



**The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores
Regular Meeting of Council
Minutes
October 21, 2025 06:00 PM
City Hall - Council Chambers - 325 Farr Drive**

Council: Mayor Jeff Laferriere and Councillors Dan Dawson, Melanie Ducharme (virtual), Ian Graydon, Nadia Pelletier-Lavigne, and Danny Whalen

Present: Logan Belanger, Municipal Clerk
Sandra Lee, Chief Administrative Officer
Shelly Zubych, Director of Corporate Services
Steve Burnett, Director of Environmental Services
Mathew Bahm, Director of Recreation
Mitch McCrank, Director of Transportation Services
James Franks, Economic Development Officer
Andr  Brock, Economic Development Officer
Steve Langford, Fire Chief
Brad Hearn, Information Technology Manager
James McKay, Information Technology

Regrets: Councillor Mark Wilson

Media: 1

Delegates: Anthony Hamilton, Technical Director, Thordon Bearings Inc.

Members of the Public: 6

1. Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we live, work, and gather on the traditional and unceded Territory of the Algonquin People, specifically the Timiskaming First Nation.

We recognize the presence of the Timiskaming First Nation in our community since time immemorial and honour their long history of welcoming many Nations to this beautiful territory and uphold and uplift their voice and values.

2. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Laferriere at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Laferriere presented a plaque to Councillor Danny Whalen in recognition of 15 years of dedicated service to the FONOM Board and for his advocacy on behalf of Northeastern Ontario municipalities. The plaque acknowledged Danny's leadership, commitment, and lasting impact on the community, and was offered with sincere appreciation on behalf of Council.

3. Review of Revisions or Deletions to Agenda

None

4. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No. 2025-348

Moved By: Councillor Dawson

Seconded By: Councillor Graydon

Be it resolved that City Council approves the agenda as printed.

Carried

5. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature

- a. Councillor Graydon - Anthony Hamilton, Technical Director, Thordon Bearings Inc.**

Employee of an electricity provider.

6. Public Meetings pursuant to the Planning Act, Municipal Act and other Statutes

None

7. Review and Adoption of Council Minutes

Resolution No. 2025-349

Moved By: Councillor Dawson

Seconded By: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that City Council approves the minutes of the City of Temiskaming Shores Council and Committee of the Whole meetings (referenced below), as printed.

Carried

- a. Regular Council Meeting Minutes - September 16, 2025**

- b. Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2025**

8. Presentations/Delegations

a. Anthony Hamilton, Technical Director, Thordon Bearings Inc.

Re: Feasibility Study at Pete's Dam - Potential Demonstration Site (Hydro-Turbine Energy)

Councillor Graydon declared a conflict on this item. (Employee of an electricity provider)

Anthony Hamilton, Technical Director of Thordon Bearings Inc., presented a proposed feasibility study at Pete's Dam for a demonstration of a micro hydro-turbine project. The project, in partnership with Temiskaming First Nation, Thordon Energy, the local community, and technical experts, aims to explore a run-of-the-river system that generates clean, renewable electricity while minimizing environmental impact. The proposed design includes a small powerhouse anchored to existing rock, visible mechanical and control systems for educational purposes, and improved visitor access. The initiative is intended to serve as a model for remote northern Indigenous communities currently relying on diesel power, and could also support local employment, park enhancements, and educational opportunities. The project emphasizes environmental stewardship, energy sovereignty, and economic development. Council members had an opportunity to ask questions following the presentation.

Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne inquired about the location of the proposed design in relation to the parking lot, noting a preference that it not be one of the first features seen. It was noted that the site would be approximately 1 km from the parking area. Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne also asked about potential impacts on water levels and whether the water could be cleaned. The response indicated that water levels would be adjusted, but not to the extent that the falls would be significantly affected, and that options for water cleaning would be investigated, and also asked if signage could be provided in both official languages. Councillor Whalen expressed support for protecting the surrounding lands while appreciating the educational component of the project. Councillor Ducharme noted the value of the partnerships involved, and inquired about ownership and decommissioning responsibilities for the project.

