

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD

By-Law No. 2092-26

Being a by-law to authorize the appointment of a Compliance Audit Joint Committee for Central Algoma Area Municipalities.

WHEREAS Section 88.37 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, requires that every municipality establish a Compliance Audit Committee;

AND WHEREAS the Councils of the Municipalities of Prince, Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional, Laird, Tarbutt & Tarbutt Additional, Johnson, Hilton, Hilton Beach, Jocelyn, St. Joseph, Bruce Mines, Plummer Additional & Huron Shores, have deemed it desirable to create a joint committee to satisfy this requirement;

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

- 1. THAT the aforementioned Councils have agreed by resolution passed in open Council at their respective Council meetings that we should create a Compliance Audit Joint Committee to carry out the functions and powers set out in Section 88.37 of the Municipal Election Act, 1996, as amended in accordance with the Terms of Reference in the form of Schedule “A” hereto attached.
- 2. THAT the Mayor and Clerk of the Township of Laird are authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to give effect to the foregoing.
- 3. Schedule “A” attached hereto forms part of this by-law.

READ and passed in open meeting this 20th day of August 2026.

Mayor _____
Shawn Evoy

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Clerk _____
Jennifer Errington

SCHEDULE “A” BY-LAW #2092-26

TERMS OF REFERENCE CENTRAL ALGOMA COMPLIANCE AUDIT JOINT COMMITTEE

MANDATE

The functions and powers of the committee are set out in Section 88.33 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996. They are summarized as follows:

- To consider any compliance applications submitted by electors within 30 days of their receipt and decide whether they should be granted or rejected.
- If an application is granted, to appoint an auditor to conduct the compliance audit of the subject candidate’s election campaign finances.
- To review the auditor’s report within 10 days of receipt and decide whether legal proceedings should be commenced.
- To determine, if the auditor’s report indicates that there were no apparent contraventions and if there appears there were no reasonable grounds for the application, to recover the costs of the audit from the applicants.

The following persons are not eligible to serve on the committee-Members of Council, Municipal staff and candidates running for office in the 2026 municipal election. In addition, members selected for the compliance audit committee shall agree in writing that they will not work for or provide advice to any candidate in the 2026 municipal election. This committee will serve the Township of Prince, Township of Macdonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional, Township of Laird, Township of Tarbutt & Tarbutt Additional, Township of Johnson, Township of St. Joseph, Village of Hilton Beach, Township of Hilton, Township of Jocelyn, Town of Bruce Mines, Township of Plummer Additional & Municipality of Huron Shores.

COMPOSITION

The committee shall consist of three to five members appointed by Council, with the Clerk acting as a resource to the committee.

TERM

The term of the committee is co-terminus with Council.

CHAIR

The committee shall select one of its members to act as Chair at the first meeting.

REMUNERATION

Committee members shall receive a per diem rate of \$200.00 which shall be paid by the municipality requiring the audit.

MEMBERSHIP SELECTION

All applicants shall be required to complete an application form outlining their qualifications and experience. Preference shall be given to applicants with qualifications in the following areas:

- a) knowledge and understanding of municipal election campaign financing rules;
- b) experience working on committees, task forces or similar settings;
- c) knowledge of quasi-judicial proceedings;
- d) availability and willingness to attend meetings.