

February 11, 2026.

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

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

McIntyre/Fiset:

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 14/26 Regular Meeting.

Carried.

3. Delegation: Rob & Nadine Morozuik-Building residence behind the Nursing Station

- Back filling property with 15-16 loads to meet hazard land requirements.
- Teri-Lynn explained that the Township needs proof of location of the proposed building.
- Rob M. replied that the posts were 24 feet deep and 200 feet away from the water. Sand and gravel will be used for fill.
- Reeve Donaldson asked if the floor of the new residence would be above the hazard land.
- Rob stated that he will have the engineer send proof. Reeve Donaldson added that SOS Surveyors should be able to provide that information.

Reeve Donaldson thanked Rob & Nadine for attending the meeting.

Delegation: Mark Stewart, TDSSAB CAO and Janice Loranger, TDSSAB DOF -2026 TDSSAB Budget.

- Councillor McIntyre questioned why the Interfor Mill was included when determining the TDSSAB annual budget? Elk Lake residents do not use most of the TDSSAB services.
- Janice L. replied that the TDSSAB's current formula used to determine the municipal portion of the budget was approved in 1999 by a double majority decision from all impacted municipalities. This formula is more conducive to smaller municipalities.
- Councillor Fiset asked why the ELVFD was no longer called for medical emergencies.
- Janice L & Mark S. stated they were unaware of this.

Reeve Donaldson thanked the TDSSAB Staff for making the presentation to Council.

Delegation: Travis Fiset, ELVFD Deputy Chief-Seal Program

- Travis agreed that the ELVFD should be called for medical issues.
- Jered Weisner met with the ELVFD and presented members with a new program (SEAL) to obtain required certification for fire departments of small municipalities.
- Members have 1.5 months to get signed up for the program.
- The practical portion will take place during weekends in May/26. Eleven to twelve members of the ELVFD are taking this course.
- Six members have the required suits and 5 more suits have been ordered for the remaining firemen. Teri-Lynn has accessed funding for some of the purchases.
- Bottles are filled in Matachewan and are certified by Alamos Gold Inc.
- Reeve Donaldson stated that he needed to talk to Chief Leveille.
- Councillor McIntyre stated that all members of the fire department should have the proper and safe gear.
- Deputy Chief Fiset stated that it takes 3 years of training for new members going forward.

Delegation: Adam Gibson, Public Works Foreman

- A new hot water tank is needed at the Community Centre.
- Fire extinguishers have all been tagged.
- Snow removal is on-going.
- Equipment is all working well.
- Lights at the Skating Rink are still not working well.

Councillor Cormier announced that he has applied to Kraft Hockeyville for a grant to put a floor in the outdoor skating rink.

McIntyre/Cormier:

A motion to approve the Township's January/26 Treasurer's Report:

General Revenue Account Balance: \$992,638.96.

Carried.

McIntyre/De Carlo:

A motion to approve the Elk Lake Community Forest's January/26 Treasurer's Report:

General Revenue Account Balance: \$136,475.80.

Carried.

McIntyre/Cormier:

A motion to approve the payment of Township of James January/26 Accounts totalling \$85,883.52.

Carried.

McIntyre/De Carlo:

A motion to approve payment of ELCF January/26 Accounts totalling \$6.00.

Carried.

Cormier/De Carlo:

A motion to adopt By-Law 26-04: Appointment of a By-Law Officer.

Carried.

BY-LAW 26-04

Cormier/De Carlo:

That a By-Law to appoint Arlington C. Blackman as Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for the Township of James; *be received and read a first time.*

Carried.

Cormier/De Carlo:

That a By-Law to appoint Arlington C. Blackman as Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for the Township of James; *be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.*

Carried.

Cormier/De Carlo:

That a By-Law to appoint Arlington C. Blackman as Municipal Law Enforcement Officer for the Township of James; *as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 26-04 and that the said by-law be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed the By-Law Book.*

Carried.

Cormier/McIntyre:

A motion to adopt By-Law 26-05: Execute By-Law Enforcement Officer Joint Agreement with Participating Municipalities.

Carried.

BY-LAW 26-05

Cormier/McIntyre:

That a By-Law to execute a joint agreement for by-law enforcement between participating municipalities; *be received and read a first time.*

Carried.

Cormier/McIntyre:

That a By-Law to execute a joint agreement for by-law enforcement between participating municipalities; *be read a second time and be referred to a Committee of the Whole Council.*

Carried.

Cormier/McIntyre:

That A By-Law to execute a joint agreement for by-law enforcement between participating municipalities; *as reported by the Committee of the Whole be read a third time, passed and numbered 26-05 and that the said by-law be signed by the Reeve and Clerk, sealed with the seal of the Corporation and be engrossed the By-Law Book.*

Carried.

De Carlo/Cormier:

A motion to not allow Tudhope residents to deposit recycling materials in the bins at the Township's Landfill Site.

Carried.

Cormier/McIntyre:

A motion to enter into a Transfer Payment Agreement regarding the Pothole Prevention & Repair Program for up to \$38,000.00.

Carried.

Item 7.1

Councillor Fiset was in attendance at a recent TMA Meeting in Earleton. She was told that no one from James Township has attended a TMA Meeting in some time.

The FEDNOR Economic Development Officer, Andre Brock was in attendance.

2026 Budget costs for OPP will be presented at the next TMA Meeting.

McIntyre/Cormier:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Carried.

