

**REGULAR AGENDA – AGENDA 53**  
**CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD**  
**March 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 March 19, 2026, agenda as presented.
- 4. Delegations and Presentations**
  - a. Bluenose Road Association, Chair and Secretary Treasurer, Adrian Poll and Rod Eels
    - i. Request for an increase in the annual Road Maintenance stipend.
- 5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
  - a. Council Regular Meeting – February 19, 2026
  - b. Recreation Committee Meeting – March 1, 2026Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 19, 2026 and the Recreation Minutes of March 1, 2026.
- 6. Adoption of Accounts**
  - a. General accounts to February 28, 2026  
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the general accounts to February 28, 2026, in the amount of \$9,335.27.
  - b. Roads accounts to February 28, 2026  
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approves the roads account to February 28, 2026, in the amount of \$81,979.48.
- 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 March 19, 2026, as presented.
    - ii. Memo: 2026 Annual Road Tour  
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the 2026 Annual Road Tour report dated March 19, 2026;

And Further That Council schedule the Annual Road Tour for September of each year to review completed road work, assess future priority areas, and support budget and Five-Year Plan deliberations.

iii. Street Lighting – Verbal Report

iv. 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 March 19, 2026, as presented.

ii. 2025 Annual Report

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive the 2025 Annual Report, prepared in accordance with Council’s 2023 direction that an Annual Report be issued each January, providing a high-level summary of the previous year’s activities of Council, Staff, and volunteers;

AND FURTHER acknowledges that Staff have posted the report on the Township website and included notice of its availability in the February newsletter.

iii. Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log

iv. Concern/Information Log – Updates

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

v. Council Q&A

**c. Treasurer’s Report**

i. Memo: Building Permit Annual Report for 2025

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on Building Permits 2025.

ii. Memo: Financial Investment – Update Jan. – Dec. 2025

Recommendation: BE IT REOLVED THAT Council receives the report on Financial Investment Update Jan. – Dec. 2025 from the Treasurer as information.

iii. Memo: Tax Collection Report

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Tax Collection Information Report from the Treasurer-Deputy Clerk be received.

iv. Memo: 2026 Roads Department Budget Requests

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the 2026 Roads Department Budget Request Report as presented;

AND THAT staff be directed to incorporate the Roads Department Budget into the draft 2026 Municipal Budget for Council's consideration at the Special Council meeting scheduled for April 2, 2026.

d. Recreation Committee & Recreation Sub-Committees

e. Cemetery Board

f. Planning Board

i. Planning Board Delegation – Mayor Evoy

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct Mayor Evoy to attend the March 24, 2026, Planning Board meeting as a delegate for the purpose of discussing Laird Township's Official Plan objectives, the consultation process, the remaining steps in the Official Plan review, and the budget status, and further that the Mayor report back to Council on the outcomes of these discussions.

g. Police Detachment Board

**h. Algoma District Services Administrative Board (ADSAB)**

i. ADSAB Meeting Minutes - January 8, 2026

i. Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA)

**8. Unfinished Business**

a. Memo: User Fees and Charges By-law

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

**9. New Business**

a. Amalgamated Request for Quotes – Bi-annual OSIM Bridge Inspection 2026  
Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Laird receives the report from the Township of Plummer regarding RFQ 2026-01 – Amalgamated Request for Quotes – Bi-annual OSIM Bridge Inspections 2026;

AND THAT Council acknowledges that the submission from Omnia Engineering was disqualified for failing to provide proof of qualifications as required in the RFQ;

AND THAT Council concurs with the recommendation of the Township of Plummer to accept the quotation from R&R Engineering for Laird Township's inspections in the amount of \$2,090.50 plus HST, for the 2026 Bi-annual OSIM Bridge Inspections, references having been received and deemed satisfactory.

b. 2026 FONOM Conference – May 11-13, 2026 in Timmins, ON  
Recommendation: That Council discuss whether to send representatives to the conference and, if approved, direct staff, by resolution, to make the necessary arrangements.

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

- a. Approval of closed meeting minutes of February 19, 2026.
- b. 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. Dr. Harold S. Trefry Memorial Centre, RE: Municipal Partners with March for Meals, March 2, 2026.

b. Support Resolution: Township of Assiginack, RE: Retain Lifelabs locations in Northern Ontario, January 20, 2026.

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL of the Township of Laird supports the Township of Assiginack in their efforts to retain Lifelabs locations in Northern Ontario;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to all Townships within the Central Algoma catchment area, the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, and Bill Rosenberg, MPP.

c. Bar River/Echo Bay United Church Outreach Committee, RE: Thank you for continued support, February 25, 2026.

d. Crime Stoppers, RE: Thank You for Supporting Crime Stoppers in 2026, February 18, 2026.

e. Globe and Mail Article “We can’t afford to wait: The Northern Ontario mayor pushing for a safer Trans-Canada Highway”, March 3, 2026  
FONOM requested that the Globe and Mail Article on the state of Northern Highways be shared with the Mayor, Council and Senior Staff.

f. Support Resolution: Township of McNab/Braeside, RE: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy, February 17, 2026.

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT COUNCIL of the Township of Laird supports the Township of McNab/Braeside in their efforts to support the review and modernization of the Heritage Organization Development Grant, including restoring its real purchasing power through inflationary adjustment and exploring options for increased or multi-year operating stability;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, and AMO.

### **13. Mayor and Council Comments**

### **14. By-laws**

- Ÿ 2076-26 Appointment of an Additional Weed Inspector

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2076-26, being! a by-law to appoint Ed Lapish as an additional Weed Inspector for the Township of! Laird.

- § Ÿ 2077-26 User Fees and Charges By-law

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2077-26, being! a by-law to establish fees and charges for services and the use of property in the! Township of Laird.

- £ Ÿ 2078-26 Conformity By-law

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2078-26, being! a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on March 19,! 2026.

### **15. Adjournment**

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council shall now adjourn to meet! again on April 2, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. for a Special Council Meeting or until the call!of the chair.

**MinutesREGULAR AGENDA – AGENDA 52  
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD  
February 19, 2026, at 6:00 pm  
Laird Township Council Chambers**

Present: *Mayor:* Shawn Evoy  
*Councillors:* Matt Frolick, Brad Shewfelt, Wayne Junor  
*Regrets:* Todd Rydall  
*Clerk:* Jennifer Errington  
*Treasurer:* Rhonda Crozier  
*Senior Machine Op.:* Ed Lapish

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**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**3. Agenda Approval**

#29-26

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves the February 19, 2026, agenda as presented with the amendment to include Closed session agenda item 11. d.

Advice subject to solicitor-client privileges.

Carried.

**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

#30-26

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

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.

Carried.

**6. Adoption of Accounts**

a. General accounts to January 31, 2026

#31-26

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

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

Carried.

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

#32-26

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

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.

Carried.

## 7. Staff and Committee Reports

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

#### i. Road Superintendent Report – Verbal Report #33-26

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Road Superintendent Report dated February 19, 2026, as presented and arising out of discussion, Council directs staff to set up a meeting with the Drainage Superintendent to discuss drains in the Township.

Carried.

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

#34-26

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

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.

Carried.

#### iii. Council Q&A

35-26

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to sell surplus tires stored at Municipal Garage in consultation with Road Superintendent.

Carried.

### b. Clerk Administrator, Deputy Treasurer

#### i. Clerk's Report – Verbal Report

#36-26

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

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

AND THAT Council authorizes the Clerk to attend the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) Election Training and Spring Meeting to be held May 6 – 8, 2026, in Sudbury, with registration and associated expenses to be paid in accordance with the Township's Per Diem Policy;

AND FURTHER THAT Council directs staff to schedule a Special Budget Meeting on Thursday, April 2, 2026, for the purpose of reviewing the 2026 Budget.

Carried.

#### ii. Task Summary Sheet & Recent Activity Log

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

#37-26

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

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

iv. Council Q&A

**c. Treasurer's Report**

i. Memo: Committee and Boards Budget & Capital Requests  
#38-26

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

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

Carried.

**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

#39-26

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

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.

Carried.

- 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  
#40-26

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

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.

Carried.

- b. Memo: LIR Grant Opportunities

#41-26

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

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

Carried.

**9. New Business**

- a. Council Phone Poll Survey - January 29, 2026 Re: Rink Furnace Purchase  
#42-26

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

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.

Carried.

- b. Memo: Plotter (Model iPF670) – Offer from Township of Tarbutt

#43-26

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

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 Council suggests that costs be split four ways with the other Townships and care and control remain with the Township of Tarbutt and the Planning Board.

Carried.

- c. Memo: User Fees for Services By-law

#44-26

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

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.  
Carried.

## 10. Notices of Motion

## 11. Closed Session

#45-26

Moved by: Brad Shewflet

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into closed session at 8:13 p.m. in accordance with Section 239 (2) (d) labour relations or employee negotiations, Section 239 (2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees, and Section 239 (2) (f) Advice subject to solicitor-client privilege.

Carried.

- 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
- d. Advice subject to solicitor-client privilege.

#46-26

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council come out of closed meeting session at 8:29 p.m. and continue with the Regular Council Meeting.

Carried.

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

#47-26

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize a wage increase of 2.4% for all staff, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for 2025, retroactive to January 1, 2026.

Carried.

#48-26

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Ed Lapish, Senior Machine Operator, as Acting Road Superintendent effective immediately;

AND THAT Council authorize compensation for Ed Lapish in his role as Acting Road Superintendent retroactive to December 1, 2025, at step 5 of the scale.

Carried.

#49-26

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Brad Shewfelt

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to forward the updated draft 2026 Fire Protection Cost-Sharing Agreement, including the solicitor's recommended

clauses and the insurance limits once received, to Macdonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional Council for review and consideration of acceptance;

AND FURTHER THAT Council confirms its satisfaction with the additional recommendations beyond the Indemnification clause.

Carried.

## 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.

#50-26

Moved by:

Seconded by:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Township of Laird support the correspondence from the Township of St. Joseph regarding Levy Increase to Algoma Public Health and the Provincial Portion;

AND THAT Council suggests that if the Province does not intend to fund the Public Health mandate properly, they should consider modifying the current mandate scope.

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all municipalities within the Algoma District, the Minister of Health, the Premier of Ontario, the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), and the Algoma District Municipal Association (ADMA).

Carried.

## 13. Mayor and Council Comments

## 14. By-laws

a. 2071-26 Appoint Integrity Commissioner By-law

#51-26

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

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.

Carried.

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

#52-26

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

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.

Carried.

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

#53-26

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2073-26, 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.

Carried.

d. 2074-26 Knox Presbyterian Church Municipal Heritage By-law  
#54-26

Moved by: Wayne Junor

Seconded by: Matt Frolick

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.

Carried.

e. 2075-26 Conformity By-law

#55-26

Moved by: Brad Shewfelt

Seconded by: Matt Folick

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.

Carried.

**15. Adjournment**

#56-26

Moved by: Matt Frolick

Seconded by: Wayne Junor

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.

Carried.

