

SPECIAL AGENDA – AGENDA 54
CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
April 2, 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 April 2, 2026, agenda as presented.

4. Delegations and Presentations

5. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting

6. Adoption of Accounts

7. Staff and Committee Reports

8. Unfinished Business

a. Memo: Report on Private and Unmaintained Roads

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk regarding Private and Unmaintained Roads be received; and

THAT Council approve an increase to the annual Road Association Grant allocation to an amount between \$5,280 and \$5,520, in recognition of the long-standing nature of the program and the importance of ensuring that private and unassumed roads remain maintained and accessible year-round;

AND THAT Council direct staff to develop a formal Road Association Grant Policy, including calculation methodology, eligibility criteria, and acknowledgement requirements, to be brought forward in a by-law for Council approval.

AND FURTHER THAT Council direct staff to ensure appropriate signage is installed and maintained on all unassumed and private roads, indicating that the Township does not provide maintenance and that users travel at their own risk, with legal counsel to advise on appropriate wording.

b. **April Draft Budget 2026**

Key Notes:

• **Insurance Line Item:**

- All yellow-highlighted sections related to insurance.
- With the transition to the new insurance provider, apportionment is no longer provided.
- The budget will now reflect one consolidated insurance line item instead of multiple distributed amounts.

- **Pages Requiring Council Review:**

- Pages 11-13 contain the primary areas where Council input and adjustments are needed.
- These pages include Operating and 5 Year Plan Projects, Capital 5 Year Plan Projects, Capital Transportation, and Reserve & Transfers.

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED that Council receives the Township of Laird April Draft Budget 2026;

AND THAT Council requests staff to make amendments and present the revised budget at the April 16, 2026 Council meeting.

9. New Business

10. Notices of Motion

11. Closed Session

12. Communications and Correspondence

13. Mayor and Council Comments

14. By-laws

a. 2079-26 Conformity By-law

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts By-law 2079-26, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the meeting of Council held on April 2, 2026.

15. Adjournment

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council shall now adjourn to meet again on April 16, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. or until the call of the chair.

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
REPORT TO COUNCIL

Date: April 2, 2026
To: Mayor Evoy and Council
From: Jennifer Errington, Clerk Administrator
Subject: Private and Unmaintained Roads

Background/Overview

At the March 19, 2026 Council meeting, Council passed motion 58-26, moved by Brad Shewfelt and seconded by Matt Frolick:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to update the report on private and unmaintained roads with updated information related to MPAC and grant subsidies.”
Carried.

Council previously received a report on private roads on June 15, 2023, which outlined yearly costs and discounted assessments. Council did not provide direction on the recommendations contained in that 2023 report.

This updated report reflects 2025 tax rates and assessment values.

Road Association Grants – 2025 Yearly Costs and Discounted Assessments:

Road	Yearly Cost (Grant Amount) \$	Discounted Assessment \$
Blue Nose Drive	1,008.20	1,060.69
Finns' Bay Road South	1,336.18	3,193.18
Maskinonge Bay	2,455.62	6,571.42

Note on Discounted Assessments

Properties located on private or unassumed roads receive a **8 - 10% discounted assessment** under MPAC valuation rules. This discount reflects the reduced level of municipal service available to those properties. While this results in lower taxation revenue for the Township, the Road Association Grant Program has historically operated independently of the assessment discount. Council may wish to consider the relationship between the discounted assessment and the grant program as part of its review of this long-standing practice.

History

The June 15, 2023 report did not include background on the origins of the Road Association Grant Program. Staff reviewed available records to provide context.

At the October 3, 1990 Council meeting, Council passed the following motion:

#204-90

Moved by: Terry Shewfelt

Seconded by: Harry Lapish

“That Council grant McCarrel/Cloudy Lake Road Association, Blue Nose Drive Road Association, Finns’ Bay Road East Road Association, and Reids’ Road East Road Association grants in the amounts of \$700.00, \$400.00, \$600.00 and \$300.00, respectively, upon signing an acknowledgement regarding same, pursuant to Section 113 of the Municipal Act.”

Carried.

