

COUNCIL MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF COCKBURN ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING

5:00 PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11th, 2026

Meeting On-line by ZOOM

ZOOM LINK <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84944196668>

(link is the same for every regular meeting)

PRESENT

Mayor: Brenda Jones
Councillors: Lee Chappell
Jeff House
Simon Lacombe
Scott Stewart
Clerk: Brent St. Denis

Lynn Jackes: Observer (CT orientation)
(A number of ratepayers observed the meeting.)

Time – 5:00 PM

Call to Order

Declarations of any pecuniary interest

Delegations – if any

New Business – if any

Public Works Committee Meeting – postponed to May and following

Resolution # 26-03-01

Moved: J House

Seconded: S Stewart

That the March 11th, 20256 Council meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

Resolution # 26-03-02

Moved: L Chappell

Seconded: S Lacombe

That the minutes of the Feb 4th, 2026 regular meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

Action Items

2024 audit – adopt audited financial statements for 2024.

Resolution # 26-03-03

Moved: J House

Seconded: S Stewart

That we accept with appreciation the 2024 audited financial statements as prepared by the

township's municipal auditors, BDO LLP.

CARRIED

TABLED- Agreement with Cockburn Island Logging for Pothole Repair Program work (grant)

Alex to start May 4th? - Consider having Alex Nicolson start his seasonal PW position one week early on Monday May 4th ice conditions at the marina permitting. He started in April in 2025.

Resolution # 26-03-04

Moved: J House

Seconded: S Stewart

That whereas Public Works seasonal worker, Alex Nicolson, has indicated his availability this year, due to his schooling schedule, from mid-April to September 4, Now therefore be it resolved that, subject to ice conditions in the marina, he be asked to start Monday May 4th and continue until his departure September 4th.

CARRIED

TABLED - Alex Grader Training- review

CEGEP Fire Equipment grant – ask Scott Richards to help find correct equipment? - honorarium?

Resolution # 26-03-05

Moved: S Stewart

Seconded: J House

That whereas the CEGEP community fire equipment grant of \$22,500 (Wajax type pump, forest rated hoses, water packs) will expire this year, Now therefore Council agrees to ask Scott Richards of Cockburn Island Logging for his assistance to find and to arrange with the Clerk-Treasurer for the purchase of the proposed equipment,

CARRIED

Report on New Boom Mower (Brush Hog) and Dump Trailer Purchase

Resolution # 26-03-06

Moved: L Chappell

Seconded: S Lacombe

That Council acknowledges with appreciation the successful efforts and report of Council member House as it concerns the recent acquisition of a boom mower and dump trailer and that the following concluding steps be authorized at his discretion with the Clerk-Treasurer hereby authorized to pay for the same;

1. Transportation arrangements to Thessalon
2. Transportation to the island

CARRIED

Tabled - Request from a ratepayer that the township snow plow the township roads from I street to the inside of the township dump yard

Resolution # 26-03-07
 Moved: J House
 Seconded: L Chappell

That the request from a ratepayer to have the township snow plow the township roads from I street to the inside of the township dump yard be acknowledged and that Council will reply at a later date.

CARRIED

TABLED - McLeod House Rental Policy –Consider for adoption at April meeting?

Financial Report - Receive report on disbursements by cheque, transfer, auto-debit, NCU “pay bills” and VISA.

Northern Credit Union Bank balances as of MARCH 5, 2026	
<u>Dock Account 101</u>	\$16,055.99
<u>Heritage Account 102</u>	\$75,535.92
<u>Operating Account 100</u>	\$94,429.39
<u>1 YEAR 3 PT 1 LANDFILL GIC 403</u>	\$10,000.00
TOTAL	\$196,021.30

Current Interest Rate earned on Operating account2.45 %
 Current Interest Rate earned on Twp Heritage Account 1.95 %
 Current Interest Rate earned on Dock Account.....1.95 %
 Both GICs3.1%, one-year from Sept/25

Resolution # 2026-03-08
 Moved: J House
 Seconded: L Chappell

That the Treasurer’s report on bank balances, cheques, auto-debit payments, EFTs, e-transfers and the VISA card statement(s) be hereby received.

CARRIED

Council Members’ Concerns –

- Council Member -we should get 2026 tenders ready for McLeod House? And where will we store the document totes now in the Mayor’s garage. She will send the Yonder Island history

books to the island with the totes. He commented on the possibility of grader training in the Sault. He is working with Scott Richardson the CEGEP fire grant equipment purchase.

- Council Member House- let's declare the old brush-hog and old trailer as surplus and sell them. Organize trail work with the boom mower. Finalize plans to acquire a dry calcium spreader.
- Council Member Stewart – in the past we engaged students for trail clearing. He will “champion” the trail work. We should check with Cockburn Island Logging and Ziihbaasiing First Nation.
- Council Member Chappell – the streetlight supplier has been unresponsive – he will keep trying

CARRIED

Clerk's Report

- a) 2026 McLeod Rentals – reservations to-date
 - Darren request to rent the twp house July 31 to Aug. 3rd foundation repair contractor
 - NCC May 8-14 (6 nights, leave on the 14th) – all dates for conservation work
 - NCC June 15-19 (4 nights, leave on the 19th)
 - NCC July 27-31 in lieu of Homecoming Weekend (4 nights, leave on the 31st)
 - NCC Sept 14-18 (4 nights, leave on the 18th)
 - Sometime during the deer hunt – we typically come the Saturday before the season opens and stay until the first Wednesday morning, but we have a scheduling conflict this year and may need to adjust and come for a night or two during the second week instead. I'll firm up as soon as I can.
- b) Clerk's recent chat with Blue Box folks.
- c) Update on transferring Clerk-Treasurer role to Lynn – Closed Session with Lynn in late March or at the end of the April regular meeting? A compensation proposal has been submitted confidentially to Council
- d) NOHFC Hall – extension request to fall 2026 has been submitted – details of 10% holdback pending project completion
- e) NCC trails – share workplan by June?
- f) NORDS- 5 years has expired – program officer uncertain but hopeful for renewal
- g) Tulloch engineering to island in spring for landfill assessment.
- h) 2026 newsletter is being drafted. 2025 in agenda package for Council ideas
- i) Final claim for Medical Building (OCIF-COVID) grant – update

Adjournment

Resolution # 2026-03-09

Moved: S Lacombe

Seconded: L Chappell

That this meeting be now adjourned and that Council meet again by Zoom at 5 PM Wednesday April 8th, 2026 or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Time – 6:00 PM