Mayor – \_\_\_\_\_  
Shawn Evoy

Clerk – \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Errington

**MINUTES**  
**LAIRD RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**March 2, 2026, at 7:00 pm**  
**Laird Township Council Chambers**

Present: Shawn Evoy, Rhonda Crozier, Noah Crozier, Suzanne Evoy, JoAnne Entwistle and Joanne North

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**1. Call to Order**

Acting Chair Shawn Evoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**3. Agenda Approval**

**#6-26**

Moved by: Jo-Anne Entwistle

Seconded by: Noah Crozier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Recreation hereby approves the March 2, 2026 agenda as presented.  
Carried

**4. Delegations and Presentations**

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

a. Recreation Meeting – January 27, 2026

**#7-26**

Moved by: Joanne North

Seconded by: Noah Crozier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Recreation approves Recreation Committee minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2026, as presented.  
Carried

**6. Committee Reports**

a. **Bar River Hall** – The hall is holding a Pasta Supper later in March.

b. **G. W. Evoy Rink** – Family Carnival was a success. Approximately 37 kids attended. Bum slide was the best!

c. **Heritage** – Waiting on plans from Clifford Orr and hoping to get the building framed this year.

d. **Laird Hall** – Office staff is wanting to have the hall drain run under the driveway to prevent slipping.

**7. Adoption of Accounts**

a. Recreation accounts for January 2026

**#8-26**

Moved by: Suzanne Evoy

Seconded by: Noah Crozier

BE IT RESOLVED that the Recreation Committee approves the accounts for January 2026 in the amount of \$5053.88, as presented.  
Carried

**8. Unfinished Business**

- a) The secretary reported that we are still waiting for a reply for the Capital Grant application to NOHFC for Laird Hall Improvements and council has approved to complete a grant application to NOHFC for the Laird Fairgrounds Kitchen and the Heritage Building.

**9. New Business**

- a) The secretary reported that council approved additional summer program hours and she reported on the Kids Summer Camps available and the Baseball and Soccer Programs available.

**10. Adjournment**

**#9-26**

Moved by: Noah Crozier

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Recreation Committee shall now adjourn the meeting and will meet again March 31, 2026. Carried

Acting Chair – \_\_\_\_\_  
Shawn Evoy

Secretary – \_\_\_\_\_  
Rhonda Crozier

**Township of Laird  
General Cheques for February 2026**

Name	Description	Journal No.	Amount
Jennifer Errington	Mileage	J82	193.60
Cheryl Frenette	Snow Removal	J85	154.00
Glen Irwin	Mileage	J74	189.20
Heritage Home Hardware	Office Supplies	J89	24.20
Brant Coulter	Mileage	J91	48.40
encompassIT.ca	Tax Program	J92	1,535.32
			119.06
Bell	Emerg. Man.	J111	103.79
	Office		395.04
Superior Propane	Dump		105.83
			210.10
Canada Post	Tax Arrears		31.48
Starlink	Office Internet		142.46
AMCTO	Election Training		508.80
	Education		533.36
MWA	Membership		132.29
Rogers	By-Law		6.11
Co-Op	Office Fuel	J112	600.00
Realtax Inc.	Tax Arrears	J113	661.44
ADMA	Membership	J114	150.00
Waterfront Cycling Trail	Membership	J115	500.00
Peter J. Berlingieri	Admin. Legal	J124	1,704.75
	By-Law Legal		1,286.04
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$9,335.27</b>

**ACCOUNTS CERTIFIED CORRECT**

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**Motion #**

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**(Signed) Mayor**

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

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**(Signed) Clerk**

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

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**Date Passed by Council**

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**(Signed) Treasurer**

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD  
Road Department  
**VOUCHER LISTING**

Voucher No. 1				Date 2/28/26
Name	Description	Journal No.	Amount	
Payroll	Wages		13,357.25	
Toromont	Capital Grader Repairs	J79	48,021.61	
Heritage Home Hardware	Shop	J80	32.52	
			40.68	
			24.40	
Generac Remember Tag	Capital Generator	J87	6,653.44	
Traction	Shop	J90	64.54	
Bell	Shop	J111	101.31	
Rogers	Shop/Office		15.52	
Superior Propane	Shop		2,009.33	
DCR HVAC	Capital Generator	J117	763.20	
Whites Wearparts	Plowing	J122	5,021.76	
	Sanding		5,021.76	
Huron Central Railway	Safety	J125	365.50	
Toromont	Grader	J126	169.37	
ANP Office Supply	Shop	J138	190.09	
Terry's Welding	Dump/Plow Truck	J139	127.20	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b><u>\$81,979.48</u></b>	

**ACCOUNTS CERTIFIED CORRECT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Motion #

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(Signed) Road Superintendent

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

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(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

# TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Date:** March 19, 2026  
**To:** Mayor Evoy and Council  
**From:** Jennifer Errington, Clerk & Ed Lapish, Acting Road Superintendent  
**Subject:** 2026 Annual Road Tour

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## **Background/Overview**

Traditionally, Council, the Clerk, and the Road Superintendent conduct an annual Road Tour in the spring. This tour typically includes areas of the Township that the Road Superintendent has identified as areas of concern, as well as locations brought forward by ratepayers regarding road and ditch issues.

At this time, no requests have been received from ratepayers to review specific areas within the Township.

The Clerk and Acting Road Superintendent have discussed the timing and overall benefit of conducting the Road Tour after the Joint Tender process and budget have been finalized. As Council traditionally meets in late spring, it may be more beneficial to schedule the Road Tour in early fall.

Holding the tour in September would allow Council to:

- Inspect road work completed during the summer months
- Review the quality of contractors' surface treatment work
- Assess how crushed asphalt roads are performing
- Examine roads planned for resurfacing in 2027

This timing would provide Council with a clearer understanding of staff recommendations when updating the Five-Year Plan and preparing the Joint Tender submission for the Township. It would also support more informed decision-making regarding future road work requirements.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council schedule the Annual Road Tour in September of each year. This would allow Council to review completed summer road work and assess priority areas for the upcoming year prior to budget deliberations.

This approach will support informed decision-making when amending the Five-Year Plan in alignment with the Asset Management Plan and current road conditions.

**Recommended Resolution:** BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the 2026 Annual Road Tour report dated March 19, 2026;

And Further That Council schedule the Annual Road Tour for September of each year to review completed road work, assess future priority areas, and support budget and Five-Year Plan deliberations.

# ANNUAL REPORT 2025

from Mayor, Council, Committees and Staff

In 2023, the Township of Laird Council proposed the initiation of an annual report in order to communicate the workings of the Township, as well as the work of our many volunteer committees, with the residents of Laird Township.

In order to properly manage the Township, meet our legislative and legal requirements, and maintain our road network and our community facilities, there are over 60 scheduled meetings per year. These include Council, Recreation, Recreations sub-committees, the OPP Sault Ste. Marie Detachment Board, the Planning Board, the Cemetery Board, and Emergency Management, with at least one member of council attending, and often chairing, each of these meetings. Staff are also heavily involved in nearly all these meetings, as well as the many, many volunteers. Even though most of these meetings have formal minutes which are posted on the Laird Township website for those interested in the details, actions, and recommendations of these committees and boards, not everyone has the time for this.

On behalf of Council, Staff, and the Committee volunteers of the Township of Laird, we would like to provide some highlights of our activities during the past year, 2025, which we hope communicate the efforts, outcomes, and achievements of the 40-plus individuals that work cooperatively to keep the Township of Laird functioning effectively.

## **Council and Staff:**

Over the past year, Council has adopted several by-laws and policies for the Township of Laird, including both new enactments and revisions to existing documents. All by-laws and policies are available for public review at the Township Municipal Office and on the Township's website at [lairdtownship.ca](http://lairdtownship.ca).

Please note that a Conformity By-law is passed at the conclusion of each Council meeting to formally confirm the proceedings, as required under the *Municipal Act, 2001*. These by-laws are not listed below.

### By-laws and Policies

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|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| i. Control of Dogs By-law 2040-25                          | v. Council Staff Relations Policy By-law 2048-25        |
| ii. Borrowing By-law 2041-25                               | vi. Final Tax Rates 2025 By-law 2053-25                 |
| iii. Zoning Amendment Z-01-25 By-law 2046-25               | vii. Drainage Superintendent Appointment By-law 2056-25 |
| iv. Delegations of Powers and Duties Policy By-law 2047-25 | viii. Zoning By-law Amendment Z-02-25 By-law 2064-25    |

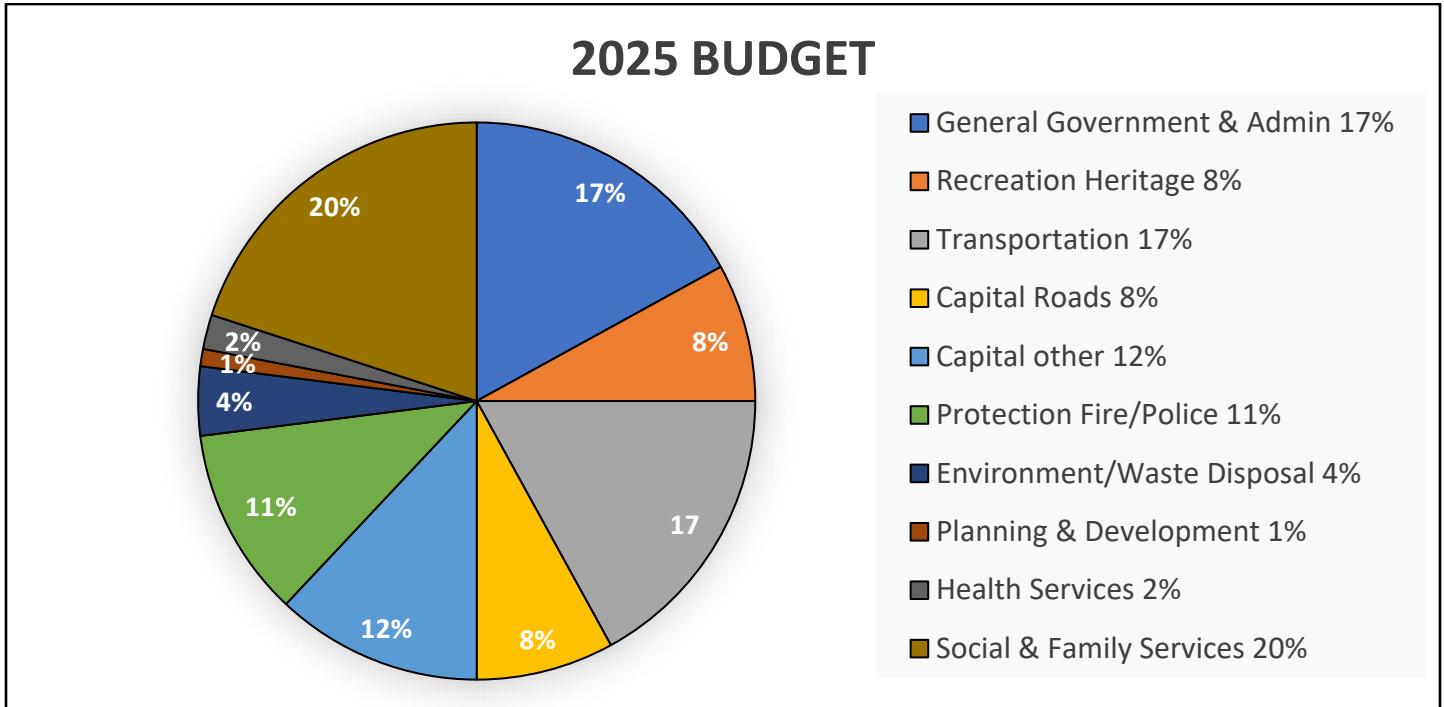
### Building Permits

The total number of Building Permits issued for 2025 was 36. This number includes 5 new single-family residences, 1 seasonal cottage, 8 new sheds & garages, 7 additions/renovations, 1 demolition(barn), and 4 permits for windows/siding/shingles.

Budget

The 2025 Budget was approved at the April 20, 2025, Council meeting, with a 4.1% increase. A pie chart below shows how funds were allocated.