Older minutes are not digitized, and retrieving detailed information from each year would require extensive manual review. Digital records beginning in 2007 show both the **roads included** and the **total budget** for Road Association Grants:

Year	Roads Included	Total Budget \$
2007	Blue Nose, Cloudy/McCarrel Lake, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	3,600
2008	Blue Nose, Cloudy/McCarrel Lake, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	3,800
2009	Blue Nose, Cloudy/McCarrel Lake, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,000
2010	Blue Nose, Cloudy/McCarrel Lake, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,500 (Cloudy received more)
2011	Blue Nose, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,200
2012	Blue Nose, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,200
2013	Blue Nose, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,500
2014	Blue Nose, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,500
2015	Blue Nose, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,500
2026	Blue Nose, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,800
2017	Blue Nose, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,800
2018	Blue Nose, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,800
2019	Blue Nose, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,800
2020	Blue Nose, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,800
2021	Blue Nose, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,800
2022	Blue Nose, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,800
2023	Blue Nose, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,800
2024	Blue Nose, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,800
2025	Blue Nose, Finns’ Bay Road South, Maskinonge	4,800

From 2007 to 2010, **four roads** received funding, including Cloudy/McCarrel Lake. In 2011, a portion of Cloudy Lake Road was brought up to municipal standards and taken over by the Township, so it was removed from the Road Association Grant Program. This explains the **reduction in the total grant amount in 2011**, followed by gradual increases in subsequent years that appear to reflect **inflationary adjustments** rather than the addition of new roads.

Council has consistently supported the Road Association Grant Program since 1990, with the total allocation increasing from \$2,000 in 1990 to \$4,800 in recent years. Increases appear to have been made during annual budget deliberations. A more comprehensive history would require digitizing older minutes and budgets.

Current Practice

Although no formal written policy exists, a consistent procedure has been followed:

- **Budget approval:** Council approves the annual budget allocation for Road Association Grants.
- **Allocation calculation:** The Treasurer determines each road association's share of the total grant based on:
 - the **distance (length)** of the road, and
 - the **total assessed value** of the properties on that road. These two factors are used to calculate each road's proportionate share of the budgeted grant amount.
- **Acknowledgement:** Before funds are released, the Road Association Chair and Secretary/Treasurer must sign an acknowledgement form. The acknowledgement includes several important statements, including:
 - that **receipt of the funds does not cause the road to be considered maintained by public funds,**
 - that the Township **makes no commitment of future grants or funding,** and
 - that the Township **assumes no liability** for how the funds are used or for any improvements made with the funds. The form also confirms that the individuals signing have the authority to bind their respective road association.

The acknowledgement currently references the **Municipal Act, 1990**, which should be updated to reference the **Municipal Act, 2001, Section 107**.

Insurance Considerations

The Township's insurance provider was consulted in **2023** regarding private and unassumed roads. **Updated insurance information has not been obtained for this report.**

From a strictly insurance-related perspective at that time, the following comments were provided:

a) Performing any maintenance on an unassumed road allowance places an ongoing obligation on the Township to continue that maintenance.

b) If the Township has no intention of bringing an unassumed road up to municipal standard or assuming it, risk can be mitigated by installing appropriate signage indicating that users travel at their own risk. Legal counsel should advise on proper wording.

c) For private roads, the Township has no obligation to maintain private property. Signage such as “**Private Road – No Maintenance by the Township**” may be appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION

Given that the Road Association Grant Program has been in place since 1990 and has consistently been supported by Council for more than three decades, staff recommend that Council consider an increase to the annual Road Association Grant allocation. Although the acknowledgement form states that the Township makes no commitment to future funding, the long-standing practice demonstrates Council’s recognition of the importance of these roads being maintained and remaining open year-round for residents, emergency services, and service providers.

The current grant amount of **\$4,800 has not been increased since 2016**. To reflect the long-term nature of the program and the increasing costs associated with road maintenance, staff recommend an increase in the range of **10% to 15%**, adjusting the annual allocation to:

- **10% increase:** \$5,280
- **15% increase:** \$5,520

Staff further recommend that Council direct staff to develop a **formal Road Association Grant Policy**, to be adopted by by-law, to ensure transparency, consistency, and clarity for both Council and the road associations.

In addition, based on the insurance guidance received in 2023, staff recommend that Council direct staff to ensure that **appropriate signage is installed and maintained on all unassumed and private roads**, indicating that users travel at their own risk and that the Township does not provide maintenance on these roads. Legal counsel should be consulted for proper wording.

