

Regular Council Meeting – March 10, 2025
Municipality of North Perth Council Chambers

Members Present	Mayor Todd Kasenberg Deputy Mayor Doug Kellum Councillor Lee Anne Andriessen Councillor Neil Anstett Councillor Sarah Blazek Councillor Dave Johnston Councillor Marc Noordam Councillor Matt Richardson Councillor Allan Rothwell
Members Absent	Councillor Matt Duncan
Staff Present	CAO Kriss Snell Manager of Facilities Jeff Newell Clerk/Legislative Services Supervisor Lindsay Cline Deputy Clerk/Committee Coordinator Sarah Carter Treasurer Ashton Romany Manager of Operations Matt Ropp Procurement Officer Samantha French Drainage Superintendent Scott Richardson Technology Services Technician Simon DeWeerd

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kasenberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. O CANADA

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Mayor Kasenberg stated, "We acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Anishnaabe people. We wish to recognize the long history of Indigenous People of Canada and show our respect to them today. We recognize their stewardship of the land, may we all live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship."

4. COUNCIL RECOGNITIONS

5. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

Councillor Dave Johnston declared pecuniary interest on agenda items 9.2.2 and 17.1 because he is the Officer of a Corporation that owns land assessed on the Burnett Drain.

Councillor Allan Rothwell declared pecuniary interest on agenda items 9.2.2 and 17.1 because he owns land assessed on the Burnett Drain.

6. CONFIRMATION OF THE AGENDA

Resolution No. 52.03.25

Moved By Neil Anstett **Seconded By** Sarah Blazek

THAT: The Agenda for tonight's meeting be approved.

CARRIED

7. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1 February 24, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes
- 7.2 Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - September 25, 2024
- 7.3 North Perth Committee of Adjustment Meeting Minutes - November 5, 2024
- 7.4 2024 Council Remuneration and Expenses
- 7.5 2025 Temporary Borrowing By-Law
- 7.6 Treasurer's Statement for Development Charges reserve funds, Parkland Dedication reserve fund
- 7.7 North Perth Fire Department 2024 in Review
- 7.8 Perth County OPP Detachment Board re: Intimate Partner Violence Epidemic
- 7.9 Perth County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee Minutes - January 28, 2025
- 7.10 Perth County December 2024 Forestry Inspector's Report
- 7.11 Perth County Surplus Farm Dwelling Report
- 7.12 GRCA Summary of the General Membership Annual General Meeting - February 28, 2025
- 7.13 Avon Maitland District School Board Meeting Highlights - February 25, 2025
- 7.14 Township of The Archipelago Resolution re: Response to Tariff Threats - Support Canadian Business and Consumers
- 7.15 Town of LaSalle Resolution re: Tariffs on Canadian Production
- 7.16 Town of Parry Sound Resolution re: Buy Canadian
- 7.17 Township of Champlain Resolution re: Steps to Respond to U.S. Tariff Threats on Steel Sector
- 7.18 Township of McGarry Resolution re: Amend Building Code
- 7.19 Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Resolution re: Requests the Province of Ontario Reconsider the Amendment of Subsection 29(1.2) of the Ontario Heritage Act
- 7.20 Region of Durham Resolution re: Protecting Canadian Values: Ban the Nazi Swastika in Canada
- 7.21 City of Port Colborne Resolution re: Support the Town of Fort Frances re: Sovereignty of Canada
- 7.22 Township of Brudenell, Lyndoch and Raglan Resolution re: Paid-Plasma-Free Zone
- 7.23 Township of Limerick Resolution re: Ontario Deposit Return Program
- 7.24 Township of Limerick Resolution re: Negotiations on Trade Tariffs
- 7.25 City of Toronto Resolution re: Creation of a City of Toronto "Buy Local, Buy Canadian" Campaign
- 7.26 Town of Halton Hills Resolution re: Ontario Deposit Return Program
- 7.27 Municipality of Markstay-Warren Resolution re: Redistribution of Land Transfer Tax and GST
- 7.28 Township of Coleman Resolution re: Northern Highway Safety Plan

Resolution No. 53.03.25

Moved By Doug Kellum **Seconded By** Allan Rothwell

THAT: Consent Items 7.1 to 7.28 be received for information and the minutes of the February 24, 2025 Regular Council Meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

8. PUBLIC MEETINGS/PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS

9. REPORTS

9.1 Manager of Facilities

9.1.1 Award of Request for Proposal NP-5401-25P - Listowel Kinsmen Outdoor Pool Repairs

Resolution No. 54.03.25

Moved By Sarah Blazek **Seconded By** Lee Anne Andriessen

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth Awards Request for Proposal **NP-5401-25P – Listowel Kinsmen Outdoor Pool Repairs** contract to **Acapulco Pools Limited** of Kitchener, ON, including contingency, up to an amount of **\$153,270.00 excluding Taxes**.

