

The Corporation of the Township of James

November 12, 2025.

The Regular Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Reeve R. Donaldson, Councillor C. Cormier, Councillor M. De Carlo, Councillor M. Fiset and Councillor S. McIntyre attended the meeting. Reeve Donaldson chaired the meeting. Myrna Hayes and Teri-Lynn Jibb were also in attendance along with members of the public.

**Fiset/Cormier:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the October 10<sup>th</sup>/25 Regular Meeting with comments regarding 'draft' By-Law 25-11 and 'draft' By-Law 25-12 included.

**Carried.**

Councillor M. De Carlo declared a conflict By-Law 25-12.

Delegation: Jorge VanSlyke & Cassandra James from Blanche River Health

Jorge VanSlyke:

- Patient 'wait time' clocks have been utilized in waiting areas.
- Mammograms are available to women.
- Language interpreters are available on line when required.
- Kirkland Lake Hospital has secured funding for infrastructure upgrade.
- Risk of Englehart Hospital intermittent closures due to on-going doctor shortage.
- 90% of Ontario hospitals are operating in a deficit.
- No staff lay-offs to date.
- Volunteers are needed for hospital and home support.
- Palliative Care Coordinator has been hired.
- Hospital is using Facebook to thank workers.

Cassandra James:

- Raising funds for the hospital very important....government funding is not enough.
- No funding available for needed equipment.
- Hospitals need \$400,000-\$500,00 per year for equipment.
- Raising profile of Kirkland Lake & Englehart Hospitals.
- Eye surgeries are now available in Kirkland Lake Hospital.
- Raising funds via Break Open Ticket and other lotteries on line.
- Tim Horton Cookies are being sold for \$2.00 each...\$1.00 goes to hospitals.
- Kirkland Lake Multicultural Group has raised substantial funds for the hospital.
- Urge people to leave a legacy....make the hospital a benefactor.

Councillor McIntyre asked if Ontario had paid extra to the hospitals during COVID. Chester Jobson stated that the hospital gets 2% annually only.

Reeve Donaldson asked if Quebec doctors were applying for positions at our area hospitals. Jorge replied that they have offered \$250,000 for a 5-year period for new doctors. No specialists have applied.

Reeve Donaldson thanked Jorge, Cassandra and Chester for providing the above information to Council and left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Marc Leveille, ELVFD Chief

- ELVFD personnel visited the Elk Lake Public School on October 10/25 and spoke to staff and students regarding fire safety, first aid fire prevention and overall public education as part of Fire Prevention Week.
- ELVFD members conducted traffic control on Remembrance Day and will do the same for the Christmas Parade.
- ELVFD members (12) checked all supplies and equipment in the Fire Hall, on both trucks,

Adam Gibson, Public Works Foreman

- New Ski Club shed has been installed on Fourth Street across from the Skating Rink.
- Kids started skating at the Community Centre on Wednesday.
- All winter equipment is ready.
- Light exchange is going well. WTP and Ontario Storage Garage remaining,
- Lights at the outdoor rink are still not working properly. Contractor is working to get them replaced with good lights.
- Sea Can Site at the Industrial Park is ready. A solar-powered street light will be installed at the entrance gate.
- Council will decide what will be used for security at the site.
- Need 20 foot Christmas Tree for downtown.

Adam remained to the close of the meeting.

**McIntyre/Fiset:**

A motion to approve the Township's October/25 Treasurer's Report:

General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,289,555.78.

**Carried.**

**McIntyre/Fiset:**

A motion to approve the Elk Lake Community Forest's October/25 Treasurer's Report:

General Revenue Account Balance: \$135,747.91.

**Carried.**

**McIntyre/Fiset:**

A motion to approve the payment of Township of James October/25 Accounts totalling \$140,860.51.

**Carried.**

**Cormier/McIntyre:**

A motion to approve payment of ELCF October/25 Accounts totalling \$6.00.

**Carried.**

**McIntyre/De Carlo:**

A motion to table By-Law 25-11: Regulating Solid Fuel Burning Heating Appliances to the December 10/25 Council Meeting.

**Carried.**

**Cormier/De Carlo:**

A motion to table By-Law 25-12: Establishing a site in the Industrial Park for the Storage of Sea Containers, Boats, Trailers, etc. to the December 10/25 Council Meeting.

**Carried.**

Item 7.1: It is hoped that the sidewalk going from the Evergreen Apartment building down past the playground will be repaired/replaced in 2026. This project is on the 2026 list.

Item 7.2: The road known as the Gervais Pit Road runs through private property and is the only access to property north of Hwy 65. The road has been in use for many years. Mining properties and the gravel pit is accessed using the existing road. Access from Hwy 560 is possible using 4-wheelers.

Item 7.3: A resolution will be passed at the December/25 Council Meeting regarding a request for an extension of the deadline for volunteer firefighter certification.

A copy of the road encroachment 'draft' reference plan was distributed to Council Members.

**McIntyre/Fiset:**

A motion to move 'in camera' to discuss employee 2026 wages.

**Carried.**

**DeCarlo/Cormier:**

A motion to move from 'in camera' at 9:18 p.m.

**Carried.**