Recommended Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the report from the Clerk regarding Private and Unmaintained Roads be received; and

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TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD
2026 DRAFT (1) BUDGET COST



Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget	Cost	

TAXATION REVENUE

4.10%

Taxation Increase from Prior Year	78,563	78,563	
Taxation Levy	1,916,173	1,929,809	2,013,272
Taxation Supps/Write Offs	13,676	4,930	150
Total Municipal Taxation	2,008,412	2,013,302	2,013,422

OPERATING REVENUE

TAXATION OPERATING

Audited Surplus from Prior Year	122,200	122,200	
Penalty & Interest Earned	40,000	62,735	50,000
Grant-in-Lieu - Provincial	500	3,231	3,250
Total Taxation Operating	162,700	188,166	53,250

INVESTMENT INCOME

IPC Securities Corporation	54,000	113,046	
Total Investment Income	54,000	113,046	0

GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATING

General Government Rent (Misc. eg. Xplornet)	13,000	14,238	14,000
Weddings	750	725	725
Total General Government	13,750	14,963	14,725

PROTECTION OPERATING

Building Permits	19,000	14,410	14,500
Provincial Offences Revenue, 911 & Emerg. Man.	500	0	
Community Safety & Correction	8,285	0	
Dog Licences, etc.	0	475	
Total Protection	27,785	14,885	14,500

ENVIRONMENTAL OPERATING

Aggregate	310	488	
Tipping Fees	23,000	29,366	
Total Environmental	23,310	29,854	0

CULTURE OPERATING

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

MISC. REVENUE OPERATING

Tax Certificates	850	640	
Cemetery Operating Revenue			
Transportation Road Department (Culverts & Misc.)	5,000	3,312	4,000
Total Misc. Revenue	5,850	3,952	4,000

Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT OPERATING

Planning Fees	200	400	200
Surplus Property Sales - Back Lots Etc	0	0	700
Total Planning & Development Revenue	200	400	900

RECREATION OPERATING

Bar River Hall Rent	2,500	2,844	3,000
Laird Fairgrounds Misc. & Rent	8,175	4,580	5,000
Laird Fairgrounds Storage Rent	7,280	7,660	7,500
Laird Fairgrounds Raceway Contact	25,000	25,000	25,000
Laird Hall Rent	2,500	2,509	2,500
Main Recreation Misc. & Pumpkin Fest Event	1,000	1,620	1,700
Total Recreation Revenue	46,455	44,213	44,700
Total Operating Revenue	336,479	411,908	132,075
Subtotal Taxation/Operating Revenue	2,344,891	2,425,210	2,145,497

OTHER REVENUE

RESERVES & SURPLUSES

Reserve Fund - Landfill	3,000	0	
Operating Cemetery Survey (2025 Reserved)			2,000
Operating Fairgrounds - Gazebo Kitchen Sinks (2025 Reserved)			3,000
Capital Fairgrounds - New interior Gazebo washrooms (2025 Reserved)			30,000
Capital Cemetery Phase 3 (2025 Reserved)			8,000
Capital Roads Government Bridge			17,836
Capital Garage - Spray foam around top of walls			5,000
Capital Rink - Install Playground Equipment (2025 Reserved)		0	15,000
Reserve Heritage			35,726
Reserve Cemetery	10,000	10,000	10,000
Ditching - Cemetery Rd. 400 m used for- Wheeled Excavator Purchase	8,000	8,000	
Ditching - Riverside Dr. 700 m used for- Wheeled Excavator Purchase	14,000	14,000	
Ditching - Lake George Rd. 800 m -used for- Wheeled Excavator Purchase	16,000	16,000	
Cemetery Operating Revenue		0	
Total Reserves & Surpluses Revenue	51,000	48,000	126,562

GRANT REVENUE

Heritage - Summer Employment Funding	2,408	2,448	2,500
Main Recreation Summer Employment Funding Fed. & Prov.	6,149	6,149	6,200
Canada Community Building Fund (Gas Tax)	73,426	73,426	73,426
Nords Funding for Roads Surface Treatment	70,822	70,882	0
OMPF	375,400	375,400	408,300
OCIF (Roads Capital, Asset Management, Cultural Infrastructure)	100,000	100,000	172,000
Total Grant Revenue	628,205	628,305	662,426

