

REGULAR MINUTES – AGENDA 34
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
February 20, 2025, at 6:00 pm
Laird Township Council Chambers

Present: *Mayor:* Shawn Evoy
Councillors: Matt Frolick, Brad Shewfelt, Todd Rydall,
Wayne Junor
Clerk: Jennifer Errington
Road Superintendent: David Pollari
Treasurer: Rhonda Crozier
Delegates: David Euler, Nick Larson, JP Stefanizzi

- 1. Call to Order**
Mayor Evoy called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

- 2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**
Councillor Matt Frolick declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 11. b. as the closed meeting matter is an indirect pecuniary interest.

Councillor Todd Rydall declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 9. e. Blue Nose Drive Road Association Request, as Todd has the contract for the road maintenance on Blue Nose Drive.

- 3. Agenda Approval**
#19-25
Moved by: Matt Frolick
Seconded by: Todd Rydall
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the February 20, 2025 agenda as presented.
Carried.

- 4. Delegations and Presentations**
 - a. Pumpkin Point Bird Watching Platform on Lot 33 - David Euler
 - David Euler spoke to his letter to Council.
 - Council communicated that Council would like to cooperate, but requires a plan in place.

 - b. Asset Management Plan – Nick Larson, Agile Infrastructure, and JP Stefanizzi, SVF Advisory
 - Asset Management Plan was presented.
 - Amendments are required prior to adopting the plan. Staff and Council to review numbers.

- 5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - a. Council Regular Meeting – January 16, 2025
 - b. Recreation Committee Meeting – February 3, 2025#20-25
Moved by: Todd Rydall
Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves Council minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 16, 2025, and the Recreation Committee minutes of February 3, 2025.
Carried.

- 6. Adoption of Accounts**
 - a. General accounts to January 31, 2025#21-25
Moved by: Todd Rydall
Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the general accounts to January 31, 2025, in the amount of \$11,802.76.
Carried.

b. Roads accounts to January 31, 2025
#22-25

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the roads account to January 31, 2025, in the amount of \$38,497.87 as presented.
Carried.

7. Staff and Committee Reports

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

i. Road Superintendent Report
#23-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Road Superintendent Report dated February 20, 2025, be received as presented.
Carried.

i. Council Q&A

b. Clerk Administrator, Deputy Treasurer

i. Clerk's Report
#24-25

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Clerk's Report dated February 20, 2025, be received as presented; and arising from the report that Council applies for the Ontario Trillium Foundation capital grant for the Laird Hall for renovations to improve the physical space for community use.
Carried.

ii. Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log

iii. Concern/Information Log – Updates
#25-25

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the February 20, 2025, Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log and the Concern/Information Log as presented.
Carried.

iv. Council Q&A

c. Treasurer's Report

i. Report: Financial Investment – Update
#26-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on Financial Investment - Update from the Treasurer as information.
Carried.

ii. Report: LIR Lease Agreement – Outstanding Invoices
#27-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on LIR Lease Agreement – Invoice Discrepancies from the Treasurer as information and further directs staff to send a letter with invoices for payment and a letter of outstanding issues including parking pads.
Carried.

d. Recreation Committee & Recreation Sub-Committees

- i. Pumpkin Point Park Sub-Committee Minutes – February 4, 2025
- ii. Laird Hall Sub-Committee Minutes – February 4, 2025
- iii. Laird Fairgrounds Sub-Committee Minutes – February 10, 2025
#28-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Pumpkin Point Park Sub-Committee minutes of February 4, 2025, the Laird Hall Sub-Committee Minutes of February 4, 2025, and the Laird Fairgrounds Sub-Committee Minutes of February 10, 2025.

Carried.

- iv. Report: The Laird Hall Sub-Committee's goal is to obtain more direction (purpose and vision) for the Laird Hall.
#29-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Laird Sub-Committees report and Further That on behalf of Council the Mayor will communicate Councils vision for the Laird Hall to the Laird Hall sub-committee.

Carried.

- v. Report: Easter Event
#30-25

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Easter Event report from the Recreation Committee Secretary, and Further That Council is not in favour of a charged event for children.

Carried.

e. Cemetery Board

f. Planning Board

g. Police Detachment Board

- i. Police Board Honorariums

h. Algoma District Services Administrative Board

i. Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA)

8. Unfinished Business

a. Council Term Plan 2025

#31-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the Council Term Plan 2025.

Carried.

b. Report: Mandatory Policies: Council Staff Relations and Delegation of Authority
#32-25

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on Mandatory Policies: Council Staff Relations and Delegations of Authority; and further that Council requests the Clerk to prepare individual by-laws to adopt each policy.
Carried.

c. Report: Municipal Drains
#33-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on Municipal Drains as information.
Carried.

9. New Business

a. Memorandum: Report of the Integrity Commissioner
#34-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report of the integrity Commissioner covering the period from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, as presented.
Carried.

b. Report: Marriage Officiant – Fee Increase
#35-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council amends its agreement with Township of Laird Civil Marriage Officiant to reflect the cost of the fee be increased from \$275.00 to \$300.00, effective January 1, 2026, and include a fee of \$100.00 for situations requiring two ceremonies, “non-legal” and a “legal”; and further that Council request staff to amend the Civil Marriage Service Contract to reflect the fee changes.
Carried.

c. Retro-Ride, Request for donation/previous years \$200.00
#36-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Sylvan Valley 2025 Retro Ride raising funds for Multiple Myeloma Foundation, Council donates \$200.00 to the Multiple Myeloma Foundation.
Carried.

d. Algoma Fish & Game Club, 2025 Children's Perch Derby March 9, 2025,
request donation/previous years \$300.00
#37-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Algoma Fish & Game Club 2025 Children's Perch Derby to be held March 9, 2025, with a donation of \$300.00.
Carried.

e. Blue Nose Drive Road Association Request
#38-25

Moved by: Brad

Seconded by: Wayne

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the request from Adrian Poll, President of the Blue Nose Drive Road Association; and further directs the Treasurer to defer this decision to be considered during budget deliberations.
Carried.

Resolution to Extend the Meeting:

#39-25

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED that Council extends meeting beyond 9:00 p.m.

Carried.

10. Notices of Motion**11. Closed Session**

#40-25

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into closed session at 8:15 p.m. in accordance with Section 239 (2) (b) to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, Section 239 (2) (d) labour relations or employee negotiations, Section 239 (c) to discuss a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board, and Section 239 (2) (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried.

- a. Approval of closed meeting minutes of January 16, 2025.
- b. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.
- c. Labour relations or employee negotiations
- d. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.
- e. Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

#41-25

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Todd Rydall

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council come out of closed meeting session at 9:49 p.m. and continue with the Regular Council Meeting.

Carried.

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

#42-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Connor Frolick as the Bar River Hall Caretaker to work in conjunction with Bar River Hall sub-committee member, who will continue to manage bookings for the Bar River Hall Community Centre.

Carried.

12. Communications and Correspondence

- a. Rowdy Ranchers – Roundup Show 2025, donation request.
- Council will review donation request during budget deliberations.
- b. Support Resolution: Town of Newmarket, Re: Request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.

#43-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Town of Newmarket resolution to request the Redistribution of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to Municipalities for Sustainable Infrastructure Funding.
Carried.

- c. Support Resolution: Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC), Re: EOWC Support of Canadian and Ontario Governments' Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs.

#44-25

Moved by: Todd

Seconded by: Wayne

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council supports the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (EOWC) resolution to support the Canadian and Ontario Government's Negotiations with the United States Government on Trade Tariffs.

Carried.

- d. Intact Insurance, Re: All Risk Municipal Grant.

#45-25

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council requests staff to apply for the All Risk Municipal Grant through LAS and Intact Insurance to apply for dash cam initiatives for municipal fleet safety.

Carried.

13. Mayor and Council Comments

#46-25

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council would like to express its deepest sympathy to the Goertzen Family on the passing of former elected official Henrich "Henry" Goertzen. Henry was a member of Council from 1978 to 2006, during that time Henry was Reeve from 1982 to 1985 and again from 1988 to 1999. Council would like to honour Henrich 'Henry' Goertzen by making a charitable donation of \$300.00 to Echo Bay Elks.

Carried.

#47-25

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoints Katie Hunter to the Bar River Hall sub-committee.

Carried.

14. By-laws

- a. 2043-25 Conformity By-law

#48-25

Moved by: Todd Rydall

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2043-25 being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 20, 2025.

Carried.

15. Adjournment

#49-25

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council shall now adjourn to meet again February 27, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.
Carried.

Mayor – _____
Shawn Evoy

Clerk – _____
Jennifer Errington