



TOWNSHIP OF JOCELYN

MEETING MINUTES

Date: **Wednesday July 22, 2026**

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Located at: Jocelyn Township Hall 1125 P Line, Hilton Beach P0R 1G0

Present:

Councillor Greg Gilbertson

Councillor Jason Kennedy

Councillor Albert Crowder

Councillor Dennis Sopha

Reeve Cori Murdock

Clerk Kaylee D'Angelo

Public Works Foreman Andrew Gordanier

Meeting Called to Order

26-407

Moved by: Dennis Sopha

Seconded by: Greg Gilbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council calls this Meeting of Council to order at 6:02pm

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Approval of Agenda

26-408

Moved by: Dennis Sopha

Seconded by: Albert Crowder

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council adopts the July 22, 2026 Meeting of Council agenda, as presented.

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Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest – None to disclose.

Reeve's Address – Reeve Cori Murdock spoke about the tradition of having the Harvest Fest event – volunteers are needed in order to make this happen. A meeting will be held where volunteers are asked to attend and speak to which area they hope to volunteer for.

Legislative Matters

Animal Control

26-409

Moved by: Jason Kennedy

Seconded by: Dennis Sopha

Whereas Section 11 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, authorizes municipalities to pass by-laws respecting the health, safety and well-being of persons and the protection of persons and property;

And whereas Council of the Corporation of the Township of Jocelyn deems it necessary to regulate dogs and running at large and establish rules respecting responsible dog ownership and control within the Township of Jocelyn;

Be it resolved that Council of the Corporation of the Township of Jocelyn directs staff to research fees, set fees, remove the section regarding kennel, submit to province for approval.

Cd.

Compliance Audit Committee

26-410

Moved by: Dennis Sopha

Seconded by: Jason Kennedy

Whereas Section 88.37 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended*, requires that every municipality appoint a Compliance Audit Committee prior to October 1, 2026 of an election year.

And whereas the Councils of the Municipalities of Prince; MacDonald, Meredith & Aberdeen Additional; Laird; Tarbutt; Johnson; Hilton; Hilton Beach; Jocelyn; St. Joseph; Bruce Mines; Plummer Additional; and Huron Shores have deemed it desirable to establish a joint Compliance Committee in accordance with Section 88.37 of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996 as amended*.

Now therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Jocelyn hereby enacts **By-Law No. 2026 – 1689**,

Being a by-law to authorize the appointment of a Compliance Audit Joint Committee for the Central Algoma Area Municipalities.

Cd.

Revised Investment Policy

26- 411

Moved by: Dennis Sopha

Seconded by: Greg Gilbertson

Whereas Sections 418 to 420 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended*, and Ontario Regulation 438/97 as amended, authorize municipalities to establish policies governing the investment of municipal funds;

And whereas Council of the Corporation of the Township of Jocelyn has reviewed its Municipal Investment Policy and wishes to update the policy to reflect current legislative requirements and best practices for municipal investments;

Now therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Corporation of the Township of Jocelyn hereby approves and adopts the revised **Schedule “A”- Municipal Investment Policy, attached to and forming part of By-Law 2026- 1690 replacing the previous Schedule “A”**.

And further that the revised Schedule “A” establishes the Township’s Municipal Investment Policy, including its purpose and objectives to:

- Ensure compliance with all applicable legislation
- Preserve municipal capital
- Maintain sufficient liquidity to meet operational and capital funding requirements
- Maximize investment returns with an acceptable level of risk
- Establish a transparent reporting process to Council regarding municipal investments.

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Shore Road Allowance Application

26-412

Moved by: Jason Kennedy

Seconded by: Dennis Sopha

Whereas the required initial application fee has been received by the Township; and
whereas Council has reviewed the application and wishes to grant approval in principle,
subject to the completion of the remaining requirements of the Shore Road Application
process;

Now therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Township of Jocelyn approves, in principle, the Shore Road Application submitted by D. Eagles for the property located at 2875 Green Street PLAN M294 LOT 6

And further that the applicant shall be responsible for submitting a survey of the property to the Township, at the applicant's expense, in order for the application to proceed to the next stage of the Shore Road Application process.

And further that this approval in principle does not constitute final approval and remains subject to the satisfaction of all applicable Township requirements and any other approvals that may be required.

Cd.

Election

26-413

Moved by: Dennis Sopha

Seconded by: Jason Kennedy

Whereas Section 275 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, authorizes Council to delegate certain authorities prior to the election period;

And whereas Council of the Corporation of the Township of Jocelyn deems it necessary to ensure the efficient administration of municipal business during the 2026 municipal election period;

Now therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of The Corporation of the Township of Jocelyn hereby enacts **By-Law No. 2026 –1691** Being a by-law to delegate certain authority to the Clerk during the 2026 Municipal Election Period.

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Reports

Public Works Report

26-414

Moved by: Albert Crowder

Seconded by: Dennis Sopha

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the July Public Works Report submitted by Public Works Foreman Andrew Gordanier.

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Fire Department Monthly Report

26-415

Moved by: Jason Kennedy

Seconded by: Dennis Sopha

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the June Fire Department Report submitted by Fire Chief Rick Sirvio.

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Financial Report

26-416

Moved by: Jason Kennedy

Seconded by: Greg Gilbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the 2026 Mid Year Financial Report submitted by Treasurer Lars Moffatt, as presented.

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Treasury Update

26-417

Moved by: Dennis Sopha

Seconded by: Greg Gilbertson

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receives the Treasury Department update submitted by Lars Moffatt, as presented.

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A Line Bridge Design Report

26-418

Moved by: Dennis Sopha

Seconded by: Jason Kennedy

Whereas Council has received and reviewed the report and recommendation from Treasurer Lars Moffatt regarding the future replacement of the A Line Bridge;

Now therefore BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council accepts the Treasurer's recommendation and:

1. Authorizes staff to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for professional engineering services related to the replacement of the existing single-lane bridge on A-Line Road;
2. Directs the successful consultant to:
 - review the existing structure and evaluate replacement alternatives, including a bridge or large – span culvert
 - Complete any required geotechnical investigations;
 - prepare preliminary engineering designs and drawings for the preferred alternative; and
 - prepare Class A cost estimate to support future capital budgeting and funding applications and;

3. Approves a project budget of up to \$30 000 plus applicable taxes, funded from available capital infrastructure reserves and/or annual infrastructure funding allocations, with \$15 000 allocated in 2026 and \$15000 allocated in 2027.

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26- 419

Moved by: Albert Crowder

Seconded by: Dennis Sopha

Closed/In-Camera Session

Be it resolved that Council proceed into **Closed Session** at 6:50pm in accordance with Section 239 of the Municipal Act in order to address matters pertaining to:

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

(d) labour relations or employee negotiations,

Cd.

26-420

Moved by: Albert Crowder

Seconded by: Greg Gilbertson

Return to Open Session

Be it resolved that Council does arise from Closed Session at 8:17pm

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26-421

Moved by: Dennis Sopha

Seconded by: Greg Gilbertson

Be it resolved that Council instruct the staff to carry out the Closed Session directives

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26-422

Moved by: Albert Crowder

Seconded by: Greg Gilbertson

Confirmatory By-law

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council does gives three readings and passes **By-Law 2025-1692** to confirm the proceedings of the August 12, 2026 Meeting of Council.

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26-423

Moved by: Albert Crowder

Seconded by: Dennis Sopha

Motion to Adjourn

Be it resolved that Council does adjourn this meeting at 8:20pm and will meet again on **August 5th at 6:00 pm** or at the call of the Reeve.

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Reeve

Clerk