Subtotal Other Revenue	679,205	676,305	788,988
TOTAL COMBINED REVENUE	3,024,096	3,101,515	2,934,485

Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Admin Salaries & Benefits \$305,000 Approx.	245,000	278,995	285,691
Admin Travel	3,500	1,786	2,500
Admin Education, Conventions & Workshops	4,000	3,053	4,000
Admin Health/Safety	1,000	1,061	1,500
Council Honourariums & Benefits	31,983	31,917	33,226
Council Legal, Advertising, & Misc.	4,000	1,076	4,000
Council Conventions/Workshops Good Roads	8,000	8,174	
Council Conventions/Workshops ROMA (March)	0	0	
Council Conventions/Workshops FONOM (May)	0	0	3,500
Council Conventions/Workshops	2,000	395	500
Council Donation Retro Ride	0	200	200
Council Donation Graduates	750	700	750
Council Donation Wall of Rem. - W.O.R. Review	356	355	355
Council Donation Laird Fair	1,500	1,500	1,500
Council Donation Echo Bay Elks Fireworks	300		300
Council Donation Crime Stoppers	500	500	500
Council Donaton Royal Canadian Legion & Remembrance Day	406	406	406
Donation - Skating Program	100	100	100
- Perch Derby	300	300	300
- Dog Classes	200	200	200
- Cycling	500	500	500
- Christmas Cheer	300	300	300
Council Special Meetings Travel	1,500	793	1,000
Taxation Program	5,665	5,065	5,500
Tax Allowance & Sale	1,064	172	250
Audit Fees	25,705	22,914	23,000
Bank Charges & Interest	650	1,096	1,100
Consultant Fees	5,000	185	5,000
Office Bldg Maintenance, Heat & Lights	9,500	8,074	9,500
Supplies & Equipment	10,500	6,792	10,500
Insurance	30,077	30,077	69,385
Bad Debt, Misc & Advertising	2,000	34	200
Subscriptions, Memberships	8,000	7,534	8,000
Telephone, Postage & Internet	10,000	11,142	12,000
Asset Management Consult	12,200	9,725	10,000
Legal Fees	2,000	1,384	2,000
MPAC	24,297	24,297	25,036
Election	1,500	714	20,000
Total General Government	454,353	461,516	542,799

Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		
PROTECTION PERSONS & PROPERTY			
Emergency Management Admin Salaries & Benefits	7,000	2,169	3,000
Emergency Management Materials	3,000	2,505	3,000
Fire Services Miscellaneous	2,000	480	500
Fire Services Agreement	73,950	74,100	
CFSO Admin Salaries & Benefits	1,000	1,020	1,200
CFSO Education & Safety	1,000		500
By-law Officer CBO - Wages & Travel	17,000	15,179	16,000
By-law Officer CBO - Admin.Wages & Benefits	5,000	2,110	2,400
By-law Officers CBO - Membership,Workshops & Supplies	6,500	426	2,500
By-law Property, Parking & Dogs - Wages, Travel	11,000	3,741	4,500
By-law Property, Parking & Dogs - Legal	7,600	6,217	8,000
By-law Property, Parking & Dogs - Misc. & Supplies	500	428	500
By-law Property, Parking & Dogs - Admin Salaries & Benefits	7,500	2,132	2,500
By-law Dogs - Membership and Fees	850	1,299	1,350
Police Admin Salaries, Benefits	1,000	598	0
Police Contract	156,560	154,323	173,781
Police OPP Detachment Board & Legal	2,119	3,488	2,769
9-1-1	618	624	625
Total Protection Persons & Property	304,197	270,839	223,125

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES			
Environmental Waste Wages	20,600	17,171	18,000
Environmental Admin. Salaries & Benefits	3,000	1,365	1,500
Environmental Material	2,575	1,994	2,500
Environmental Recycling-WDS	37,777	30,279	0
Environmental - Rd Wages & Materials	20,000	17,851	20,000
Environmental - Site Monitoring and Annual Report	12,341	6,279	12,341
Environmental - Legal	0		0
Environment - Insurance	3,873	3,873	
Total Environmental Services	100,166	78,812	54,341

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT			
Planning Admin. Salaries & Benefits	2,575	1,599	
Planning Official Materials & Miscellaneous	7,500	4,650	
Planning Board Levy	11,732	11,732	
SSM Public Library	2,429	2,429	2,429
Property Sales Back Lots & Purchases, Legal	1,030	0	0
Total Planning & Development	25,266	20,410	2,429