Mayor Laferriere thanked Mr. Hamilton for the presentation, and advised that staff will prepare a report for Council's consideration at a future meeting.

9. Correspondence/Communications

Resolution No. 2025-350

Moved By: Councillor Graydon

Seconded By: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that the Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores agrees to deal with Communication Items 9 a) through 9 f), in accordance with the agenda references.

Carried

a. District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board

Re: Second Quarter Report, April 1 - June 30, 2025

Reference: Received for Information

b. Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities (FONOM)

Re: FONOM Elects New Leadership at Parry Sound Board Meeting, 2025-10-04

Reference: Received for Information

c. Town of Smiths Falls

Re: Resolution of Support - H.E.R. Elect Respect Campaign, 2025-10-08

Reference: Received for Information

d. Town of Kirkland Lake

Re: Resolution of Support - Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. Upper Beaver Project

Reference: Received for Information

e. Stacy Wight, Mayor - Town of Kirkland Lake

Re: Supporting Ontario's Colleges to Strengthen Our Economy and Protect Ontario

Reference: Received for Information

Note: Mayor Laferriere requested this item be returned for Council consideration.

f. Town of Kirkland Lake

Re: Resolution of Support - Northern College Kirkland Lake Campus

Reference: Received for Information

Note: Mayor Laferriere requested this item be returned for Council consideration.

10. Committees of Council- Community and Regional

Resolution No. 2025-351

Moved By: Councillor Dawson

Seconded By: Councillor Graydon

Be it resolved that the minutes from the various community and regional committees of Council (referenced below), be accepted for information.

Carried

- a. All Age Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes - May 22, 2025**
- b. New Liskeard Business Improvement Area Board of Management Meeting Minutes - October 6, 2025**
- c. Climate Change Committee Meeting Minutes - June 23, 2025 and August 13, 2025**
- d. District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2025**
- e. Northeastern Public Health Board of Health Meeting Minutes - June 12, 2025**

11. Reports by Members of Council

None

12. Notice of Motions

a. Councillor Mark Wilson

Re: Request for the Ontario Government to Reverse their Intention to Ban Safe Speed Cameras

Whereas the Ontario Government has announced its intention to ban Safe Speed Cameras (also known as Automated Speed Enforcement) from Communities across Ontario, and

Whereas speeding is one of the leading causes of serious crashes in Ontario, and Whereas vehicular crashes are the number one cause of injury related death of children in Canada, and

Whereas a pedestrian hit by a vehicle travelling 30km/h has a 90% chance of survival, while a pedestrian hit at 50 km/h has only a 20% chance of survival, and

Whereas studies from Toronto Metropolitan University and SickKids indicate significant reductions in speed and injuries in school zones where Safe Speed cameras are used,

and

Whereas a Canadian Automobile Association survey showed that 73% of Ontario residents support Safe Speed Cameras, and

Whereas higher vehicle speeds increase both crash likelihood and severity while slower speeds allow drivers more reaction time and improve the survivability of crashes, and

Whereas Safe Speed Cameras are an important tool for municipalities to protect their citizens from the harms of drivers exceeding the speed limit while they continue the work of building safer road infrastructure, and

Whereas the safety of our roads and streets must be a top priority in Ontario.

Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Temiskaming Shores request that the Ontario Government reverse their intention to ban Safe Speed Cameras in Ontario and continue to allow municipalities to use Safe Speed Cameras to protect their citizens from vehicles travelling at unsafe speeds and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Prabmeet Sarkaria, Ontario Minister of Transportation, Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Health and Deputy Premier, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The Rural Ontario Municipal Association and all municipalities in Ontario.

b. Councillor Mark Wilson

Re: Elect Respect Pledge

Whereas democracy is healthy when everyone can participate fully and safely and contribute to the well-being of their community; and

Whereas we are witnessing the dissolution of democratic discourse and respectful debate across all levels of government and in neighbouring jurisdictions; and

Whereas Ontario's municipally elected officials are dealing with increasingly hostile, unsafe work environments facing threats and harassment; and

Whereas social media platforms have exacerbated disrespectful dialogue, negative commentary, and toxic engagement which disincentivizes individuals, especially women and candidates from diverse backgrounds from running for office; and