The Treasurer manages the Township’s budget, reports annually on financial activity, and informs Council of any budget variances or recommendations. This information is included in Council meeting agendas and minutes for transparency.



**Roadwork Completed in 2025**

In 2025, Council shifted from subcontracting all ditching and roadside brushing to performing the work in-house. This allows better control and management of recurring costs. To support this, Council approved the purchase of a wheeled excavator and brushing equipment, and staff were reallocated to carry out the work.

**1) Surface Treatment:**

- **Bar River Road** (Tracks to Cemetery Road): 3,600 m
- **Calabogie Road** (Lakeview to Lakeshore): 1,000 m
- **Neebish Road** (Highway to MacDonald Drive): 1,600 m

All received **single surface treatment**.

**2) Ditching:** Ditching work was completed on Cemetery Road and Riverside Drive, with Lake George Road East started and scheduled for completion in 2026.

**3) Surface Treatment Prep:** Lake George Road received 40 loads of gravel in preparation for future surface treatment.

- 4) **Brushing:** Road Department staff self-performed approximately 40 km of roadside brushing, focusing on Cemetery Road and Pumpkin Point Road West.
- 5) **Equipment:** The Township purchased a wheeled excavator, brushing equipment, and disc mower for roadside cutting.
- 6) **Roadside Cutting:** Approximately 160 kms of roadside grass cutting was completed throughout the Township.
- 7) **Surface Treatment Patching:** The majority of the surface treatment patching was completed on Neebish Road, Government Road, and Bar River Road, along with maintenance patching throughout the Township.
- 8) **Culvert Replacement:** A cross culvert was replaced on Cemetery Road.

## Recreation Committee

The Laird Recreation Committee oversees seven volunteer sub-committees: Bar River Community Centre, G.W. Evoy Memorial Rink, Laird Fairgrounds, Laird Hall, Pumpkin Point Park, Finns' Bay Wharf, and Laird Heritage.

In 2022, Council and the Recreation Committee encouraged the revitalization of these sub-committees, a process that continued in 2025 with many new volunteers joining. Council has also requested that each sub-committee submit a five-year plan, including suggested capital expenditures, with their annual budget requests prior to final budget deliberations.

The Recreation Committee's 4th Annual Pumpkin Fest experienced significant growth this year and was very well attended. The Giant Pumpkin Grand Champion weighed 593 lbs., and donations were collected for the local food bank.

### Laird Fairgrounds

The Laird Fairgrounds Gazebo was well-used in 2025. Improvements to the electrical system and outdoor lighting were completed, along with improvements to the water system and LIR washroom, so completed.

The fairgrounds and facilities remained highly active, hosting a variety of events and activities, including:

- Laird International Raceway (LIR)
- Horse shows
- Weddings
- Motorsport swap meet
- Layover for travelers with horses
- Laird Fair
- Pumpkin Fest
- Overwinter storage



*Pumpkin Fest Giant Pumpkins – Grand Champion weighed 593 lbs.*

### **Pumpkin Point Park**

The Pumpkin Point Park Sub-Committee oversees Centennial Park, located at the south end of Point Drive. On August 10, 2025, the Sub-Committee hosted the Pumpkin Point Park Meet and Greet, providing members of the public with an opportunity to connect with fellow residents and enjoy the Township's waterfront park.

### **Bar River Community Centre (Hall)**

After an extensive rehabilitation, the Bar River Community Centre reopened in March 2025 with a sold-out community dinner. Pub-night returned and was well attended, and rentals for weddings, receptions, dance classes, and birthday parties remained steady. The Hall Sub-committee also hosted a fall community supper and a Christmas dance.

### **G.W. Evoy Memorial Rink**

The G.W. Evoy Memorial Rink operated as usual, with repairs completed to the sewage lift station. In February, the Rink Sub-committee, together with the Bar River Hall Sub-committee, hosted the annual Winter Carnival, featuring a fan-favourite obstacle course.

### **Heritage Museum**

The Township of Laird has been without a museum for several years, with artifacts in storage while the Sub-committee developed a plan. The museum foundation is now complete, and construction of the building shell is scheduled for 2026, followed by additional phases.

Over the past few years, the Heritage summer student digitized and cataloged many historic Township documents, including Council minutes and past by-laws. The Laird Township Heritage Center Virtual Museum is a valuable resource for preserving and sharing local history: [www.lairdheritagecentre.ca](http://www.lairdheritagecentre.ca) A new Facebook page, "Bar River and Laird History," has also been launched and currently has over 100 followers.

### **The Wharf**

The Wharf Sub-Committee continues to work on improvements to the property, following a five-year plan to enhance amenities for the community.

### **Laird Hall**

Laird Hall is in need of a significant renovation, and Staff and the Laird Hall Sub-committee have been actively working on grant applications to support these improvements.

Hall use the last year:

- Floor curling for seniors.
- Supported the annual Sylvan Circle and held a "Sylvan Circle Coffee Break" at Laird Hall raising money for future improvements.
- Yoga classes
- Senior Exercise
- Dog training classes
- Private rentals for family gatherings, birthday parties, baby showers, and banquets

## **Police Board**

A new joint Police Board, the OPP Sault Ste. Marie Detachment Board, was established in partnership with MacDonald Meredith and Aberdeen Additional Township and the Ontario Provincial Police to facilitate communication regarding township concerns, crime statistics, and public safety matters.

## **Planning Board**

Established in 1998, the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board makes decisions on consent applications under Sections 50 and 53 of the Planning Act. In 2025, the Board approved one consent for Laird Township, creating an additional building lot, and also approved three lot additions. The Board continues to work toward a Joint Official Plan for the four member municipalities—Johnson, Tarbutt, Laird, and Macdonald, Meredith and Aberdeen Additional—which is expected to be finalized in 2026.

## **Cemetery Board**

The Cemetery Board continues to make improvements, with a focus on updating the plot map and permanent survey markers for the layout out of existing lots. Grave marker maintenance was completed on nearly one-third of the upper cemetery, and further marker maintenance is planned to continue in 2026 and beyond. Additionally, the Township has an agreement to acquire property along the east property line to facilitate a larger access road.

## **Closing Message**

In closing, it is the hope of Council, Staff and our volunteers that this report and the information presented above help to inform the residents of Laird Township of the myriad Township activities that are being performed behind the scenes. This report intends to assist in fulfilling our commitment to provide transparency and access to more detailed information, which can be found on the Township website “transparency” tab.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our many active volunteers for all the work they put into our Committees.

Regards,

Shawn Evoy  
Mayor, Laird Township

**TASK SUMMARY SHEET RECENT ACTIVITY LOG**

DATE	MOTION #	TASK	CATEGORY	CONTACT	STATUS	TARGET DATE
19-Oct-23	231-23	<p>Council receives the draft Unassumed Road Policy and requests the Clerk make amendments as discussed and prepare a by-law to adopt the policy</p> <p>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.</p> <p>* Staff are currently working on confirming that the roads listed in policy are actually unassumed (owned by township) and which ones are private.</p>	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	Apr-26
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 participated in a Access2Pay meeting to explore product, working on preparing report back to Council.</p>	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	Apr-26
18-Sep-25	211-25	<p>... AND THAT staff be directed to coordinate with the Township of Macdonald, Meradith and Aberdeen Additional to obtain a joint engineering review, if possible, in the interest of cost-sharing and project alignment.</p> <p>Note: During 2026 OSIM we will have Engineer recommendations for repairs.</p>	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	May-26
18-Dec-25	286-25	Fuel agreement with Tarbutt Township Roads Department	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	APRIL

**TASK SUMMARY SHEET RECENT ACTIVITY LOG**

DATE	MOTION #	TASK	CATEGORY	CONTACT	STATUS	TARGET DATE
<p>Note: Staff had meeting with Tarbutt on March 12, 2026 to draft Agreement. Agreement will be reviewed by solicitor and presented to Council for approval.</p>						
19-Feb-26	33-26	Council directs staff to set up a meeting with the Drainage Superintendent to discuss drains in the Township.	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	APRIL
<p>Note: Clerk has reached out to Drainage Superintendent to set up a meeting, waiting on a date.</p>						
19-Feb-26	35-26	Council directs staff to sell surplus tires stored at the Municipal Garage in consultation with Road Superintendent.	RDS	EL	IN PROGRESS	MAY
19-Feb-26	39-26	Council directs staff to gather updated quotes for service contracts for an electrician, plumber, furnace repairs and handyman repairs.	TREASURER	RC	IN PROGRESS	APRIL
19-Feb-26	39-26	Council authorizes the Heritage Sub-Committee to submit an application to the NOHFC for funding towards the future museum building	TREASURER	RC	IN PROGRESS	MAY
19-Feb-26	39-26	Council authorizes the Laird Fairgrounds Sub-Committee to submit an application to NOHFC for funding towards the gazebo kitchen project. <p>Note: Application is in draft form, working on quotes.</p>	TREASURER	RC	IN PROGRESS	MAY
19-Feb-26	40-26	Staff be directed to arrange appropriate signage for the Municipal Garage. <p>Note: In process of getting design/quotes for signage.</p>	ADMIN	BA	IN PROGRESS	APRIL

**TASK SUMMARY SHEET RECENT ACTIVITY LOG**

DATE	MOTION #	TASK	CATEGORY	CONTACT	STATUS	TARGET DATE
19-Feb-26	49-26	Council direct staff to forward the updated draft 2026 Fire Protection Cost-Sharing Agreement to MMAA Council for review and consideration of acceptance. <i>Note: with MMAA Council for review.</i>	CLERK	JE	IN PROGRESS	APRIL



TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD  
Registered Concern/Information Log

DATE	CONCERN	ACTION	COMMENTS IN RETURN

**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.

*Admin, Concern-Information Log*

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD  
MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 19, 2026  
**To:** Mayor Evoy and Council  
**From:** Rhonda Crozier, Treasurer  
**Subject:** **Building Permit Annual Report for 2025**

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**PURPOSE:**

The Ontario Building Code Act, SO 1992 C23, as amended, Section 7(4) prescribes that a municipality is required to prepare a report every twelve (12) months that contains information about fees prescribed for the application and issuance of permits, for maintenance inspections and orders and costs of the municipality to administer and enforce the Act in its area of jurisdiction.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

<b>Total Permits Fees Collected</b>	<b>\$14,325.00</b>
<b>Other Township Revenue</b>	<b>\$85.34</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,410.34</b>

<b>Direct Costs of Administration and Enforcement of the Act, including review of applications for permits and inspections of buildings</b>
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Salaries and Benefits	\$12,298.85
Training	\$0.00
Mileage	\$1,351.80
Supplies	\$425.89
<b>Total Direct Costs:</b>	<b>\$14,076.54</b>

<b>Overhead 15% of Direct Cost</b>	<b>2,111.48</b>
<b>Indirect Costs of Administration and enforcement of the Act including support</b>	<b>2,741.45</b>
	<b>Total \$18,929.47</b>

<b>Surplus (Deficit) of Revenue over Expenses (Unaudited)</b>	<b>(4,419.13)</b>
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<b>Total Building Permits Issued for this Year:</b>	<b>36</b>
New Single-Family Residences	6
New Sheds & Garages	6
Additions/Renovations	13
Demolitions	2
Gazebo/Bunkie/Decks	5
Windows/Siding/Shingles	4

**Recommendation:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on Building Permits 2025.

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD  
REPORT TO COUNCIL

**Date:** March 19, 2026  
**To:** Mayor Evoy and Council  
**From:** Treasurer, Rhonda Crozier  
**Subject:** Financial Investment – Update Jan. – Dec. 2025

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**Background/Overview**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the municipality’s investments and confirm compliance with the municipal investment policy and applicable legislation.