HEALTH SERVICES			
Algoma Public Health	52,376	52,376	57,090
Mathews Memorial Hospital	2,000	2,000	2,000
Total Health Services	54,376	54,376	59,090

Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		
SOCIAL & FAMILY SERVICES			
Algoma DSAB	524,418	536,249	565,450
Dr. Harold Trefry Memorial Centre	3,000	3,000	3,000
Total Social & Family Services	527,418	539,249	568,450

TOTAL GENERAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,465,776	1,425,202	1,450,234
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SUBTOTAL GENERAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES	1,465,776	1,425,202	1,450,234
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HERITAGE OPERATING EXPENDITURES

	2025 Budget	2025	2026
<i>Heritage</i>			
Wages, Benefits Church Caretaker, Admin	1,545	808	1,607
Insurance Church	1,365	1,365	
Materials, Power & Mileage Church	309	330	321
Heritage Wages Summer Employment	5,263	5,384	5,474
Heritage Admin Salaries & Benefits	1,030	893	1,071
Museum Online Compensation for Programmer	2,000	2,000	0
Maintenance Museum			0
Insurance Contents	1,114	1,114	
Total Heritage	12,626	11,894	8,473

RECREATION OPERATING EXPENDITURES

	2025	2025	2026
<i>Bar River Hall</i>			
Wages (Custodian & Admin)	5,000	2,891	3,500
Wages (Property Caretakers with Mileage)		254	300
Training (Food Handlers)	200		200
Building Maintenance			
Supplies	300	2,756	500
Propane Heat	6,000	3,063	6,000
Power	2,200	908	1,100
Equipment Repair		1,419	
Insurance	5,591	5,591	
Permits & Fees		613	650
Roads Cost		1,600	2,000
Grand Opening - one time cost	400		
Total Bar River Hall	19,691	19,095	14,250

Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		
G. W. Evoy Rink	2025	2025	2026
Wages Winter Caretaker & Road	3,000	2,579	4,500
Wages Summer Caretaker		86	
Wages Admin		475	500
Training (Propane Course)	600	69	
Building Maintenance & Snow Removal	1,300	1,271	1,500
Supplies	600	551	500
Heat	4,500	4,500	4,500
Power	1,200	835	900
Equipment Repair	1,500	809	1,000
Insurance	4,252	4,252	
Total G. W. Evoy Rink	16,952	15,427	13,400
Finns Bay Wharf	2025	2025	2026
Wages & Mileage Caretaker & Roads	1,500	649	1,000
Wages Summer Employment	200	466	500
Wages Admin		465	500
Misc/shared equipment maintenance	200		
Insurance	775	775	
Supplies - Office & Events	200	205	
Parking Lot Improvements & Brushing	500		500
Signage & Move Picnic Tables	1,500	432	
Roads Cost		844	1,000
Total Finns Bay Wharf	4,875	3,836	3,500
Laird Hall	2025	2025	2026
Wages & Mileage (Custodian)	7,000	5,810	7,000
Wages & Mileage (Property Caretakers & Roads)			1,000
Wages Admin		1,887	2,000
Training (Food Handlers)	200		200
Building Maintenance (Sump Repairs & Siding /Window Washing)	4,200	2,949	1,000
		4,287	
Supplies	750	478	860
Propane	7,500	5,528	7,500
Power	2,750	1,395	2,750
Equipment Repairs	1,500	862	1,500
Snow Removal	500	330	750
Insurance	5,580	5,580	
Total Laird Hall	29,980	29,106	24,560
Summer Program			
Funded Wages 2 Students (1 Fed and 1 Prov.)	6,500	6,149	6,200
Twp Wages Cost	4,350	3,975	4,000
Misc.	200	150	200
Total Summer Program	11,050	10,274	10,400

Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		
Main Recreation			
Rec. Secretary - Admin Salaries & Benefits	10,000	5,521	6,000
Advertising	200	144	200
Supplies & Library Boxes	200		200
Events - Pumpkin Fest & Earth Day	3,000	5,009	5,000
- Winter Carnival	1,000	558	1,000
- Appreciation BBQ Activity	1,500	1,251	1,500
- Christmas	500	354	400
Total Main Recreation	16,400	12,837	14,300

