



The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores
Regular Meeting of Council
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers – 325 Farr Drive

Minutes

1. Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we live, work, and gather on the traditional and unceded Territory of the Algonquin People, specifically the Timiskaming First Nation.

We recognize the presence of the Timiskaming First Nation in our community since time immemorial and honour their long history of welcoming many Nations to this beautiful territory and uphold and uplift their voice and values.

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laferriere at 6:00 p.m.

3. Roll Call

Council:	Mayor Jeff Laferriere and Councillors Dan Dawson, Melanie Ducharme, Ian Graydon, Nadia Pelletier-Lavigne, Mark Wilson (virtual) and Danny Whalen
Present:	Logan Belanger, Municipal Clerk Sandra Lee, City Manager Shelly Zubyck, Director of Corporate Services Mathew Bahm, Director of Recreation Steve Langford, Fire Chief Brad Hearn, Information Technology Steve Burnett, Manager of Environmental Services Mitch McCrank, Manager of Transportation Services
Regrets:	N/A
Media:	1
Delegates:	N/A

Members of the Public: 2

4. Review of Revisions or Deletions to Agenda

None

5. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No. 2025-136

Moved by: Councillor Dawson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that City Council approves the agenda as printed.

Carried

6. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature

Councillor Nadia Pelletier-Lavigne declared a Conflict of Pecuniary Interest related to Section 15) By-laws, No. 2025-035 to enact a Zoning by-law Amendment to rezone 620 Lakeshore Road from Tourist Commercial (C4) to Medium Density Residential (R3) in the City of Temiskaming Shores Zoning By-law 2017-154, as the subject property is her immediate neighbour.

7. Public Meetings pursuant to the Planning Act, Municipal Act and other Statutes

None

8. Review and Adoption of Council Minutes

Resolution No. 2025-137

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Graydon

Be it resolved that City Council approves the following minutes as printed:

- a) Regular Council Meeting – March 18, 2025; and
- b) Committee of the Whole Meeting – April 1, 2025.

Carried

9. Presentations / Delegations

None

10. Correspondence/ Communications

- a) Adrienne Pierre, Management Forester – Temagami Forest, Ministry of Natural Resources

Re: Inspection of 2025-2026 Annual Work Schedule for Temagami Forest, 2025-03-15

Reference: Received for Information

- b) Danny Whalen, President - Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities

Re: FONOM Letter to Premier, Doug Ford – Approach for Ministry of Transportation, 2025-04-02

Reference: Received for Information

Resolution No. 2025-138

Moved by: Councillor Dawson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that the Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores agrees to deal with Communication Items 10 a) through 10 b), in accordance with the agenda references.

Carried

11. Committees of Council – Community and Regional

Resolution No. 2025-139

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that the following minutes be accepted for information:

- a) Minutes from the New Liskeard Business Improvement Area Board of Management meetings held on March 17, 2025 and on March 24, 2025;

- b) Minutes from the District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board meeting held on February 19, 2025; and
- c) Minutes from the Temiskaming Shores Public Library Board meeting held on February 19, 2025.

Carried

12. Reports by Members of Council

Councillor Danny Whalen

Councillor Whalen provided a progress update on the Rockin' On Canada Day event preparations, including the finalization of the strategic alliance agreement, to be presented to Council at an upcoming meeting, along with an update that the Temiskaming Shores Development Corporation recently met to approve the Operating and Municipal Transient Accommodation Tax Financial Accountability Agreement with the City. Councillor Whalen inquired if staff have received any correspondence related to any potential decreases to public transit funding.

Councillor Melanie Ducharme

Councillor Ducharme commented that a written report will be provided to summarize the Ontario Good Roads Association Conference (OGRA); however, provided a summary the event.

