



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH

Council Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2026

6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Steve Wood
Councillor Perry Chatwell
Councillor Lorie Leeson
Councillor Mike McKenzie
Interim Clerk Peggy Young-Lovelace
Deputy Treasurer Dara Mussar
Deputy Clerk Susan Hart
Fire Chief Jeff Wilson
Roads Super Andrew Wood

1. Call to Order

The meeting opened at 6:08 pm with Deputy Mayor Steve Wood presiding as Chair

2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement

3. Recital of the Municipal Mission and Vision Statements

4. Approval of Agenda

Resolution No.: 2026-001

Moved by Councillor McKenzie and seconded by Councillor Chatwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday January 13, 2026, be adopted as prepared and circulated by E4m.

CARRIED

5. Declarations of Disqualifying Interest (Pecuniary) None

6. Mayor's Address - None

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Most Recent Meeting(s)

a. Special Meetings November 13, and 20, 2025

Resolution No.: 2026-002

Moved by Councillor Leeson and seconded by Councillor McKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Meetings of November 13, and 20, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

8. Delegations/Presentations - None



9. Council Direction from the Previous Meeting(s)

- a. Patrol Yard/Sand Dome Lease
- b. 2024 Bank Reconciliations
- c. Request to Purchase Property – S. Williamson
- d. Public Works Sale of Surplus Equipment etc.
- e. 2023 Audit
- f. Concession 2 Bridge
- g. Facebook Page
- h. Information Session
- i. Court Application under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*

10. Legislative Matters

- a. Council Working Session
 - i. South Baymouth Water/Wastewater System – Discussion with OCWA on operational matters including ten (10) year Financial Plan, capital needs, etc.
 - ii. Level of Service – Recreation: Marina Operations
- b. Consent Agenda (includes items of correspondence not requiring administrative reports/action, committee reports not requiring any action by Council – matters that are for information purposes only).
(No Items for the Consent Agenda)
- c. Resolution/Bylaws (None)
- d. Public Hearings: Planning/Zoning Matters (None)
- e. Committee/Local Board Reports (None)

11. Administrative Matters

- a. New Business/Reports from Officers/Employees on Various Issues (including reports from departments which require Council approval)
 - i. Fire Chief's Report December 2025
Resolution No.: 2026-003
Moved by: Councillor Chatwell Seconded by: Councillor Leeson
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Fire Chief's report for December 2025 is hereby received and authorizes the pump repair and ladder testing and directs the costs of this work to be reflected in the 2026 budget.

CARRIED
 - ii. Multi-Year Accessibility Plan 2026-2031 (MYAP)
Resolution No.: 2026-004
Moved by: Councillor McKenzie Seconded by: Councillor Chatwell
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the 2026-2031 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan is hereby adopted.

CARRIED



iii. Calling of Special Meetings in February 2026

Resolution No.: 2026-005

Moved by Councillor Leeson and seconded by Councillor Chatwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby call a Special Meeting on February 10, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. and directs the Interim Clerk to prepare and post the agenda for each meeting forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting.

CARRIED with amendment to read 7 pm.

- a. Financial Update/Statement/Quarterly Variance Report (None)
- b. Update on Capital Projects (None)

12. Leadership Issues

- a. Update to Strategic Plan (None)
- b. Five-Year Financial Plan (including Asset Management Plan) (None)
- c. New Policy (None)
- d. Notice of Motion (None)

13. Closed Session

Resolution No.: 2026-006

Moved by Councillor McKenzie and seconded by Councillor Chatwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Tehkummah does hereby move into Closed session at 7:39 p.m. (with a brief recess from 7:40 – 7:47 pm) in accordance with section 239(2)(b), (d), (e) and (f) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and Section 3.3 of the Township's *Procedure By-law 2019-011*, to:

- a) Consider employee wages and workload realignment; and
- b) receive correspondence from, and provide direction to, legal counsel regarding the Court Application under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* concerning Mayor Deforge.

CARRIED

Resolution No.: 2026-007

Moved by Councillor McKenzie and seconded by Councillor Chatwell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Corporation of the Township of Tehkummah does hereby move back into open session at 9:37 p.m. and report that Council reviewed recommendations regarding employee wage/wage grid increases and correspondence from legal counsel regarding the Court Application under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* concerning Mayor Deforge and gave direction to E4m and legal counsel.

CARRIED

14. Confirmation of Proceedings

- a. Confirmatory Bylaw 2026-01

Resolution No.: 2026-008

Moved by Councillor Leeson and seconded by Councillor McKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2026-01 being a bylaw to confirm proceedings of Council at their Meeting of January 13, 2026, be read and adopted.

CARRIED



15. Adjournment at
Meeting adjourned by Deputy Mayor Wood at 9:37 pm.

ORIGINAL SIGNED AND ON FILE IN THE OFFICE

Deputy Mayor

Interim Clerk

Note: Alternate formats and communication supports are available upon request.