	2025	2025	2026
Pumpkin Point Park			
Wages & Mileage including Roads	3,500	4,312	4,500
Summer Youth Wages	500	1,335	1,500
Wages Admin		927	1,000
Insurance	3,913	3,913	
Maintenance & Misc (2026 Soccer Nets & Teatherball)	600	682	1,000
Clay Sand & Playground Sand	450		500
Supplies	350	220	350
Replace 4 posts on Gazebo	750		
Playground Inspections	220	407	500
Tree Limbing & Stump Removal	500		500
Total Pumpkin Point Park	10,783	11,796	9,850

Laird Fairgrounds			
Wages - Grounds Keeper Maintenance	20,500	16,879	23,000
- Admin. Salaries & Benefits	7,000	2,677	5,000
- Roads Labour	8,000	13,572	12,000
- Summer Employee	4,200	8,070	7,000
Caretaker	4,000	455	4,000
Algoma Power Inc.	1,000	880	1,200
Mileage	1,500	967	1,500
Insurance	8,062	8,062	
Maintenance Bldgs & Grounds (2026 Painting)			1,500
Maintenance Gravel			500
Equipment Repair	2,000	3,275	3,000
Supplies	2,000	2,479	500
Misc. Grounds (Animal Water)	1,000	2,307	3,000
Telephone	100	62	100
Total Laird Fairgrounds	59,362	59,685	62,300

TOTAL RECREATION	169,093	162,056	152,560
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Total Culture/Heritage & Recreation Expenditures	181,719	173,950	161,033
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Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		

TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES

TRANSPORTATION

BRIDGES & CULVERTS	2025	2025	2026
Road Bridges & Culvert Materials (2026 Cross Culverts 5 yr plan)		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	12,000
Driveway Culvert Equipment Time	2,000	1,921	2,500
Driveway Culvert Labour	2,000	2,857	3,500
TOTAL BRIDGES & CULVERTS	11,500	18,305	23,700

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
TOTAL ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE	56,000	44,880	68,600

HARDTOP MAINTENANCE			
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
TOTAL HARDTOP MAINTENANCE	61,700	61,168	74,000

Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		
LOOSETOP MAINTENANCE			
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
TOTAL LOOSETOP MAINTENANCE	9,680	10,780	12,200
WINTER CONTROL			
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
TOTAL WINTER CONTROL	119,200	106,306	110,000
SAFETY			
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
TOTAL SAFETY	38,200	21,893	28,000
STORMS			
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
TOTAL STORMS	8,000	3,845	9,000
OVERHEAD			
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
TOTAL SHOP	15,000	32,141	38,500
Road Patrol Equipment Time	3,500	4,554	5,000
Road Patrol Labour	14,000	12,907	14,000
TOTAL ROAD PATROL	17,500	17,461	19,000

Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		
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
TOTAL ROAD OFFICE/ADMIN	28,000	16,650	20,500
ROAD MISC.			
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	
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
TOTAL ROAD MISC.	71,324	78,451	48,800
SUBTOTAL TRANS. MAINT. & OVERHEAD OPERATING	436,104	411,880	452,300

SUBTOTAL REC/CULTURE & TRANSPORTATION EXPENDITURES 617,823 585,830 613,333

SUBTOTAL GENERAL, REC/CULTURE & TRANS. EXPENDITURES 2,083,599 2,011,032 2,063,567

OTHER EXPENDITURES

CEMETERY BOARD OPERATING			
Wages Caretaker & Summer Employee	17,000	7,083	7,500
Admin Wages		1,887	2,300
Roads Wages (Rough in Parking Lot)		384	600
Caretaker Mileage		317	2,500
Maintenance Property	515		1,000
Maintenance Lawnmower	618		700
Liability Insurance	515	515	
TOTAL CEMETERY BOARD OPERATING	18,648	10,186	14,600

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDED BY RESERVES & SURPLUSES			
Capital Reserve Fund - Landfill Envior. Ministry Requirements	3,000	0	0
Capital Reserve Cemetery Survey & Phase 3 2024	10,000	10,000	10,000
Capital Cemetery Phase 3 (2025 Reserved)			8,000
Capital Reserve Heritage 2024			35,726
Operating Cemetery Survey (2025 Reserved)			2,000
Operating Fairgrounds - Gazebo Kitchen Sinks (2025 Reserved)			3,000
Capital Fairgrounds - New interior Gazebo washrooms (2025 Reserved)			30,000
Capital Roads Government Bridge			17,836
Capital Rink - Install Playground Equipment (2025 Reserved)			15,000
Capital Garage - Spray foam around top of walls			5,000
Total Capital Projects Funded by Reserves & Surpluses	13,000	10,000	126,562