13. Notice of Motions

None

14. New Business

- a) **Resolution of Support from Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury – Request for Landlord Tenant Reforms (Correspondence item from the March 18, 2025 Regular Council Meeting)**

Resolution No. 2025-140

Moved by: Councillor Ducharme

Seconded by: Councillor Wilson

Whereas Council of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury adopted a resolution regarding Landlord Tenant Reforms, at their regular meeting on March 4, 2025; and

Whereas Ontario has expanded the accessory dwelling unit (ADU) framework to address the housing supply crisis, which includes the need to balance the interests of both tenants and small-scale landlords; and

Whereas small-scale landlords may face financial strain when tenants withhold rent in bad faith, and delayed dispute resolution systems can result in undue hardship for landlords, while also affecting tenants' security and well-being; and

Whereas it is crucial to support the development of legal ADUs and secondary rentals while ensuring tenants' rights are respected and upheld; and

Whereas proposed reforms could include:

- Accelerating dispute resolution for ADUs and secondary rentals at the Landlord and Tenant Board (LTB) within 30 days, ensuring fairness for both tenants and landlords;
- Introducing mediation services to resolve disputes quickly and amicably, reducing reliance on lengthy hearings;
- Providing both landlords and tenants with enhanced tools for clear communication, such as standardized rental agreements and better screening practices;
- Strengthening protections for tenants against unfair eviction while enforcing stricter penalties for tenants withholding rent in bad faith;
- Ensuring law enforcement access to properties only under appropriate circumstances, respecting tenants' rights while supporting landlords in the resolution of unpaid rent issues;
- Establishing a hardship relief fund for landlords impacted by unpaid rent, while ensuring tenants are also supported in cases of financial distress; and
- Offering free or low-cost legal assistance to both landlords and tenants to navigate disputes fairly.

Be it resolved that Council of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby supports the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's call on the provincial government to look at ways to implement these balanced reforms that protect both small-scale landlords and tenants, ensuring fairness in the rental market; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Rob Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs

and Housing, the Honourable Doug Downey, Attorney General; John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Carried

b) Resolution of Support – Town of Kirkland Lake - Safer Highways (Correspondence item from the March 18, 2025 Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No. 2025-141

Moved by: Councillor Whalen

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Whereas Council of the Town of Kirkland Lake adopted a resolution regarding Safer Highways, at their regular meeting on March 4, 2025.

Be it resolved that Council of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby supports the Town of Kirkland Lake's support for the Updated Northern Highway Safety Plan prepared by John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane; Guy Bourgouin, MPP Mushkegowuk-James Bay; and Lise Vaugeois, MPP Thunder Bay-Superior North; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, Minister of Transportation, and John Vanthof, MPP Timiskaming-Cochrane.

Carried

c) Memo No. 009-2025-CS – Frog's Breath Application Sponsorship – Branch 54 Royal Canadian Legion - Haileybury

Resolution No. 2025-142

Moved by: Councillor Dawson

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No.009-2025-CS; and

That Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby approves the request from the Branch 54 Royal Canadian Legion - Haileybury, and agrees to sponsor a funding application to the Frog's Breath Foundation, for their renovation project.

Carried

d) **Memo No. 010-2025-CS – Resolution of Support for BIA Block Party Application**

Resolution No. 2025-143

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 010-2025-CS;

That Council confirms support for the New Liskeard Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board of Management's application to the NOHFC Cultural Support Program, in the amount of \$20,000 for the 2025 BIA Block Party; and

That Council will provide \$14,000 toward the project, and will offset any cost overruns through the BIA budget.

Carried

e) **Memo No. 011-2025-CS – Funding Agreement for Regional Economic Development – Delegation of Authority**

Resolution No. 2025-144

Moved by: Councillor Ducharme

Seconded by: Councillor Wilson

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 011-2025-CS;

That Council provide the delegation of authority to the Mayor and Clerk to execute the agreement for federal funding related to the regional economic development project, and any and all required documentation and amendments, on behalf of the City of Temiskaming Shores, as required under the Agreement; and

Further that staff prepare a report and confirming by-law for presentation at a future Regular Council meeting, once the funding agreement has been finalized.