CARRIED

9.2 Manager of Operations

9.2.1 ATV Share the Road Signage

Resolution No. 55.03.25

Moved By Matt Richardson **Seconded By** Allan Rothwell

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth receives the ATV Share the Road Signage report for information and further directs staff to investigate and report back to Council on a Share the Road educational campaign that would involve all road users.

CARRIED

9.2.2 Burnett Municipal Drain (Elma Ward)

Councillor Johnston and Councillor Rothwell exited the Council Chambers due to their previously declared pecuniary interest.

Resolution No. 56.03.25

Moved By Marc Noordam **Seconded By** Lee Anne Andriessen

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth proceeds in accordance with Section 78 (5) of the Drainage Act for minor improvements of the Burnett Municipal Drain;

AND THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth appoints Spriet Associates to investigate, design and prepare a report for the Burnett Municipal Drain.

CARRIED

Councillor Johnston and Councillor Rothwell returned to the Council Chambers.

9.3 Manager of Corporate Services

9.3.1 Appoint Court of Revision Member – Smith Municipal Drain

Resolution No. 57.03.25

Moved By Dave Johnston **Seconded By** Matt Richardson

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth appoints Councillor Marc Noordam as the Municipality of North Perth representative on the Court of Revision for the Smith Municipal Drain.

CARRIED

9.3.2 Proposed Street Names for Draft Plan of Subdivision NP 24-01 (Tridon)

Resolution No. 58.03.25

Moved By Doug Kellum **Seconded By** Neil Anstett

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth approves the request from Caroline Baker, on behalf of Tridon Group Ltd., to establish the following street names for Draft Plan of Subdivision NP 24-01:

- Street A: Emery Avenue South
- Street B: Cavell Drive
- Street D, I, J: Partridge Crescent
- Street F: Mayberry Avenue South
- Street G, H: Willoughby Drive

CARRIED

9.3.3 Annual Investment Performance Update

Resolution No. 59.03.25

Moved By Matt Richardson **Seconded By** Lee Anne Andriessen

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth receives the Annual Investment Performance Update report for information purposes.

CARRIED

9.3.4 Strategic Approach to U.S. Tariffs in Procurement

Resolution No. 60.03.25

Moved By Allan Rothwell **Seconded By** Matt Richardson

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth receives the Strategic Approach to U.S. Tariffs in Procurement report for information purposes.

CARRIED

9.4 Manager of Strategic Initiatives

9.4.1 NPEDAC Resolution - Removal of Intra-Provincial Trade Barriers (Verbal Report)

Resolution No. 61.03.25

Moved By Allan Rothwell **Seconded By** Sarah Blazek

THAT: Staff be directed to send a letter on behalf of Council of the Municipality of North Perth calling upon the Federal and Provincial governments to eliminate inter-provincial trade barriers;

AND THAT: The letter be sent to the Prime Minister, Premier of Ontario, local MP and MPP, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, The Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus, Perth County, Stratford, St. Marys, Perth East, West Perth and Perth South.

CARRIED

9.4.2 Physician Recruitment and Housing Request

Resolution No. 62.03.25

Moved By Dave Johnston **Seconded By** Sarah Blazek

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth receives the Physician Recruitment and Housing Request report for information purposes.

CARRIED

Moved By Marc Noordam **Seconded By** Dave Johnston

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth approves the request from Listowel Memorial Hospital for up to \$50,000 per year for residency program housing;

AND THAT: The initial commitment be for three years to reevaluate the success of the program;

AND THAT: For 2025, the funds be allocated from the existing healthcare recruitment budget. If actual costs exceed the available budget, overages will be covered through the Strategic Initiatives Reserve Fund accordingly;

AND THAT: The request be included in the 2026 budget process.

MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN

Resolution No. 63.03.25

Moved By Sarah Blazek **Seconded By** Neil Anstett

THAT: Staff be directed to bring a report with possible resolution options to the March 24, 2025 Council Meeting that reflect comments made at the March 10, 2025 Council Meeting regarding agenda item 9.4.2 *Physician Recruitment and Housing Request*.

CARRIED

9.4.3 PC Connect – Service Agreement Extension

Resolution No. 64.03.25

Moved By Marc Noordam **Seconded By** Matt Richardson

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth considers By-law No. 21-2025, being a by-law to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the Community Transportation Service Agreement Extension with the City of Stratford and Town of St. Marys until December 31, 2025.

CARRIED

10. COUNCIL REPORT REQUESTS

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Council recessed from 8:45 to 8:51 p.m.