	2025	2025	2026
Description	Budget		
Operating Projects & 5 Year Plan Projects			
Operating Pumpkin Point Park Bear Proof Garbage Can	2,000	1,731	
Operating Bar River Hall Project Construction of Tables		1,834	
Operating Garage - New Sink	2,000	620	
Operating Garage - Remove wing walls at doorway of sand Shed	2,000		
Operating Garage - auto opener with remote on backhoe bay	2,500	2,544	
Operating Garage - exhaust fan	500	109	
Operating Cemetery Survey (2025 Reserved)	2,000	2,000	RESERVED
Operating Wharf - Life Ring & Brushing upper level	1,300	464	
Operating Wharf - Outhouse	1,000		
Operating Wharf - Gravel	3,000	1,172	
Operating Fairgrounds - Electrical Gazebo & Announcers Booth	3,000	3,471	
Operating Fairgrounds - Gazebo Kitchen Sinks (2025 Reserved)	3,000	3,000	RESERVED
Operating Fairgrounds Maintenance - Well Flushing	2,500	1,977	
Operating Fairgrounds Maintenance - Misc. & water repairs	2,500	2,323	
Operating Fairgrounds Gazebo Exterior Doors (CCBF)	4,500	1,179	
Operating Equipment - Grader Light Upgrade	2,000	1,302	
Bar River Hall -New Stage Curtains			1,500
Laird Hall NOHFC Grant Wages Program Manager (Glen Irwin)			1,000
Finns Bay Wharf Maintenance Widen Door & Build Ramp Gazebo			600
Finns Bay Wharf Project Flag and Pole (Roads Labour 2 days)			2,700
Laird Fairgrounds - 2 Holding Tanks (Roads Labour 2 days)			2,200
Laird Fairgrounds - 4 Water Meters			
Laird Fairgrounds - LIR Washroom Maintenance (Roads Labour 1 day)			1,875
Laird Fairgrounds - Sand for Swings and Stalls			2,000
Laird Fairgrounds - Bench and Plaque in Memory Goertzen			1,000
Laird Fairgrounds - Signage for raceway washrooms			500
Laird Fairgrounds - Electrical for Announcers Booth			3,500
Laird Hall - Drain (Roads Labour 2 days)			3,300
Roads - New Welder			2,500
Roads - New Man Door Old Garage			500
Roads - Fix Trim outside on Garage			1,500
Roads - Street Light Repairs Gov. Rd. & LGR			2,300
Total Operating Other Projects	33,800	23,726	26,975

Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		
Capital 5 Year Plan Projects			
Capital Office Computers	10,000	10,514	
Capital Garage - Door and Weather Stripping	5,000	983	
Capital Garage - Spray foam around top of walls	5,000	5,000	RESERVED
Capital Garage - replace bottom door panel in middle bay	5,000	2,045	
Capital Garage generator hookup	5,000	5,142	
Capital Cemetery Phase 3 (2025 Reserved)	8,000	8,000	RESERVED
Capital Rink - Install Playground Equipment (2025 Reserved)	15,000	15,000	RESERVED
Capital Museum - Construction (CCBF)	15,000	15,875	
Capital Fairgrounds - Arena Drainage changed to Lighting	10,000	9,858	
Capital Fairgrounds Washroom Outdoor changed to Engineering	5,000	5,088	
Capital Fairgrounds - Water System upgrades (CCBF)	13,811	14,717	
Capital Fairgrounds - New interior Gazebo washrooms (2025 Reserved)	30,000	30,000	RESERVED
Capital Equipment - Conveyor bucket	10,900	8,203	
Capital Equipment - Roadside Cutting Equipment		8,141	
Roads Shop Furnace		10,074	
Capital Equipment - Wheeled Excavator	185,660	185,660	
Laird Fairgrounds Gazebo Wall (2025 changed to LIR Plumbing & Engin.)	12,000	10,594	15,000
Laird Fairgrounds - Horse Stalls	5,000	5,046	5,000
Laird Fairgrounds - Reshape & Extend Horse Arena (Roads Labour 1 days)			8,350
Laird Fairgrounds -7 Lights on Poles redone			7,000
Laird Fairgrounds - Ball Diamond Fence			12,000
Laird Fairgrounds - Gazebo Kitchen NOHFC Grant Application			20,000
Laird Fairgrounds - ECA Study for Septic			20,000
Laird Fairgrounds - Gazebo Outdoor Washrooms Counters & Sinks			5,000
Bar River Hall - W/C Chair Washroom			10,000
Laird Hall - NOHFC Grant 10% Plus Contiguously (If Unsuccessful - Interior Painting \$4500, Replace Trim, Paint Storage Cabinets, Redue Acoustic Tiles, Replace Outside Vents and Metal Roof on Overhang)			24,900
G. W. Evoy Rink Building Maintenance Furnace			6,500
G. W. Evoy Rink Capital Zamboni Changeover and Repairs			5,500
G. W. Evoy Rink - Replace 6 pole top rink lights			7,500
Finns Bay Wharf Capital Accessible Outhouse			6,000
Pumpkin Point Park - Reserve Funds for Playground Accessibility			5,000
Heritage - Museum Construction (Frame & Roofing)			15,000
Misc. - 18' Trailer for Caretaker			10,000
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
Cemetery - Property Purchase			10,000
Total Capital 5 Year Plan Projects	340,371	349,940	303,750

Description	2025	2025	2026
	Budget		
Capital Transportation			
S.T. Government Rd. - Contracted (OCIF, CCBF, NORDS)	0		
S. T. Bar River Rd. E. - Contracted (OCIF, CCBF, NORDS)	52,618	50,343	
S. T. Calabogie Rd. W. - Contracted (OCIF, CCBF, NORDS)	29,232	33,304	
S.T. Neebish Rd. W. - Contracted (OCIF, CCBF, NORDS)	46,771	40,555	
Patching Prep for Surface Treatment	14,600	14,600	
Gravel Prep for S. T. Lake George Rd. E. - Contracted	22,000	23,825	
Bridge Government Road	30,834	30,834	Reserve \$17,826
Bar River Shore Repair		16,392	
Bar River Bridge Asphalt (2025 Reserved)	5,000	5,000	RESERVED
Bridge Bar River Road Weatherproof (2025 Reserved)	15,000	15,000	RESERVED
Roads S.T. Double - Cloudy Lake Road 450m (OCIF)			17,000
Roads S.T. Single - Gov. Road (Riley- 890 Gov. & Lk. Geo - BRR) (OCIF)			82,800
Roads S.T. Single - Lake George Rd. E. to Black Creek (OCIF)			18,000
Roads S.T. Single - Rydall Mill 1/2 way to Junors corner (OCIF)			19,200
Roads Recycled Asphalt - LGR (Lapish to Isbester) 1690m 40 loads (CCBF)			23,400
Roads Recycled Asphalt - Isbester 8 loads (CCBF)			4,600
Roads Recycled Asphalt - Cemetery 22 loads (CCBF)			13,000
Roads Resurface Gravel - Riverside Dr. 20 loads (CCBF)			12,000
Roads Resurface Gravel - Lakeshore Dr. 20 loads (CCBF)			12,000
Roads Resurface Gravel - Cloudy Lake Road 5 loads prior to S.T. (CCBF)			3,000
Roads Resurface Gravel - Yard Stock 25 loads			14,500
Roads Culverts - 2 Cross Culverts (CCBF)			10,500
Total Capital Transportation	216,055	229,853	230,000

RESERVES & TRANSFERS (Going into Reserves)

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

SUBTOTAL OTHER EXPENDITURES	940,497	942,328	701,887
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TOTAL COMBINED EXPENDITURES	3,024,096	2,953,360	2,765,454
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Difference between Revenue & all Expenditures & Reserve contributions	0	148,155	169,031
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TOTAL TO BALANCE WITH REVENUE	3,024,096	3,101,515	2,934,485
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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD

By-law Number 2079-26

BEING A BY-LAW to confirm proceedings of the meeting of Council, April 2, 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 April 2, 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 2nd day of April 2026.

Mayor _____
Shawn Evoy

Seal

Clerk _____
Jennifer Errington