Carried

f) **Administrative Report No. CS-015-2025 – Ontario Proposing to Expand Strong Mayor Powers to 169 Additional Municipalities**

Resolution No. 2025-145

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Whalen

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report No. CS-015-2025, titled Ontario Proposing to Expand Strong Mayor Powers to 169 Additional Municipalities, for information purposes; and

That staff is directed to report back to Council should the City be officially designated under the amended regulation, with recommendations for adapting local governance processes, as required.

Carried

g) **Memo No. 012-2025-RS – WSP Canada Inc. Green Fleet Project Agreement Amendment**

Resolution No. 2025-146

Moved by: Councillor Ducharme

Seconded by: Councillor Dawson

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 012-2025-RS; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary amendment to By-law No. 2025-025, being an agreement with WSP Canada Inc. for the creation of a Green Municipal Fleet Study, to replace “Schedule A” with a revised agreement, for consideration at the April 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Carried

15. By-Laws

Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne disclosed a pecuniary interest related By-law No. 2025-035, Zoning By-law Amendment; therefore, did not participate in discussion, nor voted on the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2025-147

Moved by: Councillor Graydon
Seconded by: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that:

By-law No. 2025-035 Being a by-law to enact a Zoning by-law Amendment to rezone 620 Lakeshore Road from Tourist Commercial (C4) to Medium Density Residential (R3) in the City of Temiskaming Shores Zoning By-law 2017-154

be hereby introduced and given first, second and third and final reading, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the corporate seal affixed thereto.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-148

Moved by: Councillor Whalen
Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that:

By-law No. 2025-030 Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Miller Paving Limited for the 2025 roadway rehabilitation program

By-law No. 2025-031 Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Food Cycle Science Corporation for the supply and delivery of the FoodCycler products and management support of the Project (50 households)

By-law No. 2025-032 Being a by-law to enter into a Conditional Contribution Agreement with the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC) under the Community Enhancement Program for upgrades and improvements to the recreational facilities in Farr Park and Shaver Park and outfield fencing at Dymond Park (Project No. 7510284)

By-law No. 2025-033 Being a by-law to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister for Seniors and Accessibility, to expand the All Age Friendly program to support programming to more seniors within the community

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| By-law No. 2025-034 | Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with J.L. Richards & Associates Limited for the City of Temiskaming Shores Official Plan review |
| By-law No. 2025-036 | Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2015-141, to adopt the Delegation of Powers and Duties Policy for the City of Temiskaming Shores (Cemetery) |
| By-law No. 2025-037 | Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2022-185 to appoint community representatives to various committees and boards for the 2022-2026 term of Council (New Liskeard Business Improvement Area Board of Management) |
| By-law No. 2025-038 | Being a by-law to enter into a Grant Agreement under the Rural Transit Solutions Fund with His Majesty the King in right of Canada as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, for the Transit Evaluation and Feasibility Study |
| By-law No. 2025-039 | Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2025-025 to enter into an agreement with WSP Canada Inc. for the creation of a Green Municipal Fleet Study for the City of Temiskaming Shores |

be hereby introduced and given first, second and third and final reading, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the corporate seal affixed thereto.

Carried

16. Schedule of Council Meetings

- a) Committee of the Whole – April 29, 2025 starting at 3:00 p.m.
- b) Regular Council Meeting – May 20, 2025 starting at 6:00 p.m.

17. Question and Answer Period

None

18. Closed Session

None

19. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 2025-149

Moved by: Councillor Ducharme

Seconded by: Councillor Dawson

Be it resolved that By-law No. **2025-040** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores for its Regular meeting held on April 15, 2025, and at its Committee of the Whole Meeting held on April 1, 2025, be hereby introduced and given first, second, third and final reading; and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

Carried

20. Adjournment

Resolution No. 2025-150

Moved by: Councillor Graydon

Seconded by: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns its meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Carried



Mayor



Clerk