

The Corporation of the Township of James  
Regular Council Meeting  
August 12, 2026  
Elk Lake Legion, 6 Fourth Street West

Reeve R. Donaldson, Councillor C. Cormier, Councillor M. Fiset, Councillor M. DeCarlo, and Councillor J. MacDowall attended the meeting. Staff members were also in attendance along with members of the public. Reeve Donaldson chaired the meeting.

**Cormier/Fiset:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the July 8/26 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.

***Deferred to September with additions.***

Conflict of Interest: None declared.

**Delegations**

Judy Bastien: As a follow up to the previous meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>, Judy was advised not to get a survey by her Lawyer.

Judy submitted a letter to the Clerk for public record with her concerns and the letter forms part of the minutes attached at the end.

It was concluded that all work being done on Maryland is halted and a survey of Maryland will be obtained by the Township of James to find out where the property lines are before any more discussions are had.

Reeve Donaldson thanked them for attending the meeting.

**Richard Leblanc** Spoke regarding By-Law 26-13 (Livestock) and read a petition from residents requesting a reconsideration of the By-Law to allow chickens.

Reeve Donaldson thanked Richard for attending the meeting.

**Marc Leveille, Fire Chief** Presented the ELVFD monthly report.

Reeve Rodger Donaldson thanked Marc for his report.

**Adam Gibson, Public Works Foreman** Presented the monthly Public Works report.

Reeve Donaldson thanked Adam for his report.

**DeCarlo/Cormier:**

A motion to approve payment of Township of James July/26 Bill Payment List in the amount of \$159,498.30. General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,218,838.24.

**Carried.**

**Cormier/MacDowall:**

A motion to approve payment of ELCF April/26 Accounts in the amount of \$6.00. General Revenue Account Balance: \$137,973.90.

**Carried.**

**By-Laws**

**By-Law 26-12: Council Vacancy Policy**

**Fiset/Cormier:**

That a by-law to adopt a Council Vacancy Policy for the Township of James be received and read a first time.

**Carried.**

**Fiset/Cormier:**

That a by-law to adopt a Council Vacancy Policy for the Township of James be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole.

**Carried.**

**Fiset/Cormier:**

That a by-law to adopt a Council Vacancy Policy for the Township of James, as reported by the Committee of the Whole, be read a third time, passed and numbered 26-12; that the said by-law be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation, and be engrossed in the By-Law Book.

**Carried.**

**By-Law 26-13: Being a By-Law to regulate the keeping of livestock within the Township of James.**

**Deferred to September.**

**New Business**

**Fiset/Cormier:**

A motion to approve the request to purchase and move forward with the sale of lot 435 Fifth Street West.

**Carried.**

**Fiset/Cormier**

A Motion to proceed with the adoption of By-Law 26-15: A By-Law to provide for advanced votes to be held prior to voting day, to be passed at the next regular council meeting on September 9, 2026.

**Carried.**

**Fiset/MacDowall:**

A motion to direct the Clerk to prepare a draft Social Media Policy for review at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**Carried.**

**Cormier/DeCarlo:**

A motion to approve a survey of a section of property in Industrial Park for potential sale.

**Carried.**

**Cormier/DeCarlo:**

A motion to survey Maryland Street for the purpose of stopping and closing.

**Carried.**

**Cormier/Fiset:**

A motion to approve the request to purchase and move forward with the sale of a small section of property between Munro Crescent to the commercial lot recently sold, in addition to the already approved sale of Balsam, and pt. lots 328 & 329.

**Carried.**

**In Camera**

**DeCarlo/MacDowall:**

A motion to move 'in camera' at 8:11 p.m. to discuss: (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; and (d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

**Carried.**

**Fiset/Cormier:**

A motion to move from 'in camera' at 8:27 p.m. with the result: a letter being sent.

**Carried.**

**Correspondence**

- Library Report
- Clerk's Report

**Fiset/Cormier:**

A motion to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at **8:29 p.m.**

**Carried.**