Township of James Regular Council Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2026 Elk Lake Legion, 6 Fourth Street West

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

Cormier/DeCarlo:
A motion to approve the September 9/26 Regular Council Meeting Minutes.
Carried.

Conflict of Interest: Michelle declared a conflict of interest regarding the Fiset's sanding quote.

DELEGATIONS

Adam Gibson, Public Works monthly report: A quote from Fiset's for the 2026/2027 sanding season was brought forward, along with a proposal to move sanding operations in-house. Council determined that additional information was required before making a decision. A special meeting will be scheduled to review the matter further and ensure a timely decision can be made in preparation for the 2026/2027 winter season.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

DeCarlo/MacDowall:
A motion to approve payment of Township of James September/26 Bill Payment list in the amount of $143,631.56. General Revenue Account Balance: $1,326,190.72.
Carried.

Cormier/DeCarlo:
A motion to approve payment of ELCF September/26 Accounts in the amount of $6.00 for the bank service charge. General Revenue Account Balance: $138,461.31.
Carried.

BY-LAW 26-13: BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF JAMES.
Cormier/DeCarlo:
A motion to adoption of By-Law 26-13: A By-Law to regulate the keeping of Livestock within the Township of James.

Cormier/DeCarlo:
THAT a By-law to regulate the keeping of livestock within the Township of James be received and read a first time.
Carried.

Cormier/DeCarlo:
THAT a By-law to regulate the keeping of livestock within the Township of James be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole.
Carried.

Cormier/DeCarlo:
THAT a By-law to regulate the keeping of livestock within the Township of James as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 26-13 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 26-16: BEING A BY-LAW TO ADOPT A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY
Fiset/MacDowall:
A motion to adoption of By-Law 26-16: A By-Law to adopt a Social Media Policy.
Carried.

Fiset/MacDowall:
THAT a By-law to adopt a social media policy be received and read a first time.
Carried.

Fiset/MacDowall:

THAT a By-law to adopt a social media policy be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole.

Carried.

Fiset/MacDowall:
THAT a By-law to adopt a social media policy as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 26-16 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Indoor Skating: The Community Centre is booked into November. Indoor skating will be available starting early December.

Appreciation Gathering: The staff & volunteer appreciation gathering will be held on December 11 at the Legion.

Fiset/Cormier:
A motion to direct the clerk to prepare a draft conflict of interest policy.

Carried.

Fiset/DeCarlo:
A motion to approve the draft Sale of Laneway Policy. And to direct the clerk to prepare By-Law 26-17: Being a By-Law to adopt a Sale of Laneway Policy to be passed at the November 18th Regular Council Meeting.

Carried.

Fiset/Cormier:
A motion to direct the Clerk to prepare and amendment By-Law 23-11 to include noise violations.

Carried.

VERBAL REPORTS

TMA Meeting

- MacDowall gave a verbal report on the recent TMA Meeting. New Zone reps will need to be decided for the January meeting.

Rural Ontario Development Program: Meeting with Andre Brock, Economic Development Officer.

- Michelle & Rodger gave a follow up report on the meeting held with Andre Brock, Rural Ontario Development Officer.

Montreal River Water Management
Mike DeCarlo gave a verbal report on the water management meeting. Council will have to decide who will participate in the meetings, they happen twice a year.

Sea Can update: A report was given to council showing the conversation between Staff & Legal regarding By-Law 25-12.

Northern Ontario Rural Development Support: Funding will continue through 2026-2031 at $59,593.61/year.

Maryland survey update: SOS did the survey, Staff are waiting on the report to continue with the issue.

TMSA AGM: Fee's will be doubling the fee for residents who start building without a permit. Zone Reps nominations for TMSA Board members are happening soon for the 2026-2030 council term.

Discuss a potential Dump Policy

Fiset/MacDowall:
A motion to direct the clerk and the Town Foreman to prepare a draft landfill attendant policy.

Carried.

Cormier/DeCarlo:
A Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Carried.