**Information**

As of December 31, 2025, the municipality held total investments of \$1,026,803

<b>Investment Type</b>	<b>Amount</b>
I.P.C. Portfolio	1,026,802.98

The investment activity though 2025 is as follows:

1) Investments, dividends & distributions	27,847
2) Realized Capital Gains	19,002
3) Unrealized Capital Gains	75,833
4) Management Fees Paid	<u>(7,561)</u>
	\$115,121

**RECOMMENDATION**

At the next council meeting I like to discuss an investment for this year.

**Recommended Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the report on Financial Investment Update Jan. – Dec. 2025 from the Treasurer as information.

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD  
MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 19, 2026  
**To:** Mayor Evoy and Council  
**From:** Rhonda Crozier, Treasurer Deputy-Clerk  
**Subject:** Tax Collection Information

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**Background/Overview:**

Council adopted the Tax Collection Policy through By-law 1078-23, which requires the Treasurer to report to Council at the time of budgeting on the allowance for doubtful accounts—including outstanding taxes, penalties, and interest—as well as the status of tax collection efforts.

**Information:**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2025 Tax Arrears	136,935.37
2024 Tax Arrears	115,441.85
2024+ Tax Arrears	12,581.99
Interest in Arrears	24,534.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$358,680.06</b>

**30 properties in arrears (2+ years):**

- 18 on payment plans
- 4 in tax registration
- 8 with payment plan agreements due March 20 or proceeding to tax registration

**Recommendation:**

Be it resolved that the Tax Collection Information Report from the Treasurer-Deputy Clerk be received.

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD  
MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 19, 2026  
**To:** Mayor Evoy and Council  
**From:** Rhonda Crozier, Treasurer  
**Subject:** 2026 Roads Department Budget Requests

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**Overview**

The Township of Laird Roads Department 2026 budget outlines the anticipated operating costs, maintenance requirements, and capital projects necessary to maintain the Township's roads infrastructure. The budget reflects ongoing maintenance needs, equipment requirements, and priorities identified through the Township's 5-Year Plan.

The 2026 total roads budget is **\$814,124**, which includes operating expenses, maintenance activities, capital improvements, and reserve allocations. This represents a decrease compared to the 2025 projected total of **\$851,900**.

**Revenue**

Total projected revenue for 2026 is **\$32,036**, which includes:

- **Transportation Road Department Revenue:** \$14,200
- **Capital Roads Government Bridge Reserve:** \$17,836

This reserve allocation will assist with planned bridge-related infrastructure improvements.

**Operating Transportation Maintenance & Overhead**

The Transportation Maintenance and Overhead operating budget for 2026 is **\$490,124**, compared to **\$411,880** in 2025. The increase reflects rising costs for materials, fuel, shop operations, and expanded work under the Township's 5-Year Plan.

Major operational categories include:

**Bridges & Culverts**

2026 Budget: **\$27,700**

Key activities include:

- Bridge Inspections
- Culvert replacement on **Reids Road**
- Ongoing culvert maintenance and installation

The increase in this category reflects proactive infrastructure maintenance to prevent road failures and drainage issues.

## **Roadside Maintenance**

2026 Budget: **\$68,600**

This includes brushing, ditching, tree removal, roadside cutting, and water control activities.

Additional brushing and ditching work have been scheduled as part of the **5-Year Plan**, including work on:

- Government Road
- Reids Road
- Birch Point Drive
- Lake George Road East
- Neebish Road West

These projects are intended to improve drainage, visibility, and road safety.

## **Hardtop Maintenance**

2026 Budget: **\$74,000**

Work includes:

- Surface treatment patching and spraying
- Street sweeping and road cleaning
- Labour related to surface treatment and capital road work

This category maintains paved roads and helps extend pavement life.

## **Loose-top Maintenance**

2026 Budget: **\$12,200**

This covers maintenance of gravel roads, including:

- Grading operations
- Dust control applications
- Maintenance of gravel stock

## **Winter Control**

2026 Budget: **\$110,000**

Winter operations include:

- Snow plowing
- Sanding and ice control
- Culvert thawing

This category remains one of the largest operational costs due to equipment, labour, and material requirements during winter months.

## **Safety**

2026 Budget: **\$28,000**

Safety costs include:

- Road safety materials and inspections
- Staff training and required certifications
- Safety meetings and compliance requirements

### **Storm Response**

2026 Budget: **\$9,000**

Storm response funding allows the department to address unexpected weather events such as windstorms, fallen trees, and road debris.

### **Overhead Operations**

Overhead costs include shop operations, road patrols, administration, and other operational expenses.

Key areas include:

#### **Shop Operations: \$38,500**

Includes heat, power, equipment time, and labour.

#### **Road Patrol: \$19,000**

Routine roads inspections and monitoring.

#### **Road Administration: \$20,500**

Administrative work related to asset management, reporting, and planning.

#### **Miscellaneous Costs: \$75,324**

Includes insurance, payroll obligations, streetlights, grants, and legal costs.

### **Operating Projects (2026)**

Minor operating projects planned for 2026 include:

- Purchase of a **new welder**
- Installation of a **new man door on the old garage**
- Repairs to **garage exterior trim**

Total operating project cost: **\$4,500**

### **Capital Projects – 5 Year Plan**

Capital infrastructure projects scheduled for 2026 total **\$111,000**, including:

- Garage window replacement
- Heat trace system installation
- Generator purchase
- Old garage painting and lighting upgrades
- Brush-hog head replacement
- Backhoe snow blade purchase
- Grader Repairs Already Completed

These projects support equipment reliability and facility improvements.

### **Capital Transportation Projects**

Total Capital Transportation Budget for 2026: **\$230,000**

Major projects include:

**Road Surface Treatment**

- Cloudy Lake Road
- Government Road
- Lake George Road East
- Rydall Mill Road

**Asphalt Recycling and Gravel Resurfacing**

- Lapish Road
- Isbester Road
- Cemetery Road
- Riverside Drive
- Lakeshore Drive

**Culvert Infrastructure**

- Installation of **two cross culverts**

These capital projects address road surface deterioration, improve drainage, and maintain safe road conditions throughout the Township.

**SUMMARY**

The 2026 Roads Department budget focuses on:

- Maintaining existing infrastructure
- Addressing drainage and culvert needs
- Completing road surface improvements
- Investing in equipment and facility upgrades
- Implementing the Township’s long-term 5-Year infrastructure plan

While operating costs have increased in some areas due to rising materials and equipment costs, the overall budget reflects careful planning to maintain service levels while addressing priority infrastructure needs.

**Total 2026 Roads Budget:  
\$814,124**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receives the 2026 Roads Department Budget report for information and directs staff to include the Roads Department Budget within the overall 2026 Municipal Budget for Council’s consideration during the upcoming budget deliberations.

Recommended Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the 2026 Roads Department Budget Report as presented;

AND THAT staff be directed to incorporate the Roads Department Budget into the draft 2026 Municipal Budget for Council’s consideration at the Special Council meeting scheduled for April 2, 2026.

# TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD ROADS BUDGET



## OPERATING REVENUE

Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		
<b>MISC. REVENUE OPERATING</b>			
Transportation Road Department (Culverts Including Reids Rd. & Misc.)	5,000	3,312	14,200
<b>Total Misc. Revenue</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>3,312</b>	<b>14,200</b>

## OTHER REVENUE

### RESERVES & SURPLUSES

Capital Roads Government Bridge			17,836
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>3,312</b>	<b>32,036</b>

## TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES

BRIDGES & CULVERTS	2025	2025	2026
Road Bridges & Culvert Materials		281	2,700
Road Bridges & Culvert Equipment Time	1,000	639	1,000
Road Bridges & Culvert Labour	1,500	638	2,000
Driveway Culvert Materials (2026 Reids Rd. Culvert)	5,000	11,969	15,000
Driveway Culvert Equipment Time	2,000	1,921	2,500
Driveway Culvert Labour	2,000	2,857	4,500
<b>TOTAL BRIDGES &amp; CULVERTS</b>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>18,305</b>	<b>27,700</b>

### ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE

Brushing Materials	500	3,223	3,500
Brushing Equipment Time	2,000	4,995	6,400
Brushing Labour - Added 5 Year Plan Brushing (2026 - Gov. Rd. 2000m, Reids Rd. 4000m & Birch Point Dr. 1000m)	11,000	10,366	15,000
Ditching Materials	5,000	2,114	6,000
Ditching Equipment Time	2,500	8,825	8,000
Ditching Labour - Added 5 Year Plan Ditching (2026 - Lake George Rd. E, Neebish Rd. W. (north side) & Gov. Rd.)	10,000	8,009	8,500
Water Control Materials- Beavers	1,000	500	1,000
Water Control Equipment Time	3,000	163	3,000
Water Control Labour	3,500	867	3,500
Tree Limbing/Tree Removal Materials		0	500
Tree Limbing/Tree Removal Equipment Time	3,500	490	3,500
Tree Limbing/Tree Removal Labour	5,000	1,944	5,000
Roadside Cutting - Tender		959	2,400
Roadside Cutting Equipment time	6,000	265	300
Roadside Cutting Labour	3,000	2,160	2,000
<b>TOTAL ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>56,000</b>	<b>44,880</b>	<b>68,600</b>

<b>HARDTOP MAINTENANCE</b>			
ST Hardtop, Patch & Spray Materials	23,000	23,346	33,000
ST Hardtop, Patch & Spray Equipment Time	3,000	3,617	3,500
ST Hardtop, Patch & Spray Labour	25,000	26,488	27,000
Sweep & Clean Materials	2,000	1,274	2,000
Sweep & Clean Equipment Time	1,200	327	1,000
Sweep & Clean Labour	2,500	2,217	2,500
S.T. & Capital Projects Labour	5,000	3,899	5,000
<b>TOTAL HARDTOP MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>61,700</b>	<b>61,168</b>	<b>74,000</b>

<b>LOOSETOP MAINTENANCE</b>			
Grading Materials includes yard stock	4,000	3,906	4,200
Grading Equipment Time	2,000	4,020	4,000
Grading Labour	3,000	2,165	3,000
Dust Control Materials	180	51	500
Dust Control Equipment Time	0	13	0
Dust Control Labour	500	625	500
<b>TOTAL LOOSETOP MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>9,680</b>	<b>10,780</b>	<b>12,200</b>

<b>WINTER CONTROL</b>			
Plowing Equipment Time	35,000	42,646	43,000
Plowing Labour	30,000	30,532	31,000
Sanding Materials	20,000	15,033	16,000
Sanding Equipment Time	12,000	6,518	7,000
Sanding Labour	18,000	5,796	6,500
Culvert Thaw Materials	1,200	1,654	2,000
Culvert Thaw Equipment Time	1,000	2,196	2,500
Culvert Thaw Labour	2,000	1,931	2,000
<b>TOTAL WINTER CONTROL</b>	<b>119,200</b>	<b>106,306</b>	<b>110,000</b>

<b>SAFETY</b>			
Safety Materials Including (Guardrails?)	8,500	1,788	2,500
Safety Equipment Time	1,200	307	1,000
Safety Inspections	4,500	4,392	4,500
Safety Labour and Meetings, Courses and Training	24,000	15,406	20,000
<b>TOTAL SAFETY</b>	<b>38,200</b>	<b>21,893</b>	<b>28,000</b>

<b>STORMS</b>			
Storms/Wind Materials	1,000	0	2,000
Storms/Wind Equipment Time	2,000	307	2,000
Storms/Wind Labour	5,000	3,538	5,000
<b>TOTAL STORMS</b>	<b>8,000</b>	<b>3,845</b>	<b>9,000</b>

Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		
<b>OVERHEAD</b>			
Shop Materials (2026 Includes Heat & Power Approx. \$20,000)	8,000	22,636	28,000
Shop Equipment Time	1,000	1,084	2,000
Shop Labour	6,000	8,421	8,500
<b>TOTAL SHOP</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>32,141</b>	<b>38,500</b>
Road Patrol Equipment Time	3,500	4,554	5,000
Road Patrol Labour	14,000	12,907	14,000
<b>TOTAL ROAD PATROL</b>	<b>17,500</b>	<b>17,461</b>	<b>19,000</b>

Road Office Materials	3,000	550	1,500
Road - Admin Staff Labour	15,000	8,532	10,000
Road - Road Admin Asset Management Labour	4,000	70	0
Road Super Office Labour	6,000	7,498	9,000
<b>TOTAL ROAD OFFICE/ADMIN</b>	<b>28,000</b>	<b>16,650</b>	<b>20,500</b>

<b>ROAD MISC.</b>			
Payroll Sick Time	6,000	13,896	6,000
Payroll Vacation Time & Stat. Holiday Time	28,000	20,553	25,000
Insurance	26,524	26,524	26,524
Fees & Dues	1,000		1,000
Streetlights	1,000	4,165	5,000
Roads Legal Costs	2,000		2,000
Misc.	2,000	3,976	5,000
Bereavement		4,537	0
Road Association Grants	4,800	4,800	4,800
<b>TOTAL ROAD MISC.</b>	<b>71,324</b>	<b>78,451</b>	<b>75,324</b>
<b>SUBTOTAL TRANS. MAINT. &amp; OVERHEAD OPERATING</b>	<b>436,104</b>	<b>411,880</b>	<b>482,824</b>

short \$20,000

Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		
<b>Operating Projects &amp; 5 Year Plan Projects</b>			
Roads - New Welder			2,500
Roads - New Man Door Old Garage			500
Roads - Fix Trim outside on Garage			1,500
<b>Total Operating Other Projects</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>4,575</b>	<b>4,500</b>

**RESERVES & SURPLUSES**

Capital Roads Government Bridge			17,836
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Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		
<b>Capital 5 Year Plan Projects</b>			
Roads - Garage Windows			7,000
Roads - Heat Trace System			5,000
Roads - Generator			8,000
Roads - Old Garage Painting and Lighting			5,000
Roads - Brushhog Head			12,000
Roads - Snow Blade Backhoe			19,000
Roads - Grader Repairs			55,000
<b>Total Capital 5 Year Plan Projects</b>	<b>205,660</b>	<b>208,904</b>	<b>111,000</b>

**Excavator with Reserve Allocation**

Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		
<b>Capital Transportation</b>			
<b><u>2026 OCIF Funding \$172,000 &amp; Gas Tax CCBF Funding \$73,426</u></b>			
Roads S.T. Double - Cloudy Lake Road 450m			17,000
Roads S.T. Single - Government Road (Riley- 890 Gov. & Lk. Geo - BRR)			82,800
Roads S.T. Single - Lake George Rd. E. to Black Creek			18,000
Roads S.T. Single - Rydall Mill 1/2 way to Junors corner			19,200
Roads Recycled Asphalt - Lapish to Isbester 1690m 40 loads			23,400
Roads Recycled Asphalt - Isbester 8 loads			4,600
Roads Recycled Asphalt - Cemetery 22 loads			13,000
Roads Resurface Gravel - Riverside Dr. 20 loads			12,000
Roads Resurface Gravel - Lakeshore Dr. 20 loads			12,000
Roads Resurface Gravel - Cloudy Lake Road 5 loads prior to S.T.			3,000
Roads Resurface Gravel - Yard Stock 25 loads			14,500
Roads Culverts - 2 Cross Culverts			10,500
<b>Total Capital Transportation</b>	<b>216,055</b>	<b>229,853</b>	<b>230,000</b>

Total Extras - 5 Yr Plan Projects + Reserved Projects + 5 Yr Plan Capital + Transportation Capital	430,715	443,332	363,336
Total Operating + Total Extras - total Revenue	861,819	851,900	814,124



**Minutes - Regular Board Meeting**

**Virtual**

**January 8, 2026, 5:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Marcel Baron  
Rick Bull  
Charles Flintoff  
Cheryl Fort  
Sally Hagman  
Blair MacKinnon  
Norman Mann  
Melanie Pilon  
Harry Stewart  
Lynn Watson  
Jacqui Nagel

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**1. Opening of Meeting**

The Board Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Board Members and staff.

**2. Indigenous Land Acknowledgement**

**3. Opportunity for Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

**4. Minutes**

Moved by: Blair MacKinnon

Seconded by: Jacqui Nagel

RESOLVE THAT: the Board approve the minutes of the November 27, 2025, regular Board Meeting as distributed.

**CARRIED**

**5. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Charles Flintoff

Seconded by: Lynn Watson

RESOLVE THAT: the Board approve the agenda of the January 8, 2026, regular Board Meeting as distributed.

**CARRIED**

**6. Election of Board Chair for 2026**

The CAO reviewed the election procedures with the Board Members.

Norman Mann was the only nomination.

Moved by: Lynn Watson

Seconded by: Melanie Pilon

RESOLVE THAT: Norman Mann is hereby appointed as Chair of the Algoma District Services Administration Board for the year 2026.

**CARRIED**

**7. Election of Board Vice Chair for 2026**

Lynn Watson was the only nomination.

Moved by: Jacqui Nagel

Seconded by: Harry Stewart

RESOLVE THAT: Lynn Watson is hereby appointed as Vice Chair of the Algoma District Services Administration Board for the year 2026.

**CARRIED**

**8. Correspondence**

8.1 MMAH - Priority Projects for Municipalities - Request for Project Business Case

The CAO provided an overview of the correspondence and noted it would be discussed further in camera.

**9. Other Business**

9.1 Paramedic Services - Ambulance Ordering 2027

The CAO noted that the order window for 2027 ambulances was open and would be closing soon. ADSAB normally orders two ambulances per year to maintain the fleet.

Moved by: Lynn Watson

Seconded by: Cheryl Fort

RESOLVE THAT: the Board approve the purchase of two ambulances for 2027 to be included in the 2027 budget.

**CARRIED**

## 9.2 Board Committees for 2026

Moved by: Lynn Watson

Seconded by: Cheryl Fort

RESOLVE THAT: The Board approve the 2026 Committees as follows:

Audit/Finance Committee: Harry Stewart, Melanie Pilon, Marcel Baron, Cheryl Fort, Jacqui Nagel

French Language Services Committee: Marcel Baron, Melanie Pilon, Cheryl Fort

Personnel Committee: Sally Hagman, Blair MacKinnon, Lynn Watson, Charles Flintoff, Rick Bull

### **CARRIED**

9.2.1 Audit / Finance Committee

9.2.2 French Language Services Committee

9.2.3 Personnel Committee

## 9.3 Conferences for 2026

Moved by: Rick Bull

Seconded by: Sally Hagman

RESOLVE THAT: The Board approve the attendance of:

Chair and Vice Chair or designate to the FONOM Conference

Chair and Vice Chair or designate to the NOSDA Conference

Chair or designate to the AMO Conference

2 Members of the FLS Committee to the AFMO Conference

### **CARRIED**

## 9.4 ADSAB Meeting Calendar for 2026

Board Member, Cheryl Fort, requested to change the November meeting date prior to November 15th, when new councils take over as it is an election year.

The November meeting date was changed to November 12th.

Moved by: Cheryl Fort

Seconded by: Charles Flintoff

RESOLVE THAT: the Board approve the 2026 ADSAB Meeting Schedule as amended.

**CARRIED**

9.5 ADSAB Borrowing By-Law for 2026

Moved by: Lynn Watson

Seconded by: Sally Hagman

RESOLVE THAT: the Board approve the Bylaw 01-26 for \$2,700,000 as follows

BYLAW NUMBER 01 - 26

A Bylaw To Authorize The Borrowing Of

\$2,700,000.00

Whereas the Directors of the Algoma District Services Administration Board (hereinafter called the "ADSAB") deemed it necessary to borrow the sum of \$2,700,000.00 to meet, until the current revenue by way of grants and municipal levies are received, the current expenditures of the Association for the year.

**Therefore** the Directors of the Algoma District Services Administration Board hereby enact as follows:

1. The Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the ADSAB are hereby authorized on behalf of the ADSAB to borrow from time to time by way of promissory note from the **CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK OF COMMERCE** a sum or sums not exceeding in the aggregate of \$2,700,000 to meet the current expenditures of the ADSAB for the year until the current revenues are received, and to give on behalf of the ADSAB to the Bank a promissory note or notes under the Corporate Seal signed by the Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer for the monies so borrowed, with interest at such rate as may be agreed upon from time to time with the Bank.
2. The Chief Administrative Officer or Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized and directed to apply in payment of all sums borrowed as aforesaid, together with interest thereon, all the monies hereafter collected or received for the current year and preceding years or from any other source.

**CARRIED**

**10. Open Question and Answer**

**11. In Camera Session**

Moved by: Rick Bull

Seconded by: Jacqui Nagel

RESOLVE THAT: the Board move into closed session.

**CARRIED**

11.1 Housing Services - Blind River Housing Project

11.2 Housing Services - Property Acquisition - Elliot Lake - Update

11.3 Children's Services - New Child Care Centre - Update

11.4 Paramedic Services - Thessalon Ambulance Base Renovation

**12. Return to Open Session**

Moved by: Cheryl Fort

Seconded by: Marcel Baron

RESOLVE THAT: the Board return to open session.

**CARRIED**

Moved by: Jacqui Nagel

Seconded by: Blair MacKinnon

RESOLVE THAT: the Board approve the tender from Mike Moore Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$2,023,076 for the addition and renovation of the Thessalon Land Ambulance Base.

**CARRIED**

**13. Adjournment**

Moved by: Marcel Baron

Seconded by: Harry Stewart

RESOLVE THAT: the regular Board Meeting of January 8, 2026, be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD  
MEMORANDUM

**Date:** March 19, 2026  
**To:** Mayor Evoy and Council  
**From:** Jennifer Errington, Clerk  
**Subject:** **User Fees for Services By-law**

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**Background/Overview**

At the February 19, 2026 Council meeting, staff requested Council's direction regarding Schedule "C" – Roads Services of the draft User Fees and Services By-law.

Council directed staff to incorporate equipment rental rates comparable to those adopted by Tarbutt Township into Schedule "C" of the draft by-law and further directed staff to finalize the draft by-law for Council's consideration.

During the finalization of the draft by-law, staff identified several fees that required adjustment to better reflect the cost of providing the service and to remain consistent with fees charged by neighbouring municipalities. In addition, several services currently provided by the Township do not have associated fees and are recommended to be added.

The following fee adjustments and additions are recommended:

**Tax Certificate**

The current fee is \$30.00. Staff recommend increasing the fee to **\$50.00**, which is consistent with neighbouring municipalities. An **expedited tax certificate**, required within 48 hours, is recommended to be **\$100.00**.

**Scanning and Emailing Documents**

The Township currently does not charge a fee for scanning and emailing documents. Based on a review of neighbouring municipalities, a fee of **\$3.00 per document** is recommended.

**NSF Cheque Service Charge**

The Township currently charges **\$32.00** for an NSF cheque. This amount is lower than many neighbouring municipalities and does not fully reflect the administrative time required to process the returned payment. Staff recommend increasing this fee to **\$50.00**.