Whereas better decisions are made when democracy is respectful and constructive and the voices of diverse genders, identities, ethnicities, races, sexual orientation, ages and abilities are heard and represented around municipal council tables; and

Whereas the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's Healthy Democracy Project has identified concerning trends with fewer people voting in local elections and running for municipal office; and

Whereas in 2024, female elected representatives from across Halton formed a group called H.E.R. (Halton Elected Representatives) which pledged to speak out against harassment and negativity in politics and call on elected officials to uphold the highest standards of conduct; and

Whereas H.E.R. Halton has launched a campaign called Elect Respect to promote the importance of healthy democracy and safe, inclusive, respectful work environments for all elected officials that encourages individuals to participate in the political process; and

Whereas on June 5, 2025, the Canadian Association of Feminist Parliamentarians launched a non-partisan "Parliamentary Civility Pledge" to encourage all parliamentarians to commit to end workplace harassment and increase civility on Parliament Hill, modelled after the pledge developed in Halton by representatives of H.E.R.

Therefore, be it resolved that Council of the City of Temiskaming Shores supports the Elect Respect pledge and commits to:

- Treat others with respect in all spaces - public, private, and online,
- Reject and call out harassment, abuse, and personal attacks,
- Focus debate on ideas and policies, not personal attacks,
- Help build a supportive culture where people of all backgrounds feel safe to run for and hold office,
- Call on relevant authorities to ensure the protection of elected officials who face abuse or threats, and
- Model integrity and respect by holding one another to the highest standards of conduct; and

That City of Temiskaming Shores Council calls on elected officials, organizations and community members to support the *Elect Respect* campaign and sign the online pledge at www.electrespect.ca; and

Further that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario's Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, the Office of the Mayor of Burlington, John Vanthof MPP Temiskaming -Cochrane, Pauline Rochefort, MP Nipissing Temiskaming and the Ontario Provincial Police, Timiskaming Detachment.

13. New Business

a. Township of Larder Lake - Resolution of Support Requesting a Moratorium on Aerial Spraying of Glyphosate in the Timiskaming Forest (correspondence item from the September 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting)

Resolution No. 2025-352

Moved By: Councillor Whalen

Seconded By: Councillor Graydon

Whereas Council of the Township of Larder Lake adopted a resolution regarding aerial spraying of glyphosate in the Timiskaming Forest, at their regular meeting on September 9, 2025; and

Whereas the Province of Ontario, through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, plans to begin aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides starting on or before August 10th, 2025, in the Timiskaming Forest; and

Whereas the Timiskaming Forest covers a significant portion of the Municipality of Larder Lake, and this activity may impact residents and ecosystems; and

Whereas new scientific evidence published since Health Canada's last assessment of glyphosate in 2017 has linked glyphosate-based end-use products to cancer, metabolic and neurological diseases, reproductive toxicity, and ecosystem harm; and

Whereas the Province of Quebec banned the use of glyphosate for forestry purposes in 2001 and replaced aerial herbicide spraying with manual forest thinning as a safer alternative forest management method; and

Whereas many residents have expressed concern regarding the potential environmental and public health risks associated with aerial spraying of glyphosate-based herbicides.

Therefore be it resolved that Council of the City of Temiskaming Shores hereby supports the Township of Larder Lake's request, that the Honourable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, reconsider the planned use of glyphosate-based herbicides in the Timiskaming Forest and suspend the aerial spraying initiative until further independent research and updated risk assessments are completed and reviewed; and

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to The Honourable Mike Harris Jr., Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health; MPP John Vanthof, Timiskaming-Cochrane; AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario); FONOM (Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities); and the Township of Larder Lake.

Motion to Amend

Resolution No. 2025-352-A (amended)

Moved By: Councillor Whalen

Seconded By: Councillor Graydon

Be it resolved that Council hereby amends Resolution No. 2025-352 to include the Township of Moonbeam and the Temagami Forest Management Group to the resolution distribution list, based on the recommendation from conseillère Pelletier-Lavigne.

Carried

Resolution No. 2025-352 (as amended)

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Seconded By: Councillor Graydon

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Carried

b. Memo No. 031-2025-CS - Drainage Superintendent Appointment

Resolution No. 2025-353

Moved By: Councillor Graydon

Seconded By: Councillor Dawson

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 031-2025-CS; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to appoint R.J. Burnside and Associates Ltd. as Drainage Superintendent for the City of Temiskaming Shores, effective November 1, 2025, and to repeal the existing appointment By-law No. 2006-022 as amended, for consideration at the October 21, 2025 Regular Council meeting.

Carried

c. Memo No. 032-2025-CS - Sale of Land – Dymond Industrial Park

Resolution No. 2025-354

Moved By: Councillor Whalen

Seconded By: Councillor Graydon

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 032-2025-CS; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an Offer of Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of Temiskaming Shores as Vendor, and His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure as Purchaser, for the lands described as PIN 61335-0420(LT); PIN 61335-0421(LT) and PIN 61335-0422(LT), for \$216,000 plus applicable taxes and associated costs, for consideration at the October 21, 2025 Regular Council meeting.

Carried

d. Memo No. 033-2025-CS - Medical Centre Lease Agreement Amendments

Resolution No. 2025-355

Moved By: Councillor Graydon

Seconded By: Councillor Dawson

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Memo No. 033-2025-CS; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to amend By-law No. 096 (lease agreement with the Haileybury Family Health Team), to include the rental of an additional 60 square feet of office space at the Haileybury Medical Centre, for consideration at the October 21, 2025 Regular Council meeting; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to amend By-law 2025-097 (lease agreement with Dr. Phillip Smith) to reduce the rental of office space at the Haileybury Medical Centre (Room 230) by 60 square feet, for consideration at the October 21, 2025 Regular Council meeting.

Carried

e. Administrative Report No. CS-055-2025 - Voting System Services – 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections

Resolution No. 2025-356

Moved By: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Seconded By: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report No. CS-055-2025;

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to authorize the use of internet and telephone voting for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections; and

That Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to enter into an agreement with Intelivote Systems Inc. for the supply of internet and telephone voting system for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election at an estimated cost of \$26,367.25 plus applicable taxes, dependent on the actual final election count for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election, for consideration at the October 21, 2025 Regular Council meeting.

Carried

***f. Administrative Report No. CS-056-2025 - 100 Lakeshore Rd. – Order to Remedy**

Resolution No. 2025-357

Moved By: Councillor Dawson

Seconded By: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that Council for the City of Temiskaming Shores acknowledges receipt of Administrative Report No. CS-056-2025; and

That Council delegates authority to the Mayor and the Municipal Clerk to enter into an agreement with Pedersen Construction (2013) Inc. for the demolition and remediation of 100 Lakeshore Road N., in accordance with the specifications outlined within the Request for Quotation No. CS-RFQ-001-2025, in the amount of \$278,000.00, plus applicable taxes, if compliance with the Order to Remedy Violation is not achieved by October 27, 2025; and

Further that Council directs staff to prepare the necessary by-law to confirm the aforesaid agreement with Pedersen Construction (2013) Inc., at the November 18, 2025, Regular Council meeting.

Carried

14. By-laws

Resolution No. 2025-358

Moved By: Councillor Whalen

Seconded By: Councillor Graydon

Be it resolved that the following By-laws (By-law No. 2025-100, and By-law No. 2025-104 to By-law No. 2025-116) be hereby introduced and given first, second and third and final reading, be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the corporate seal affixed thereto.

