

The Corporation of the Township of James

September 10, 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.

McIntyre/Fiset:

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 13th/25 Regular Meeting.

Carried.

No Councillors declared a conflict regarding the Agenda Items.

Delegation: Adam Gibson, Public Works

- Demora Construction will begin the Third Street sidewalk replacement shortly.
- The Township's Summer Student, Lukus Goodwin will continue working as a CO-OP Student.
- The 2025-26 Snow Removal quotation will be submitted to the Township shortly.

McIntyre/Fiset:

A motion to approve the Township's August 31/25 Treasurer's Report:

General Revenue Account Balance: \$1,148,585.31.

Carried.

Cormier/De Carlo:

A motion to approve the Elk Lake Community Forest's August 31/25 Treasurer's Report:

General Revenue Account Balance: \$134,951.11.

Carried.

McIntyre/Fiset:

A motion to approve the payment of Township of James August 31/25 Accounts totalling \$180,882.25.

Carried.

Cormier/De Carlo:

A motion to approve payment of ELCF August 31/25 Accounts totalling \$6.00.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 05-25

Fiset/McIntyre:

WHEREAS the Northern Ontario Resource Development Support (NORDS) pilot program was introduced to help Northern Ontario municipalities address infrastructure pressures resulting from natural resource activities;

AND WHEREAS the NORDS funding provided to date has been very well received by municipalities;
AND WHEREAS many Resource-based Northern Ontario municipalities are facing infrastructure degradation resulting from the increasing size and frequency of forest industry activities on municipal roads;

AND WHEREAS the Interfor/Eacom Sawmill in Elk Lake (Township of James) has operated continuously since 1968 and is one of the largest employers in the District of Temiskaming;

AND WHEREAS the stumpage/royalties paid by the Natural Resource-based industry to the Province should be allocated to the appropriate municipalities in addition to the NORDS funding;

AND WHEREAS the sawmill uses approximately 450,000 cubic metres of wood annually (approximately 40,000 loads of logs, chips, bark, shavings and/or sawdust annually) using Pine Street in Elk Lake which results in over 80,000 transport loads with empty return trips added;

AND WHEREAS over 2/3 of the sawmill workforce reside in surrounding communities, thus the maintenance of Pine Street is the sole responsibility of Elk Lake/Township of James;

AND WHEREAS Pine Street is the sole access to the sawmill and is in need of refurbishing/replacing for a cost of millions of dollars that the ratepayers of Elk Lake (Township of James) cannot finance alone;

AND FURTHER Ontario should continue to distribute NORDS funding to Natural Resource-based municipalities based on the scope of Natural Resource activities of each community, not the population.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for The Corporation of the Township of James urges the Government of Ontario to make the NORDS program a permanent funding entity for Resource-based municipalities in Northern Ontario;

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Northern Economic Development & Growth, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Minister of Natural Resources, Temiskaming-Cochrane MPP-John Vanthof, FONOM and TMA.

Carried.

RESOLUTION 06-25

Fiset/Cormier

WHEREAS the Municipal Drinking Water Licence (MDWL) for the Elk Lake Drinking Water System (DWS) will expire in 2025;

AND WHEREAS the renewal application will be completed by OCWA and must be submitted per Reg. 453/07;

AND WHEREAS an updated financial plan for the next six-year period is a mandatory component of the renewal application process

AND WHEREAS the updated financial plan has been prepared for Council's review;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council for The Corporation of the Township of James has approved the Elk Lake DWS Financial Plan for the period 2026 to 2031.

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to OCWA for inclusion in the renewal application submission.

Carried.

McIntyre/ De Carlo:

A motion to Judy Hartford to place the new Elk Lake Ski Club shed on Lot 180, Fourth Street.

Carried.

McIntyre/Cormier:

A motion to proceed with the establishment of a site in the Industrial Park to store sea containers and auxiliary vehicles.

Carried.

DeCarlo/Cormier:

A motion to rescind By-Law 04-18 to be replaced with a new by-law to allow specific certified outdoor wood burning furnaces.

Carried.

Item 7.3: Councilor Fiset informed those present that Cyndi Stockman, Librarian is due to return to work on September 22/25. Also, the Library will be applying for \$5,000.00 from the Temiskaming Foundation.

Item 7.5: Discussion regarding the TMSA By-Law Officer contract: Teri-Lynn will be attending the TMSA Meeting September 11th/25 and needs direction. The Township has previously agreed to paying \$1,000.00 for the Officer's annual retainer.

Item 7.6: Approval of the H. Fiset & Sons Ltd. quotation for constructing the access into the proposed sea can site will be 'on hold' until two other quotes are received.

McIntyre/Fiset:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Carried.