1 tsp. Baking Powder

Beat together until smooth.

3 Oranges separated into 8 sections each.

METHOD - Dip each orange section into batter and drop in hot fat (370° F.) Fry a golden brown. Drain on brown paper. Sprinkle with powdered sugar.

If anyone would like to try this out, please let us know how it turned out! I'm sure it would be interesting no matter what - and it does sound pretty good.

Future location of the Laird Museum

A new museum is being constructed at the Laird Fairgrounds. For now, the majority of the artifacts of the museum are either stored at the fairgrounds or in the Township office. The artifacts of the museum can also be found on the Laird Heritage Centre website at lairdheritagecentre.ca. There, you can read the entire Laird Chronicles, look at family - specific histories, and flip through interactive 'scrap books.' The website even has digital 3D scans of several of the larger artifacts, including a typewriter, a dressmaker's mannequin, and a kerosene stove.



Image: The Laird fairgrounds.

Family Histories and Heritage

The Laird Heritage Centre Virtual museum houses a collection of over 60 family histories and associated photos in its collection. All of these are available for free to access online.

If you would like to reach out for historical information, please message the Township Office at info@lairdtownship.ca. If you want to reach out to the Virtual Museum directly, please reach out to laird.heritagecentre.comments@gmail.com. The latter is a 'no - reply' address, but all of the messages will be forwarded to the Heritage committee.



Laird
Heritage Centre
Township History & Virtual Museum



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD

By-law Number 2060-25

BEING A BY-LAW to confirm proceedings of the meeting of Council, August 21, 2025.

WHEREAS Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001*, as amended, requires a municipal council to exercise its power by by-law except where otherwise provided;

AND WHEREAS in many cases, action which is taken or authorized to be taken by a Council or a Committee of Council does not lend itself to an individual by-law;

THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. **THAT** the action of the Council at its meeting on August 21, 2025, in respect to each motion, resolution and other action passed and taken by the Council at its said meeting, is, except where prior approval of the Ontario Municipal Board is required, hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed.
2. **THAT** the Mayor and the proper officers of the Township are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required, and to execute all documents as may be necessary and directed to affix the Corporate Seal to all such documents as required.

READ and passed on Open Council this 21st day of August 2025.

Mayor _____
Shawn Evoy

Seal

Clerk _____
Jennifer Errington