- 11.1 Listowel 150th Anniversary Steering Committee - Request to Designate Event Municipally Significant & Noise By-law Exemption

Resolution No. 65.03.25

Moved By Lee Anne Andriessen **Seconded By** Matt Richardson

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth designates the Listowel 150th Country Music Concert, being held on Saturday, August 2, 2025 at the Steve Kerr Memorial Complex, as a municipally significant event for the purpose of obtaining a Special Occasion Permit from the AGCO;

AND THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth approves an exemption to any timing regulations found in the Noise By-law for this event and notifies relevant parties accordingly.

CARRIED

- 11.2 North Perth Chamber of Commerce - Request for Approval - Listowel 150th Anniversary Parade

Resolution No. 66.03.25

Moved By Matt Richardson **Seconded By** Sarah Blazek

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth approves the request from the Chamber of Commerce to close the following roads from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 2, 2025 for the Listowel 150th Anniversary parade:

- Main St E, between Maitland Ave and Wallace Ave
- Wallace Ave N, between Main St and Elizabeth St
- Elizabeth St E, between Wallace Ave and Royal St
- Royal St to Derry St E
- Derry St E ending at Elm Ave N

AND THAT: North Perth Fire, Public Works, OPP and Perth County EMS be advised of the event.

CARRIED

11.3 North Perth Community of Character - Character Run 2025

Resolution No. 67.03.25

Moved By Neil Anstett **Seconded By** Allan Rothwell

THAT: The Council of the Municipality of North Perth approves the request from the North Perth Community of Character to close the following roads from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2025 for the 14th annual fundraiser Character Run:

- Binning St W from the entrance of the Steve Kerr Memorial Complex to Road 165
- Road 165 from Perth Line 86 to Line 87;

AND THAT: North Perth Fire, Public Works, OPP and Perth County EMS be advised of the event.

CARRIED

12. BY-LAWS

- 12.1 19-2025 Temporary Borrowing By-law
- 12.2 21-2025 PC Connect Extension Agreement
- 12.3 23-2025 Hollatz Municipal Drain
- 12.4 24-2025 Loughran Municipal Drain
- 12.5 25-2025 Parry Municipal Drain
- 12.6 26-2025 Shearer Municipal Drain
- 12.7 27-2025 Walter Municipal Drain
- 12.8 28-2025 Broughton Municipal Drain

Resolution No. 68.03.25

Moved By Dave Johnston **Seconded By** Sarah Blazek

THAT: The following By-laws are hereby passed:

- 19-2025, being a by-law to authorize the borrowing of money;
- 21-2025, being a by-law to authorize the signing of an extension agreement with the City of Stratford and the Town of St. Marys;
- 23-2025, being a by-law to authorize the repair and maintenance of the Hollatz Municipal Drain;
- 24-2025, being a by-law to authorize the repair and maintenance of the Loughran Municipal Drain;
- 25-2025, being a by-law to authorize the repair and maintenance of the Parry Municipal Drain;
- 26-2025, being a by-law to authorize the repair and maintenance of the Shearer Municipal Drain;
- 27-2025, being a by-law to authorize the repair and maintenance of the Walter Municipal Drain; and

- 28-2025, being a by-law to authorize the repair and maintenance of the Broughton Municipal Drain.

CARRIED

13. NOTICE OF MOTION

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Kasenberg announced that a children's choir from North Perth is going to be singing in New York at Carnegie Hall on Saturday.

15. CLOSED SESSION MEETING

Resolution No. 69.03.25

Moved By Matt Richardson **Seconded By** Allan Rothwell

THAT: Council proceeds "In Camera" at 9:08 p.m. to address a matter pertaining to the following:

- advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose; **regarding Taxi By-law No. 166-2014.**

CARRIED

Resolution No. 70.03.25

Moved By Marc Noordam **Seconded By** Neil Anstett

THAT: The minutes of the February 24th, 2025 Closed Session Meeting of Council be adopted.

CARRIED

Resolution No. 71.03.25

Moved By Matt Richardson **Seconded By** Doug Kellum

THAT: The "In Camera" session is now adjourned at 9:20 p.m. and that Council reconvenes into regular open Council.

CARRIED

16. REPORTING OUT

Mayor Kasenberg advised that Council did discuss the matter identified in the enabling resolution and staff was given direction.

17. CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW

Councillor Johnston and Councillor Rothwell exited the Council Chambers due to their previously declared pecuniary interest.

17.1 22-2025 Confirmatory By-law

Resolution No. 72.03.25

Moved By Matt Richardson **Seconded By** Marc Noordam

THAT: By-law 22-2025, being a by-law to confirm generally previous actions of the Council of the Municipality of North Perth, is hereby passed.

CARRIED

Councillor Johnston and Councillor Rothwell returned to the Council Chambers.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution No. 73.03.25

Moved By Matt Richardson **Seconded By** Allan Rothwell

THAT: The Council meeting adjourns at 9:23 p.m. to meet again for general Council business on Monday, March 24, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED

"Original signed by Todd Kasenberg"

Mayor

"Original signed by Sarah Carter"

Clerk