



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEHKUMMAH

Council Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2025

PRESENT:

Mayor John Deforge
Councillor Lorie Leeson
Councillor Mike McKenzie
Acting Clerk / Administrator Barbara Grigg
Peggy Young-Lovelace Consultant E4m
Roads Superintendent Andrew Wood
Fire Chief Jeff Wilson
Assistant Susan Hart

ABSENT

Councillor Perry Chatwell

Leanne Crozier, Consultant E4m - Electronically
Josh Young, Consultant E4m - Electronically

1. Call to Order
Mayor Deforge called the meeting to order at 6:17 P.M.
2. Traditional Land Acknowledgement
3. Recital of the Municipal Mission and Vision Statements
4. Approval of Agenda
Resolution No.: 2025-172
Moved by Councillor McKenzie and seconded by Councillor Leeson
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Tuesday September 9, 2025, be adopted as prepared and circulated by E4m.

Carried
5. Declarations of Disqualifying Interest (Pecuniary)
Councillor Wood declared an interest in the purchase of a new plow truck.
6. Mayor's Address - None
7. Approval of the Minutes of the Most Recent Meeting(s)
 - a. Meetings August 28 and September 3, 2025
Resolution No.: 2025-173
Moved by Councillor Leeson and seconded by Councillor Wood
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Meetings of Thursday August 28 and Tuesday September 3, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

Carried
8. Delegations/Presentations - None
9. Council Direction From the Previous Meeting
 - a. Patrol Yard/Sand Dome Lease – an update was provided.



10. Legislative Matters

- a. Council Working Session (Council will convene to discuss and develop certain municipal policies/programs) – items for this session will be circulated at the meeting
 - i. 2025 Budget – Ms. Crozier presented on the budget and shared with Council the impact of a 5, 8 and 12% increase in the levy on the residential tax rate.
 - ii. Levels of Service Bylaw – Reviewed the mandatory, discretionary and regulated services under each of the categories.
- 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
 - i. Resolution 2025 Municipal Levy
Resolution No.: 2025-174
Moved by Councillor Wood and seconded by Councillor McKenzie
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council hereby approves a municipal levy in the amount of **\$1,605,359** for the 2025 taxation year, for the purpose of issuing tax bills;
AND THAT the Treasurer be directed to prepare and present the necessary Tax Rate By-law for consideration at the next regular meeting of Council.

Carried
 - ii. Resolution Declare Fire Truck Surplus and Sell
Resolution No.: 2025-174
Moved by Councillor Wood and seconded by Councilor McKenzie
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Fire Truck #4301 be hereby declared surplus, and the Fire Chief be directed to sell the truck by seeking sealed bids and report back to Council on the outcome of the sale.

Carried
- 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. **Complaint from William (Bill) Giroux RE: Ongoing Complaint Regarding Overnight Camping/Noise Michael's Bay Boat Launch/Park**
Resolution No.: 2025-175
Moved by Councillor Leeson and seconded by Councillor Wood
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby receive the complaint submitted by Mr. Giroux and E4m be directed to provide written acknowledgment to Mr. Giroux by Friday September 12, 2025;
AND THAT Councillor Wood be directed to bring the complaint forward to the next Police Services Board meeting and report back to Council at the next Council meeting on the outcome of the Police Services Board's discussion;



AND THAT Council will consider the change in hours proposed by Mr. Giroux as part of the service level review.

Carried

ii. **Sand Dome**

Resolution No.: 2025-176

Moved by Councillor McKenzie and seconded by Councillor Leeson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council affirms its intent to maintain the lease of the property currently used as a municipal patrol yard after the removal of the sand dome and accepts the resulting waste material for disposal at the municipal landfill site, in accordance with the applicable municipal policy;

AND THAT staff be directed to prepare a report outlining options regarding the ongoing use of the property including the potential benefits for the purchase of the property for consideration at the October Council meeting.

Deferred

iii. **Request to Purchase Property – S. Williamson**

Resolution No.: 2025-177

Moved by Councillor McKenzie and seconded by Councillor Wood

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does hereby receive the request from Steve Williamson to purchase the cottage property currently occupied by him;

AND THAT staff be directed to prepare a report for Council outlining options and considerations regarding the potential sale of the property, including any applicable policies, conditions, and requirements.

Carried

iv. **Road Superintendent's Information Report – Winter Sand**

Resolution No.: 2025-178

Moved by Councillor McKenzie and seconded by Councillor Leeson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Road Superintendent's report regarding winter sand is hereby received for information.

Carried

- b. Financial Update/Statement/Quarterly Variance Report (None)
- c. 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 (None)

14. Added Item – Snowplow Purchase

Resolution No.: 2025-180

Moved by Councillor McKenzie and seconded by Councillor Leeson

WHEREAS the Peterbilt snowplow is no longer able to pass a mechanical;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to purchase a new snowplow and to borrow funds to purchase same;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Mayor and Deputy Clerk-Administrator to enter into an 84



month fixed term loan agreement with TD Equipment Finance Canada through Whiteway Finance in the amount of \$376,692.50. This loan is payable on a monthly basis commencing October 8, 2025 in the amount of \$5,493.91. The interest rate is 5.95% and requires a \$750 administration to be paid to TD Equipment Finance Canada. HST of \$48,970.03 is to be paid to TMS Truck Centre Ltd. from Township funds – not financed.

Carried

15. Confirmation of Proceedings

a. Confirmatory Bylaw 2025-20

Resolution No.: 2025-179

Moved by Councillor Wood and seconded by Councillor McKenzie

BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-Law 2025-20 being a bylaw to confirm proceedings of Council at their Meeting of September 9, 2025, be read and adopted.

Carried

16. Adjournment

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:26 P.M.

ORIGINAL SIGNED AND ON FILE IN THE OFFICE

Mayor

Meeting Clerk

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