### **Replacement 911 Sign and Post**

The Township does not currently charge for the replacement of 911 entrance signs or posts. While it is standard practice not to charge for signage installed for new entrances, many neighbouring municipalities charge for replacements when signs are lost or damaged.

Staff recommend the following fees:

- Replacement 911 Sign: **\$40.00**
- Replacement 911 Post: **\$20.00**

### **Confirmation Letters**

The Township currently charges **\$25.00** for confirmation letters. These requests often require significant staff time to review records and prepare documentation. Staff recommend increasing this fee to **\$50.00**, which is consistent with neighbouring municipalities.

### **Minor Variance and Zoning By-law Amendment Applications**

The Township currently charges **\$200.00** for these applications, a fee that has remained unchanged since 1980.

Under Section 69 of the *Planning Act*, municipalities are permitted to establish fees that reflect the anticipated cost of processing applications. These applications typically require significant staff time for review, preparation of notices, reports, and meeting coordination.

Based on staff experience and a review of comparable municipal fees, staff recommend the following:

- Minor Variance Application: **\$900.00**
- Additional Variance on the Same Application: **\$200.00**
- Zoning By-law Amendment Application: **\$1,800.00**

### **Transfer of Interment Rights**

The Township currently does not charge a fee for the transfer of interment rights. Staff are working on establishing a formal process for these transfers, which requires verification of records and administrative review.

Based on neighbouring municipalities, staff recommend a fee of **\$75.00**.

### **Disinterment Charges**

The Township does not currently have established fees for disinterment services. Based on a review of neighbouring municipalities, the following fees are recommended:

- Full Burial Disinterment: **\$2,500.00**
- Cremains Disinterment: **\$500.00**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the additional amendments to the Draft User Fees for Services By-law and consider adoption of By-law 2077-26 as presented in the March 19, 2026, Council agenda, section 14. b.

### Recommended Resolution

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the memorandum dated March 19, 2026, from the Clerk regarding the User Fees for Services By-law.

**RFQ 2026-01**

**Amalgamated Request for Quotes – Bi-annual OSIM Bridge Inspections 2026**

Municipality	Tulloch	R&R	Omnia
Plummer	4,692.00	1,723.25	1695.00
Johnson	10,000.50	4,915.50	5,085.00
Laird	4,294.00	2,090.50	2,118.75
St. Joseph	6,158.50	3,107.50	3,390.00
Tarbutt	3,531.25	1,836.25	2,118.75
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$28,676.25</b>	<b>\$13,673.00</b>	<b>\$14,407.50</b>

Bids were opened at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, February 27, 2026 by Liisa Cotnam and Line Webster at the Township of Plummer Additional municipal offices.

Plummer is in favour of the quotes from R&R Engineering <https://www.rrengineering.ca/>

I will call Shuniah Township for whom they have done bridge inspections for a reference.

The submission from Omnia Engineering is disqualified as they did not provide proof of qualifications as required in the RFQ.

The actual quotes were sent password protected and will be sent to you if requested.



## DR. HAROLD S. TREFRY MEMORIAL CENTRE

A Division of The Corporation of the Township of St. Joseph  
Seniors and Persons with a Disability Services



March 2, 2026

Dear Mayor and Council,

The Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre is a member of a group called Ontario Community Support Association. The Ontario Community Support Association represents more than 200 not-for-profit organizations providing home care and community support services across the province. "March for Meals" is an annual campaign that raises awareness and strengthens community engagement with the Meals on Wheels program.

Ontario's most vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities continue to face alarming levels of food insecurity. As the demand for nutritious, affordable meals grows daily, Meals on Wheels staff and volunteers remain unwavering in their commitment to serving those in need.

Each year, **Meals on Wheels delivers over 3.3 million meals to 68,000 Ontarians**, ensuring that seniors and people with disabilities have access to the food they need to live well at home. This "March for Meals" they recognize the dedication of thousands across the province who make this critical service possible.

OSCA is encouraging local leaders to join meal deliveries to raise awareness and advocate for seniors and people with a disability.

We at the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre would like to work with your Council together to bring awareness of this service in your community. If you have a local leader/volunteer that would be interested in delivering meals on wheels for a day in March, to your community members, please call our office or email for more information. We would love to promote this campaign through social media photos and/or stories (with client permission) from your delivery day and encourage you to do the same.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and ongoing commitment to supporting inclusive, accessible services for residents in need. Your support makes a meaningful difference.

Warm Regards,

Marcy Clark  
Manager



**TOWNSHIP OF ASSIGINACK**

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

IN CHAMBERS

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 07:00 PM

Moved BY: Councillor Elliott

Resolution # **013-01-2026**

Seconded BY: Councillor Bowerman

THAT the Township supports all efforts to retain Lifelabs locations in northern Ontario;

AND THAT we ask FONOM and NOMA to lobby for this position on our behalf.

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Thank you for your continued generous support for our Outreach Program. Because of your kindness, 43 families, children, parents and seniors were able to enjoy a brighter Christmas and Easter last year. These baskets are more than just food, they are a reminder that our community cares, that no one is forgotten, that hope is alive in times when it is needed the most. Thank you once again for making a difference in someone's life.

With heartfelt appreciation,  
The Bar River/ Echo Bay United Church  
Outreach Committee

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Volunteer Assistant Coordinator



February 18, 2026

Mayor Shawn Evoy  
Township of Laird  
3 Pumpkin Road, R.R. #4  
Echo Bay, Ontario P0S 1C0

**Thank You for Supporting Crime Stoppers in 2026**

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Crime Stoppers of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District, I would like to sincerely thank your municipality for its \$500 contribution toward our 2026 regional funding initiative.

Your support directly strengthens our ability to maintain a secure, anonymous reporting platform for residents across Algoma District. Municipal leadership such as yours reflects a clear commitment to collaborative, community-driven public safety.

As part of our collective objective to raise \$10,000 through municipal participation across the District, your contribution helps sustain:

- Anonymous tip intake and secure reporting technology
- Reward payments that encourage public cooperation
- Public awareness initiatives and outreach
- Administrative oversight to ensure program integrity

Crime Stoppers does not receive guaranteed operational funding. Contributions from municipalities such as yours ensure that residents throughout Algoma District continue to have access to a trusted and effective reporting system that supports law enforcement and helps prevent further harm.

**Charitable Tax Receipt**

Please find enclosed your official charitable tax receipt accompanying this letter (Tax Receipt Number: 20260002).

**Community Signage Initiative**

As part of our continued efforts to strengthen visibility of the Crime Stoppers program across the District, our Ontario Provincial Police partners will be delivering four durable metal Crime Stoppers signs to your municipality on our behalf.

These signs are intended for placement in visible public locations to reinforce awareness of anonymous reporting and serve as a deterrent to

criminal activity. We appreciate your assistance in identifying appropriate municipal locations and for the installation within your community.

Thank you again for your leadership and your commitment to regional safety. We are grateful for your partnership and look forward to continuing our collaboration throughout 2026.

Should Council require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Lester". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

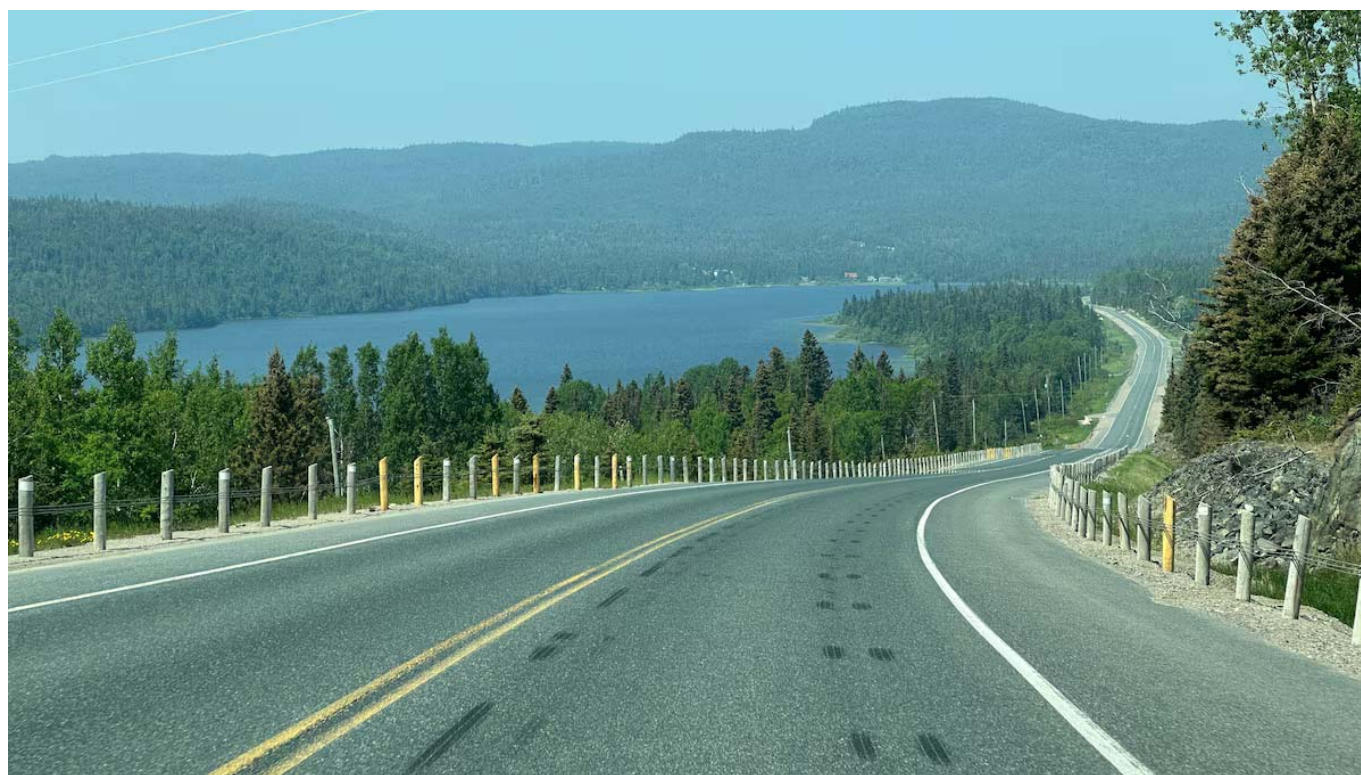
**Brian Lester, Director**  
Crime Stoppers of Sault Ste. Marie and Algoma District

# 'We can't afford to wait': The Northern Ontario mayor pushing for a safer Trans-Canada Highway

ANDREW SEALE

SPECIAL TO THE GLOBE AND MAIL

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The Trans-Canada Highway through Northern Ontario remains largely unchanged — a two-lane stretch that local leaders say has become too dangerous to ignore.

MARK RICHARDSON

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Every day, nearly 9,000 trucks pass through Mayor Dave Plourde's community of Kapuskasing, Ont., crossing the network of highways – including Highway 11 and 17 – that make up the Trans-Canada Highway, the nation's east-west corridor.

On the days traffic flows smoothly, the two-lane route weaving through the rocky

spine of the Canadian shield moves more than 87,000 tonnes of cargo, representing more than \$200-million in goods, according to provincial estimates. But when the highway shuts down – sometimes for two hours or two days – the backlog can stretch for kilometres, drivers stacked bumper-to-bumper, all trying to make up for lost time.

Then the passing starts, says Mr. Plourde. Trucks start to drift onto the shoulder of the crowded route and overcorrect.

“That’s when a lot of the accidents tend to happen,” he says.

