



Township of Joly
Meeting Minutes
regular March 10, 2026 - 06:30 PM

Present: Mayor, Brian McCabe; Deputy Mayor, Budd Brown; Councillor, Bill Black; Councillor, Tom Bryson; Councillor, Chris Nicholson

Staff: Municipal Administrator (Clerk), Jennifer Martin; Working Road Foreman, Clint Main

- 1 Call To Order**
Resolution No: 2026-094
Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson
Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson
- The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M..

CARRIED

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- 2 Approval of Agenda**
Resolution No: 2026-095
Moved By: Councillor Bill Black
Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby adopts the Agenda as amended to include items;

- March 6 Special Meeting draft minutes
- 9.9 - JBC Budget resolution correction
- 9.10 - Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Payment
- 9.11 - Office Closure Notice
- 12.1 - Job advertisements

CARRIED

3 Declarations of Disqualifying Interest (Pecuniary)

None were received

4 Approval of the Minutes of the Most Recent Meeting(s)

Resolution No: 2026-096

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

Now Therefore Be it Resolved That:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly adopts the Minutes of Regular meeting of February 10 and Special Meeting of March 6, 2026.

CARRIED

5 Council Direction From the Previous Meeting-

5.1 OPP support Re: Sustainable Funding for Police Services

Resolution No: 2026-100

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby supports City of Peterborough Resolution from November 3, 2025 Regarding Sustainable Funding for Police; and

THAT The support resolution be circulated to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Solicitor General, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

CARRIED

5.2 Letter of support school bus safety

Resolution No: 2026-097

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives and directs the Mayor to sign and support Municipal Support for School Bus Safety and Stop-Arm Camera Systems.

CARRIED

5.3 Village of Sundridge resolution supporting Distribution of library Resources

Resolution No: 2026-098

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

WHEREAS Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives and supports resolution #2026-003 from the Village of Sundridge dated January 14, 2026.

ANDThe Council for the Township of Joly expresses its concerns with the amendment to the Canada Post Corporations Act within Bill C-15 that could result in the disappearance of a reduced rate of postage for library materials lent by a library to a borrower, including by means of an interlibrary loan,

AND THATInterlibrary loans are an essential part of how libraries operate and they provide access to material for the millions of library users in Canada.

AND THATas a small rural library, the Sundridge Strong Union Public Library depends on loans from other libraries to supplement its collection and relies on Canada Post to deliver those materials at a reduced rate.

AND FURTHER THATif Canada Post is allowed to increase the postal rate that supports this service without oversight from Parliament or the Government of Canada, there could be a devastating effect, putting a strain on already tight library budgets and threatening the ability of libraries to offer this essential service that ensures access, equity and literacy for all.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The Council for the Township of Joly encourages other municipal councils to contact their local MP and the Honourable Joël Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works and Procurement to strongly urge the government to ensure that Canada Post continues to provide a library postal rate so that library services remain accessible for all of Canada through interlibrary loans.

CARRIED

5.4 Village of Sundridge Supporting Salt usage and Reduction

Resolution No: 2026-099

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby supports the Village of Sundridge Resolution #2026-019 Road Salt and Reduction;

AND THAT This resolution be circulated to neighbouring municipalities, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), local Members of Provincial Parliament, Conservation Ontario, the Ontario Municipal Water Association, the Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Premier of Ontario, and the Ministry of Transportation.

CARRIED

6 Delegations

None

7 Roads Report

Resolution No: 2026-101

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the February road report and Canoe purchasing update;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED Council hereby direct the Road Foreman to reach out to MTO as discussed.

CARRIED

8 Legislative Matters

8.1 Consent Agenda

Resolution No: 2026-102

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receive the consent agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

8.2 Committee (Internal/External Reports)

Resolution No: 2026-103

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the committee reports as circulated.