Carried

a. By-law No. 2025-100 (Note: Removed from the September 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting)

Being a by-law to authorize the Sale of Land of vacant land on Grant Drive, described as DYMOND CON 3 PT LOT 9 RP 54R4826 PARTS 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 AND 11, 13 PCL 25415 and 25416SST to 1001355167 ONTARIO INC.

b. By-law No. 2025-104

Being a by-law to adopt the 2025-2026 Winter Operations Plan for the City of Temiskaming Shores

c. By-law No. 2025-105

A by-law to authorize the execution of the Transfer Payment Agreement with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Sport, for the replacement of the roof at the Don Shepherdson Memorial Arena

d. By-law No. 2025-106

Being a by-law to appoint an Integrity Commissioner for the City of Temiskaming Shores

e. By-law No. 2025-107

Being a by-law to enact a Zoning by-law Amendment to rezone 437013 and 437007 Hawn Drive (Roll No.5418-020-001-01822 and 5418-020-001-01823) from Manufacturing Industrial (M2) to Manufacturing Industrial with Exception (M2-4) on Hawn Drive in the City of Temiskaming Shores Zoning By-law 2017-154

f. By-law No. 2025-108

Being a by-law to enact a Zoning by-law Amendment to rezone PLAN M238T PT BLK A PT BLK B PLAN M238T BLK A B PT PCL 16443SST FR219 (Roll No.5418-010-007-31900) from Medium Density Residential (R3) to High Density Residential with Exception (R4-22) on Regina Street, in the City of Temiskaming Shores Zoning By-law 2017-154

g. By-law No. 2025-109

Being a by-law to enact a Zoning by-law Amendment to rezone Roll No. 5418-020-00206918 from Highway Commercial to High Density Residential with Exception (R4-21) on Grant Drive, in the City of Temiskaming Shores Zoning By-law 2017-154

h. By-law No. 2025-110

Being a levying by-law for the maintenance and repair of the M.T.C. Brazeau Municipal Drain

i. By-law No. 2025-111

Being a by-law to appoint a drainage superintendent for the City of Temiskaming Shores pursuant to the Drainage Act, RSO 1990

j. By-law No. 2025-112

Being a by-law to authorize the use of internet and telephone voting for the 2026 Municipal & School Board Elections

k. By-law No. 2025-113

Being a by-law to enter into an agreement with Intelivote Systems Inc. for internet and telephone voting services (eVoting) for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections

l. By-law No. 2025-114

Being a by-law to authorize the Sale of Land of three vacant parcels land on Hawn Drive, described as PIN 61335-0420(LT); PIN 61335-0421(LT) and PIN 61335-0422(LT) to His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of Infrastructure

m. By-law No. 2025-115

Being a by-law to amend By-law No. 2025-096 for the additional rental of office space by the Haileybury Family Health Team at the Haileybury Medical Centre

n. By-law No. 2025-116

Being a by-law to amend By-law 2025-097 to reduce the rental of space By Dr. Phillip Smith at the Haileybury Medical Centre (Room 230)

15. Schedule of Council Meetings

- a. **Committee of the Whole Meeting - November 4, 2025 starting at 3:00 p.m.**
- b. **Regular Council Meeting - November 18, 2025 starting at 6:00 p.m.**

16. Question and Answer Period

Councillor Whalen thanked the Mayor, Council, and Staff for the acknowledgement. He stated that it has been an honour to contribute and bring recognition to the City and Northern Ontario municipalities through his work on the Board. He highlighted that the Board is strong and expressed confidence that it will continue to produce great outcomes moving forward.

17. Closed Session

None

18. Confirming By-law

Resolution No. 2025-359

Moved By: Councillor Dawson

Seconded By: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

Be it resolved that **By-law No. 2025-117** being a by-law to confirm certain proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Temiskaming Shores for its Regular meeting held on October 21, 2025, and at its Committee of the Whole Meeting held on October 7, 2025, be hereby introduced and given first, second, third and final reading; and be signed by the Mayor and Clerk and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto:

Carried

19. Adjournment

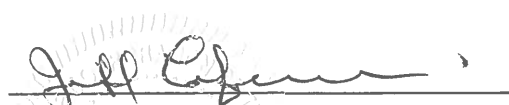
Resolution No. 2025-360

Moved By: Councillor Pelletier-Lavigne

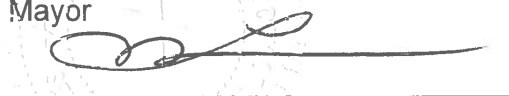
Seconded By: Councillor Ducharme

Be it resolved that Council hereby adjourns its meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Carried

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Cohen', is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink is written over a horizontal line.

Municipal Clerk