Between January 27 and February 13, six people were killed in collisions along the Highway 11 and 17 routes. Last summer, four young people died in an accident between an ATV and a transport truck in nearby Moonbeam, Ont. Just before Christmas, a man lost his wife and two kids in a head-on collision, 60 kilometres from Kapuskasing.

Data compiled by the Northern Policy Institute indicates that Northern Ontario records about nine motor-vehicle deaths per 100,000 people, more than twice the provincial average.

“We’re having a really terrible year on the highways,” says Charles Cirtwill, chief executive officer of the Northern Policy Institute. “We’re losing a lot of people.”

Mr. Plourde, whose life is spent travelling on that stretch to the Trans-Canada, says these collisions are both devastating and preventable.

“If there had been a centre median, [the crashes] never would’ve happened.”

As president of the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM), an organization representing 110 communities, Mr. Plourde is bringing the fight to modernize the Trans-Canada to the Federal level. FONOM is framing it as both a safety imperative and a nation-building exercise as traffic volumes surge, critical minerals projects advance and Ottawa looks to strengthen east-west interprovincial trade.

“They’re looking for zero-fatality highways, and the only way to get it is to redesign this thing from North Bay all the way to the Manitoba border,” Mr. Cirtwill says.

Mr. Plourde and FONOM are calling for a mix of full twinning – widening two-lane highways into four – and so-called 2+1 corridors, which use a centre median and alternating passing lanes to reduce head-on collisions.

Governments have taken some steps toward modernizing the Trans-Canada corridor through Northern Ontario, but it's a challenge. The region's remote, rugged terrain and vast stretches of road make development both logistically challenging and costly.

In an emailed statement, Ontario's Ministry of Transportation says it is investing about \$600-million in 2026 to build and repair northern roads, bridges and highways, including the Highway 11/17 corridor.

Since 2024, the province has awarded more than 40 construction contracts worth more than \$350-million along Highways 11, 17 and 11/17, and is conducting design and environmental assessment work for a 2+1 pilot north of North Bay, with tree clearing underway at one southern site.

The ministry says it continues to widen the 107-kilometre Highway 11/17 stretch between Thunder Bay and Nipigon, with 80 kilometres now open to four lanes, including two sections completed in late 2025. Additional segments in Northwestern Ontario are moving through design, assessment and consultation.

However, beyond those pockets of improvement, much of Highway 11 and 17 remains unchanged.

To Mr. Plourde, the stalled timelines reflect a familiar problem for large infrastructure projects that fall between governments. Highways are a provincial responsibility but the Trans-Canada is also designated as national infrastructure, putting it within Ottawa's funding mandate. The result, he says, is a project that advances in fragments without a clear owner.

Political realities also shape those decisions,



says Mr. Cirtwill. There are 800,000 people in Northern Ontario, a small fraction of the province's 14 million population.

"From the political calculus of where you spend your transportation money, it's pretty hard when you're sitting in Queen's Park," he says.

In January, Mr. Plourde wrote a letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney calling out what he describes as a lack of clarity between

provincial and federal commitments. He says Ontario has indicated it will not proceed with large-scale modernization without a clear, public commitment from the federal government.

"Your government's Building Canada Act and nation-building criteria speak directly to this moment," says Mr. Plourde in the letter. "Upgrading Highways 11 and 17 meets every test: safety, economic growth, national security, Indigenous participation, climate resilience and shovel-ready execution."

He says his ambition is simple: he wants the Trans-Canada twinning and improvements at the top of the pile. "Not just an afterthought ... It has to be right at the forefront."

Mr. Cirtwill is less certain that the project has reached true national priority.

"If this was going to happen, it would've been on the national priorities projects list Ontario sent the Feds," he says. "And it's not."

Part of the problem, Mr. Plourde believes, is distance – not just geographic, but experiential.

"When politicians come to Kapuskasing or other Northern Ontario communities, they fly," he says. Until decision-makers experience the highway in winter, the white-knuckle stretches, the sudden closures, the absence of alternatives, the urgency can be hard to grasp. "To really understand, you'd have to drive it," he says.



Dave Plourde, mayor of Kapuskasing, Ont., is pushing federal and provincial governments to modernize the Trans-Canada Highway, calling it a safety imperative and a nation-building opportunity.

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Still, Mr. Plourde says this moment feels different. Canada's growing reliance on northern resources, from critical minerals to energy infrastructure, has pushed the region back into focus. What worries him is that infrastructure may once again lag behind ambition.

He points to the Ring of Fire, a vast deposit of critical minerals discovered in Northern Ontario in 2007. "We can keep talking about what's in the ground," he says. "But how are you going to get it to where it needs to go?"

The risk of inaction is no longer abstract. Growth is coming, he says, whether the road is ready or not.

"I'm making it my mission to have a plan in place ... and we have to stick to it," he says. "We can't afford to wait. This has to happen today."



Regular Council Meeting Resolution Form

Date: February 17, 2026 No: RESOLUTION - 56-2026  
 Moved by Councillor Kevin Rosien Disposition: CARRIED  
 Seconded by Deputy Mayor Scott Brum Item No: 14.2

Description: Ontario Heritage Organization Development Grant Advocacy

**RESOLUTION:**

**WHEREAS** Ontario municipalities are legislated to preserve records of enduring and historical value, and community archives play a critical role in fulfilling this responsibility, particularly in rural and smaller municipalities; and

**WHEREAS** The Heritage Organization Development Grant (HODG) is the only provincial operating grant available to grassroots, non-profit heritage organizations, including community archives and historical societies across Ontario; and

**WHEREAS** The maximum annual HODG grant of \$1,545 per organization has remained effectively unchanged for more than 15 years, resulting in a significant erosion of its real value due to inflation, such that its current purchasing power is approximately two-thirds of what it was in 2010; and

**WHEREAS** Rising operating costs related to insurance, utilities, records preservation, digitization, accessibility, and volunteer coordination have increased financial pressure on heritage organizations, often requiring municipalities to absorb additional costs to ensure continuity of service; and

**WHEREAS** Strengthening HODG would represent a modest but high-impact provincial investment that would help stabilize community archives, reduce pressure on municipal budgets, and safeguard Ontario's public records and local heritage for future generations;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council formally support a review and modernization of the Heritage Organization Development Grant, including restoring its real purchasing power through inflationary adjustment and exploring options for increased or multi-year operating stability; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** This resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming, local Members of Provincial Parliament, AMO, and Ontario municipalities for consideration and support.

MAYOR

Recorded Vote Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_  

	Yea	Nay
Mayor Lori Hoddinott	_____	_____
Deputy Mayor Scott Brum	_____	_____
Councillor Kevin Rosien	_____	_____
Councillor Robert Campbell	_____	_____
Councillor Jill Campbell	_____	_____

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Disclosed his/her/their interest(s), vacated he/her/their seat(s), abstained from discussion and did not vote

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD**

**By-law Number 2076-26**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO APPOINT AN ADDITIONAL WEED INSPECTOR FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD.**

**WHEREAS** Section 6 (1) of the Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. W.5, provides that the Council of a municipality shall by by-law appoint one or more persons as area weed inspectors to enforce this Act;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Laird enacts as follows:

1. That Ed Lapish is hereby appointed as an Area Weed Inspector for the Corporation of the Township of Laird.
2. That this appointment is in addition to any other Weed Inspectors previously appointed by Council.
3. That this By-law shall come into force and take effect upon final passing.

**READ and passed in Open Council this 19th day of March 2026.**

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_  
Shawn Evoy

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Errington

Seal

# CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD

## By-Law No. 2077-26

### **BEING A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH FEES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES AND THE USE OF PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD.**

**WHEREAS** Subsection 391(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25*, as amended authorizes municipalities to pass by-laws to impose fees or charges on persons,

- a) for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of the municipality;
- b) for costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or local board; and
- c) and for the use of its property including property under its control.

**AND WHEREAS** Subsection 391 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* provides that a fee or charge imposed for capital costs related to services or activities may be imposed on persons not receiving an immediate benefit from the services or activities but who will receive a benefit at some point in the future;

**AND WHEREAS** Subsection 398(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* as amended provides that fees and charges imposed by a municipality or local board on a person constitute a debt of the person to the municipality or local board, respectively;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to Section 398 (2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* fees imposed pursuant to this by-law constitute a debt of the owner to the Municipality and may be added to the tax roll of the property to which the fees relate, and the owner of which is responsible for paying the fee or charge and shall be collected in like manner as municipal taxes;

**AND WHEREAS** Subsection 23.1(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* as amended authorizes a municipality to delegate its powers and duties to a person subject to the restrictions set out in that Part;

**AND WHEREAS** Subsection 69(1) of the *Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990*, provides that the council of a municipality may, by by-law, establish a tariff of fees for the processing of applications made in respect of planning matters, which tariff shall be designed to meet only the anticipated cost to the municipality or to a committee of adjustment or land division committee constituted by the council of the municipality;

**AND WHEREAS** Section 7 of the *Building Code Act, R.S.O. 1992*, as amended provides that the council of a municipality may pass by-laws requiring the payment of fees for applications for and issuance of permits and prescribing the amounts thereof, and providing for refunds of fees under such circumstances as are prescribed;

**AND WHEREAS** the council of the Corporation of the Township of Laird is desirous of establishing user fees and charges to recover some of the costs for services and facilities provided by the Corporation;

**NOW THEREFORE** The council of the Corporation of the Township of Laird hereby **ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the user fees, charges and rents as specified in Schedules "A", "B", "C", "D", "E", "F", "G", and "H" attached to this by-law shall be charged by the Corporation of the Township of Laird for services and activities provided by the Corporation, for costs payable by it for services or activities provided

by or on behalf of another municipality or local board, and for the use of property owned or under the control of the Corporation.

2. All fees and charges set out in this by-law shall be payable prior to the provision of the service unless an agreement in writing is made to the contrary and approved by a municipal official.
3. In the event any fee or charge imposed herein remains unpaid after provision of the service or is otherwise in arrears in excess of 30 days, such fees or charges may be added to the Tax Roll for any real property in the municipality, the owner of which is responsible for paying the fee or charge and shall be collected in like manner as municipal taxes.
4. Council hereby delegates to each Department Head of the Corporation of the Township of Laird, the authority to administer such fees and charges and approve such forms and procedures as may be required for the efficient administration of the fees and charges.
5. Any person who is required to pay a fee for the processing of an application in respect of a planning matter may pay the amount of the fee under protest and thereafter appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal against the levying of the fee or the amount of the fee by giving written notice of appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal within 30 days of payment of the fee.
6. The Ontario Land Tribunal shall hear an appeal made under Clause (5) and shall dismiss the appeal or direct that a refund payment be made to the appellant in such amount as the Tribunal determines.
7. The fees set out in the by-law shall be reviewed on an annual basis prior to the adoption of the current budget and Where there is a conflict between fees listed in this by-law and those listed in any other by-law, the fees contained in this by-law shall prevail.
8. That the following schedules attached hereto shall form part of this by-law:  
Schedule "A" Administration and Corporate Services Fees  
Schedule "B" Facility Rental Fees  
Schedule "C" Public Works and Road Services Fees  
Schedule "D" Protective Services Fees  
Schedule "E" Planning and Development Fees  
Schedule "F" Building Permit Fees  
Schedule "G" Waste Disposal Site Fees  
Schedule "H" Cemetery Fees
9. That any previous by-law or amendments thereto respecting fees and charges in the Township of Laird be hereby repealed and replaced.
10. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this by-law and any other by-law, the provisions of this by-law shall prevail.
11. This by-law shall come into force and effect on the date of passing, or as otherwise specified in the schedules attached hereto.