CARRIED

8.3 Public Hearings: Planning/Zoning Matter

8.4 By-Laws for Consideration

Resolution No: 2026-104

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Bylaw 2026-014 Being a Bylaw to authorize electronic voting for the 2026 Municipal Election and the entering into of an agreement with Intelivote Systems Inc to provide Electronic Voting services be read and adopted

AND Council further directs the Mayor and Clerk to sign the Bylaw and Agreement attached hereto.

CARRIED

9 Administrative Matters

**New Business/Reports from Officers/Employees on Various Issues
(Including reports from Departments which require Council approval- NIL**

9.1 Arena Budget

Resolution No: 2026-105

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives and approves the 2026 SSJ Arena and Hall Budget of \$537,483.70 with the Township of Jolys portion being \$53,748.37.

CARRIED

9.2 Restructuring Budget

Resolution No: 2026-106

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receive resolution #2026-005 from the SSJ Restructuring Committee; and

Council hereby approve the recommendation to carry forward unused budgeted contributions for 2024 and 2025 in the amount of \$4,224.36 in order to complete approved contracts for public engagement and financial study.

CARRIED

9.3 Eastholme Budget

Resolution No: 2026-107

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receive and approves the 2026 Budget from Eastholme in the amount of \$1,682,90 with the Township of Jolys portion being \$ 23,744.

CARRIED

9.4 Spring newsletter

Resolution No: 2026-108

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receive and approves the 2026 Spring newsletter to be included with the 2026 Interim billing. With staff names removed.

CARRIED

9.5 Almaguin Highlands OPP Board Budget

Resolution No: 2026-109

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receive and approves the

2026 OPP board budget of \$14,872.15 with the Township of Jolys portion being \$1,063.45.

CARRIED

9.6 Funding Request - Almaguin Pride Network

Resolution No: 2026-110

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receive the request for donation from Almaguin Pride Network and direct staff to write a letter as discussed.

CARRIED

9.7 Treasurers Report

Resolution No: 2026-111

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the Treasurers Report from January and February 2026.

CARRIED

9.8 In progress 2026 Budget

Resolution No: 2026-112

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Seconded By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the in progress budget and calls a public budget meeting for Thursday, March 19th at 1pm.

CARRIED

9.9 JBC Budget Resolution Correction

Resolution No: 2026-113

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby rescind resolution #2026-068.

AND FURTHER Council receives the 2026 Joint Building Committee resolution #2026-006 and Council hereby approve the 2026 JBC budget of \$365,700.00

CARRIED

9.10 Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Payment

Resolution No: 2026-114

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the notice from the Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program.

CARRIED

9.11 Office Closures

Resolution No: 2026-115

Moved By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Seconded By: Councillor Bill Black

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly hereby receives the upcoming potential office closures staff report.

CARRIED

10 Leadership Issues

11 Closed Session

Resolution No: 2026-116

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

Now Therefore Be it Resolved That:

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Joly moves into closed session at 8:02 P.M. pursuant to section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act* and specifically, subsections:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

AND

(d) labour relations or employee negotiations;

For the purpose of considering: Road Department probation and immediate office assistance.

CARRIED

11.1 Purpose

11.2 Return to Open Meeting and Report Nature of Discussion in Closed Session.

Resolution No: 2026-117

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

Seconded By: Councillor Tom Bryson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council adjourned the Closed Meeting at 8:43 P.M. and returned to open session.

CARRIED

12 Confirmatory By-law

Resolution No: 2026-118

Moved By: Councillor Bill Black

Seconded By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Bylaw #2026-015 being a Bylaw to confirm the proceedings of Council, its Regular Meeting of March 10, 2026 be read and adopted.

CARRIED

12.1 Job Advertising

Resolution No: 2026-120

Moved By: Councillor Chris Nicholson

Seconded By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Council rescind Resolution 2026-093

AND Further direct the Municipal Administrator to spend up to \$900 for job ad.

CARRIED

13 Adjournment

Resolution No: 2026-119

Moved By: Deputy Mayor Budd Brown

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Regular Council Meeting of March 10, 2026, be adjourned at 8:48 P.M Until the next Regular meeting on April 14th, 2026 or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED
