

**REGULAR AGENDA – AGENDA 52**  
**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD**  
**February 19, 2026, 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 February 19, 2026, agenda as presented.

**4. Delegations and Presentations**

**5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

a. Council Regular Meeting – January 15, 2026

b. Recreation Committee Meeting – January 27, 2026

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves minutes of the Regular Council meeting of January 15, 2026 and the Recreation Minutes of January 27, 2026;

AND FURTHER THAT, arising out of the Recreation Committee Minutes, Motion #4-26, Council approves the increase in hours for the Summer Experience Program (SEP) student from 217.5 hours to 280 hours, to allow for expanded summer programming, including five weeks of summer camp offerings and two Sports Day Camps at Hurley Park.

**6. Adoption of Accounts**

a. General accounts to January 31, 2026

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the general accounts to January 31, 2026, in the amount of \$5,698.30.

b. Roads accounts to January 31, 2026 and additions to December 31, 2025

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the roads account to January 31, 2026, in the amount of \$23,013.71 and the additions to close off year-end to December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$30,530.13.

**7. Staff and Committee Reports**

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

i. Road Superintendent Report – Verbal Report

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Road Superintendent Report dated February 19, 2026, as presented.

ii. Memo: 5-Year Road Plan (2026 to 2030)

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the updated 5-Year Road Plan (2026–2030) as presented;

AND FURTHER THAT Council approves the 2026 road work priorities outlined in the Plan and directs staff to participate in the Municipal Surface Treatment joint tender, submitting the surface treatment figures as presented and proceed with budget planning accordingly.

iii. Council Q&A

**b. Clerk Administrator, Deputy Treasurer**

i. Clerk's Report – Verbal Report

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Clerk's Report dated February 19, 2026, as presented.

ii. Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log

iii. Concern/Information Log – Updates

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the February 19, 2026, Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log and the Concern/Information Log as presented.

iv. Council Q&A

**c. Treasurer's Report**

i. Memo: Committee and Boards Budget & Capital Requests

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the 2026 Draft Committee & Boards Budget and Capital Requests as presented and directs staff to incorporate Council's capital priorities into the 2026 Municipal Budget deliberations.

**d. Recreation Committee & Recreation Sub-Committees**

i. G. W. Evoy Rink Sub-Committee Minutes - January 14, 2026

ii. Laird Hall Sub-Committee Minutes - January 20, 2026

iii. Bar River Community Centre and G. W. Evoy Rink Joint Meeting - January 28, 2026

iv. Finns' Bay Wharf Sub-Committee - January 28, 2026

v. Laird Heritage Sub-Committee - February 4, 2026

vi. Laird Fairgrounds Sub-Committee – February 10, 2026

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the G. W. Evoy Rink Sub-Committee minutes of January 14, 2026, the Laird Hall Sub-Committee minutes of January 20, 2026, the Bar River Community Centre and G. W. Evoy Rink Joint Meeting minutes of January 28, 2026, the Finns' Bay Wharf Sub-Committee minutes of January 28, 2026, the Laird Heritage Sub-Committee minutes of February 4, 2026 and the Laird Fairgrounds Sub-Committee minutes of February 10, 2026;

AND FURTHER THAT arising out of the minutes that Council receives the budgets and updated Five-year plans and Council directs staff to submit Five-year plans to be included in updated Asset Management Plan;

AND FURTHER THAT Council acknowledges that the Finns' Bay Wharf Sub-Committee will be holding the bi-annual Meet and Greet on August 23, 2026 and requests that the Sub-Committee consult with staff to ensure Algoma Public Health permits are submitted and for staff to advertise the event in the newsletter and Facebook page;

AND FURTHER THAT Council requests staff to gather updated quotes for service contracts for an electrician, plumber, furnace repairs, and handyman repairs;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Heritage Sub-Committee to submit an application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for funding toward the future museum building;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Laird Fairgrounds Sub-Committee to submit an application to the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) for funding toward the gazebo kitchen project.

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

**i. Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA)**

- i. Spring meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2026, in Sault Ste. Marie, at the City Centre, 99 Foster Drive. The draft agenda will be provided closer to the date. Please forward agenda items by March 27, 2026.

**8. Unfinished Business**

- a. Memo: Naming the Municipal Garage in Honour of Roy Lapish

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Laird approve naming the Municipal Garage the Roy Lapish Memorial Garage in honour of the late Roy Lapish, recognizing his 22 years of service to the Township of Laird and his 13 years as Road Superintendent from 1989 to 2002;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to arrange appropriate signage.

- b. Memo: LIR Grant Opportunities

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the February 19, 2026, Laird International Raceway Grant Opportunities report from the Treasurer.

**9. New Business**

a. Council Phone Poll Survey - January 29, 2026 Re: Rink Furnace Purchase  
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the recommendation of the G. W. Evoy Rink Sub-committee to upgrade the furnace to a two-stage, 80,000 BTU propane furnace, as the current unit is undersized, cannot maintain adequate heating, and is operating continuously; and

THAT Council approves the quote of DCR HVAC for the supply and installation of a Broock PG96VTAA48080B Two-Stage Propane Furnace at the G. W. Evoy Memorial Rink in the amount of \$4,550.00 plus HST.

b. Memo: Plotter (Model iPF670) – Offer from Township of Tarbutt  
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Memorandum dated February 19, 2026, regarding the Plotter (Model iPF670) – Offer from the Township of Tarbutt;

AND THAT Council declines the offer to accept ownership of the iPF670 plotter;  
AND FURTHER THAT the Township of Laird continue to outsource large-format printing services as required.

c. Memo: User Fees for Services By-law  
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the memorandum dated February 19, 2026, from the Clerk regarding the User Fees for Services By-law;

AND THAT Council directs staff to incorporate equipment rental rates comparable to those adopted by Tarbutt Township into Schedule C – Roads Services of the draft User Fees for Services By-law;

AND FURTHER THAT staff finalize the draft by-law for Council consideration.

**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) (d) labour relations or employee negotiations and Section 239 (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees.

- a. Approval of closed meeting minutes of January 15, 2026.
- b. Labour relations or employee negotiations.
- c. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees

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. Laird Fair, RE: Thank you for your donation, January 16, 2026.
- b. Township of St. Joseph, RE: Provincial Contributions to Algoma Public Health Levy Increases, January 16, 2026.

Recommendation: Support Resolution

**13. Mayor and Council Comments**

**14. By-laws**

- a. 2071-26 Appoint Integrity Commissioner By-law

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2071-26, being a by-law to repeal By-law 1010-19 and to appoint an integrity commissioner for the Township of Laird.

- b. 2072-26 Culvert Installation and Entrance By-law

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2072-26, being a by-law to repeal By-law 1017-19 and to govern the installation, size, placement, and payment of culverts in Township ditches within the Township of Laird and to provide entrance signage.

- c. 2073-26 Waste Disposal Site Recycling Designation By-law

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2074-26, being the Waste Disposal Site Recycling Designation By-law, which designates the recycling depot at the Township of Laird Waste Disposal Site located at 1606 Government Road for residential use only and prohibits the acceptance of non-eligible Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (IC&I) Blue Box Materials effective December 31, 2025.

- d. 2074-26 Knox Presbyterian Church Municipal Heritage By-law

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2074-26, being a by-law to designate the Knox Presbyterian Church as a municipal heritage building.

- e. 2075-26 Conformity By-law

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2075-26, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on February 19, 2026.

**15. Adjournment**

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council shall now adjourn to meet again on March 19, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.