



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH

Special Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 22, 2025
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Deputy Mayor Steve Wood
Councillor Perry Chatwell
Councillor Lorie Leeson
Councillor Mike McKenzie
Interim Clerk Peggy Young-Lovelace
Deputy Clerk Susan Hart
Fire Chief Jeff Wilson

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm
2. Approval of Agenda
Resolution No.: 2025-243
Moved by Mike McKenzie and seconded by Lorie Leeson
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda be adopted as prepared by E4m.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Disqualifying Interest (Pecuniary) NONE
4. Special Business

- a. Load Restriction Bylaw – Bylaw 2025-41
Resolution No.: 2025-244
Moved by Perry Chatwell and seconded by Mike McKenzie
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2025-41, being a bylaw to temporarily load restrict the Concession 2 Bridge be hereby read and adopted.

DEFERRED

- b. Firefighter Honorarium
Resolution No.: 2025-245
Moved by Lorie Leeson and seconded by Perry Chatwell
Whereas two (2) Volunteer Firefighters resigned in November 2025; and
Whereas past practice was not to provide any remuneration for firefighters who resigned during the year; and
Whereas firefighter honorariums have been changed to an hourly paid honorarium;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the two (2) Volunteer Firefighters not paid their 2025 honorarium be paid before December 31, 2025, and that the Township policy be adjusted to reflect the change.

CARRIED

- c. Fire Chief Training
Resolution No.: 2025-246
Moved by Perry Chatwell and seconded by Mike McKenzie
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby authorize the Fire Chief to attend next level certification training in 2026 and that costs for the training are to be covered by the Township.

CARRIED

- d. Tax Rate Bylaw
Resolution No.: 2025-247
Moved by Lorie Leeson and seconded by Mike McKenzie
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Bylaw 2025-42, being a bylaw to strike tax rates, be hereby read and adopted.

CARRIED

- e. Public Information Meeting
Resolution No.: 2025-248
Moved by: Perry Chatwell Seconded by: Lorie Leeson
Whereas Council recognizes the importance of transparent, open, and accountable decision-making in maintaining public trust and confidence in municipal governance; and
Whereas Council acknowledges that there has been significant public discussion, misinformation, and uncertainty regarding municipal services, finances, and future service levels; and
Whereas Council believes it is important to provide residents and ratepayers with a clear, structured, and respectful opportunity to receive accurate information directly from Council and municipal officers and employees; and
Whereas Council wishes to engage ratepayers in a constructive dialogue regarding current and future levels of service and to seek informed public feedback;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby directs staff to organize and host a Public Information Forum on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 for the purpose of sharing information, addressing submitted questions, and discussing municipal levels of service;
FURTHER RESOLVED THAT members of the public shall be invited to submit questions in advance of the meeting, by a specified deadline, to allow for complete and accurate responses; and
FURTHER RESOLVED THAT no new questions shall be accepted during the Public Information Forum; however, attendees may ask clarifying questions related directly to responses provided at the meeting; and
FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Public Information Forum shall be conducted in a respectful manner, intended to foster understanding, transparency, and meaningful community dialogue; and
FINALLY RESOLVED THAT feedback received during the Public Information Forum shall be considered by Council as part of its ongoing review of municipal services and service level decisions.

CARRIED

- f. Council Meeting Schedule for 2026
Resolution No.: 2025-249
Moved by: Mike McKenzie Seconded by: Lorie Leeson
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the following meeting schedule for 2026:

January 6, 2026
February 3, 2026
March 3, 2026
April 7, 2026
May 5, 2026
June 2 and June 30, 2026
July - None
August 11, 2026
September 15, 2026
October 13, 2026

CARRIED with dates amended to January 13, 2026 and March 9, 2026

- g. Snow Removal Agreement – Concession 2 Bridge
Resolution No.: 2025-250
Moved by: Perry Chatwell Seconded by: Mike McKenzie
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Road Superintendent be authorized to negotiate an agreement with a local snow removal provider to remove snow on the Concession 2 Bridge and thereafter for an amount not to exceed 4,000 plus HST and the Township agrees to indemnify the provider and ensure they are covered under the municipal insurance.

CARRIED with assurance that the above-mentioned cost is the total for both bridges.

- h. AllNet Meeting Manager Proposal
Resolution No.: 2025-251
Moved by: Lorie Leeson Seconded by: Mike McKenzie
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Interim Clerk to enter into an agreement with Catalis for their meeting manager software service.

CARRIED

- i. Facebook Page and Communication Protocol
Resolution No.: 2025-252
Moved by :Perry Chatwell Seconded by: Lorie Leeson
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby authorize the creation of a Township Facebook page for the sole purpose of sharing information with the public and does hereby direct that a communication protocol be drafted for consideration at the January 2026 regular meeting.

CARRIED

5. Confirmation of Proceedings

- a. Confirmatory Bylaw
Resolution No.: 2025-253
Moved by Mike McKenzie and seconded by Perry Chatwell
BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2025-43 being a bylaw to confirm proceedings of Council at their Special Meetings of December 22, 2025, be read and adopted.

CARRIED

- 6. Adjournment
Meeting adjourned by Deputy Mayor Wood at 7:09 pm.

ORIGINAL SIGNED AND ON FILE IN THE OFFICE

Mayor

Meeting Clerk