**READ and passed in open council this 19<sup>th</sup> of March, 2026.**

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_  
Shawn Evoy

Seal

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Errington

**BY-LAW #2077-26****SCHEDULE "A" – ADMINISTRATION AND CORPORATE SERVICES FEES**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Tax Certificate	3-5 business days	\$50.00 per roll
Expedited Tax Certificate	Requested within 48 hours	\$100.00 per roll
Penalty and Interest	Applied to unpaid taxes	1.25% per month
Outgoing Fax	First page	\$2.00
Outgoing Fax	Each additional page	\$1.00
Photocopies (Letter/Legal)	Black & white	\$0.25 per page
Photocopies (11"x17")	Black & white	\$0.50 per page
Colour Photocopies		\$0.50 per page
Scanning and Emailing Documents		\$3.00 per document
NSF Cheque Service Charge		\$50.00 per cheque
Freedom of Information Request	Application Fee (MFIPPA)	\$5.00
MFIPPA Research Time		\$7.50 per 15 minutes
MFIPPA Photocopies		\$0.25 per page
Lottery License		No Fee
Civil Marriage Ceremony	Includes pre-meeting(s) and rehearsal	\$300.00 plus mileage
Additional Ceremony (non-legal or legal)		\$100.00 plus mileage

**BY-LAW #2077-26**

**SCHEDULE “B” – FACILITY RENTAL FEES**

**Hall Rental**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Hall Rental – No Kitchen	Laird Hall or Bar River Hall (maximum 2 hours)	\$20.00
Hall Rental – Limited Kitchen Use	Coffee/tea only; no cooking or dishes	\$60.00
Hall and Kitchen Rental	Full kitchen use including dishes, cutlery and refrigeration	\$100.00
Hall and Kitchen with Alcohol	Full kitchen use	\$120.00 plus \$50.00 refundable deposit

**Laird Fairgrounds**

<b>Facility</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Whole Facility	Includes gazebo, kitchen and fenced grounds (racetrack excluded)	\$475.00 weekend
Whole Facility		\$280.00 per day
Gazebo Area	Includes kitchen, washroom, dance area and bar facilities	\$150.00 per day
Horse Facility	Includes two barns, arena and concession booth	\$350.00 weekend
Horse Facility		\$175.00 per day
Large Barn		\$50.00
Gazebo with Horse Event		\$125.00 per day

**Horse Arena Rental**

<b>Rental Type</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Weekday evenings after 6:00 p.m.	\$35.00 (with Township grooming \$60.00)
Weekday daytime (11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)	\$50.00 (with Township grooming \$75.00)

**Laird Fairgrounds Storage**

<b>Storage Type</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Indoor Winter Storage	\$18.00 per foot (including tongue length)
Outdoor Storage	\$100.00 per unit

**Other Fairgrounds Fees**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Commercial Rentals (Friday setup, Saturday, Sunday)	\$500.00
Additional Days	\$100.00 per day
Table Rentals	\$30.00 per day
Table Rental Deposit	\$30.00 refundable
Not-for-Profit Organizations	No rental fee (subject to availability)
Layover Fee (travellers with horses)	\$50.00

Deposit required for fairgrounds rentals: 50% of the rental fee (non-refundable).

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**SCHEDULE "C" – PUBLIC WORKS AND ROAD SERVICES FEES**

**Equipment and Operator**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Backhoe with Operator	\$135.00 per hour
Dump Truck with Operator	\$110.00 per hour
Grader with Operator	\$180.00 per hour
Plow Truck with Operator	\$180.00 per hour

Note: The equipment and operator fees are to be used for the purpose of the Shared Service Agreements.

**Culverts and Entrances**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
New Culvert / Entrance	Cost recovery for culvert and granular material (includes two loads)
Culvert Repair/Replacement – Municipal Damage	No charge
Culvert Repair/Replacement – Owner Damage	Property owner responsible for all costs
Additional Entrances or Culverts	Cost recovery for culvert and additional granular material

**Civic Addressing**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
911 Sign – New Entrance	No charge
911 Post – New Entrance	No charge
Replacement 911 Sign	\$40.00
Replacement 911 Post	\$20.00

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**SCHEDULE "D" – PROTECTION SERVICES FEES**

**Animal Control**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Dog Licence	No fee
Registered Kennel Fee	\$100.00
Replacement Dog Tag	\$5.00
Municipal Pound Intake Fee	\$100.00 or as invoiced by SPCA
Impound Fee	\$20.00 per day
After-Hours Intake	\$65.00
Sault Ste. Marie Humane Society Fees	As invoiced
Veterinary Fees / Euthanasia	As invoiced

Note: SPCA refers to the Sault Ste. Marie Humane Society.

**By-law Enforcement**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Order Compliance Fee (for lifting an order issued due to non-compliance)	\$150.00

**Fire and Emergency Response**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Fire and Emergency Response Services	Current Ministry of Transportation (MTO) or Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) rates, as applicable.

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**SCHEDULE “E” - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FEES**

All planning application fees are established pursuant to Section 69 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990*. Fees are intended to recover the anticipated cost of processing applications. Fees are non-refundable, regardless of approval or denial. Additional costs incurred for planning peer review or legal notices are charged to the applicant at actual cost.

<b>Application</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Confirmation Letter	\$50.00
Minor Variance	\$900.00
Additional Variance on Same Application	\$200.00
Zoning By-law Amendment	\$1,800.00
Official Plan Amendment	TBD – to be established following adoption of the Official Plan
Planning Peer Review Service Fee	Charged to applicant at actual cost for services provided by the Township’s planning consultant.
Consent Application	\$1,200.00
Additional Consent Application (Application fee is applied for on the same subject land at the same time.)	\$600.00

Note: All consent applications will be taken to the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board which is located at 27 Barr Rd. Desbarats, Ontario

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**SCHEDULE "F" – BUILDING PERMIT FEES**

<b>1.</b>	<b><u>CLASS OF PERMIT</u></b>	<b><u>PERMIT FEE</u></b>
a)	To construct or renovate a Building	
	i) with a residential construction value of less than \$1,000.00.	\$40.00
	ii) with a residential construction value of each \$1,000 or more portion thereof	\$100.00 plus \$5.00 for \$1,000.00 of value or
	iii) with a commercial construction value of less than \$1,000.00	\$50.00
	iv) with a commercial construction value of \$1,000.00 or more	\$150.00 plus \$5.00 for each \$1,000.00 of value or portion thereof.
b)	To move a building.	\$50.00
c)	To demolish a building	
	i) residence	\$75.00
	ii) accessory	\$50.00
	iii) commercial	\$250.00
d)	To authorize occupancy of a building (when required)	\$100.00
e)	Partial permit	25% of Total Permit Fee
f)	Conditional permit	25% of Total Permit Fee
g)	Change of use permit	\$250.00
h)	Transfer of permit	\$150.00
i)	Deferral of revocation (per instance)	\$100.00
2.	Where building permit fees are based on the value of the proposed work, such valuation shall be based on the following;	
a)	construction of outbuildings, (sheds, garages, bunkies, farm buildings, etc.)	
	i) interior unfinished	\$35.00 per sq. ft.
	ii) interior finished	\$50.00 per sq. ft.
	iii) second floor (garage, etc.)	\$25.00 per sq. ft.
	iv) tarp type buildings	\$20.00 per sq. ft.
b)	construction of decks, patios, landings	
	i) uncovered	\$30.00 per sq. ft.
	ii) covered	\$40.00 per sq. ft.
c)	construction of carports	\$40.00 per sq. ft.
d)	construction of:	
	i) house, basement	\$ 50.00 per sq. ft.
	ii) house, first floor	\$145.00 per sq. ft.
	iii) house, second floor	\$ 65.00 per sq. ft.
	iv) house, storey and one-half	\$145.00 per sq. ft.
	v) all house sizes shall have	minimum of \$1000 sq. ft.

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| e) | commercial buildings                                                                       | \$100.00 per sq. ft. |
| f) | industrial buildings                                                                       | \$100.00 per sq. ft. |
| g) | Renovation of:                                                                             |                      |
|    | i) house exterior, siding, windows or doors                                                | \$100.00 per permit  |
|    | ii) house minor interior alterations                                                       | \$100.00 per permit  |
| h) | installation of solar panels                                                               | \$50.00 per sq ft.   |
| i) | roofing permit                                                                             | \$75.00 per permit   |
|    | (includes one free load to disposal site, permit number to be used at waste disposal site) |                      |

**Note:** Commercial & Industrial rates may be determined by consultation with the Chief Building Official, Council.

3. The determination of whether a permit is required and what class of permit is required is at the discretion of the Chief Building Official.
4. The building permit fee for any building or work begun prior to the issuance of a building permit for such building or work shall be double (i.e. 2 times) the regular permit fee.
5. Any project \$500,000.00 and over will have the fee set by Council and the Chief Building Official.

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**SCHEDULE "G" – WASTE DISPOSAL SITE FEES**

**Municipal Residential Waste**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Household Garbage	No Charge
Mattresses, upholstered furniture/sofas/chairs	\$10.00 per item
Major household appliances – tagged/white metal	No Charge
All household appliances with Freon, including but not limited to refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners	\$35.00 per item

**Commercial/Industrial/Institutional/ Residential**

General/Usual Waste:

Hauled by contractor or self-hauled, apportioned accordingly by:

<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Half-ton truck or single-axle trailer (1/2 load)	\$15.00
Half-ton truck or single-axle trailer (full load)	\$30.00
Tandem axle trailer	\$75.00
Single axle (1-ton) truck	\$75.00
Tandem truck	\$150.00
Triaxle truck	\$250.00
Large bins	\$250.00 per bin

**Scrap Metal**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
All scrap metal including metal furniture (Bins at Waste Disposal Site)	No Charge

**Tires**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Tires – In designated areas of Waste Disposal Site	No Charge

**BY-LAW #2077-26**

**SCHEDULE "H" – CEMETERY FEES**

**Interment Rights – Full Size Burial Plot**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Interment Rights</b>	<b>Care &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>HST</b>	<b>Total</b>
Non-Ratepayer / Non-Former Resident	\$400.00	\$290.00	\$89.70	\$779.70
Ratepayer / Former Ratepayer / Former Resident	\$250.00	\$290.00	\$70.20	\$610.20
Transfer of Interment Rights	\$75.00		9.75	84.75

**Disinterment Charges**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>HST</b>	<b>Total</b>
Disinterment of Burial	\$2,500.00	\$325.00	\$2,825.00
Disinterment of Cremains	\$500.00	\$65.00	\$565.00

**Opening and Closing**

<b>Service</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>HST</b>	<b>Total</b>
Cremains Interment	\$50.00 plus \$25 site determination	\$9.75	\$84.75
Adult Interment	\$400.00	\$52.00	\$452.00
Child or Infant Interment	\$200.00	\$26.00	\$226.00

**Marker Installation**

<b>Marker Type</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>HST</b>	<b>Total</b>
Flat Marker less than 173 sq. in.	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Flat Marker larger than 173 sq. in.	\$100.00	\$13.00	\$113.00
Upright Marker less than 4' x 4'	\$200.00	\$26.00	\$226.00
Upright Marker larger than 4' x 4'	\$400.00	\$52.00	\$452.00

Notes: 100% of marker installation fees are allocated to the Care and Maintenance Fund in accordance with Ontario Regulation 30/11 under the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD**

**By-law Number 2078-26**

**BEING A BY-LAW to confirm proceedings of the meeting of Council, March 19, 2026.**

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 March 19, 2026, 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 in Open Council** this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

Mayor \_\_\_\_\_  
Shawn Evoy

Seal

Clerk \_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer Errington