

COUNCIL MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF COCKBURN ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING

5 PM, WEDNESDAY, June 10th, 2026

Meeting On-line by ZOOM

ZOOM LINK <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81611497410>

(link is the same for every regular meeting)

PRESENT

Mayor: Brenda Jones
Councillors: Lee Chappell
Jeff House
Simon Lacombe
Scott Stewart
Clerk: Lynn Jackes

(A number of ratepayers observed the meeting.)

Time – 4:48 PM

Call to Order

Declarations of any pecuniary interest - Councillor House abstained from the discussion regarding the surplus due to a conflict of interest.

Delegations – if any

New Business – if any

Public Works Committee Meeting

Resolution # 26-07-01

Moved: S. Lacombe

Seconded: L. Chappell

That the July 08th, 2026 Council meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

Resolution # 26-07-01A

Moved: Simon Lacombe

Seconded: Lee Chappell

WHEREAS the Township of Cockburn Island has held a Public Meeting for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding the adoption of a Natural Heritage System Strategy (NHSS); and

WHEREAS the Manitoulin Planning Board has recommended the adoption of Official Plan Amendment No. Q-3 for the District of Manitoulin, to implement a Natural Heritage System Strategy (NHSS) including text and mapping (Schedule F) in January 2023; and

WHEREAS, THE Township of Cockburn Island adopted the Natural Heritage System Strategy (NHSS) by Bylaw No. 2023-07, on April 12th, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF COCKBURN ISLAND ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT Bylaw No 2023-07 remains in effect; and
2. THAT Bylaw No 2025-02 passed on February 12th, 2025, which adopted an amended version of the NHSS of November 19th, 2024 is hereby rescinded.

CARRIED

Resolution # 26-07-02

Moved: L. Chappell

Seconded: S. Lacombe

That the minutes of the June 10, 2026 regular meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

Resolution # 26-07-03

Moved: S. Lacombe

Seconded: J. House

That the minutes of the May 28th, 2026 roads meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

Action Items

Public Works Committee meeting – Council and available Public Works crew

Resolution # 26-07-07

Moved: J. House

Seconded: S. Lacombe

That we enter into Committee of the Whole so that an informal discussion with staff can be held regarding Public Works and related matters.

Time – 5:44 PM

CARRIED

Council Member Stewart chaired the PW session. Items raised during the Public Works Committee of the Whole included;

Council Member Stewart reported:

- The dock was lifted out and the steel is coming in on the barge Thursday at which time the repairs will be started.
- The parking lot is completed except for the application of one mire load of gravel A to be applied by the outhouse.

- Scott has been working with Scott Richards on a plan to do the ditching, grading and culverts.
- Darren Rogers asked about requirements and training for working on heights.
- A clear policy is needed for the use of the backhoe by ratepayers.

Resolution # 26-07-08

Moved: S. Stewart

Seconded: J. House

That we return to Open Session

Time – 5:56 PM

CARRIED

Cockburn Island Addition Provincial Park – Council members will hopefully meet with the Park committee on July 20th at the Schramm’s place.

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

Northern Credit Union Bank balances as of July 4, 2026

Account Name	Available Balance
Dock Account 101	\$16,460.26
Heritage Account 102	\$76,029.45
Operating Account 100	\$306,657.42

TOTAL \$399,147.13

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 %
 LANDFILL GIC3.1%, one-year from Sept/25

Resolution # 2026-07-05

Moved: J. House

Seconded: S. Lacombe

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

CARRIED

Council Members’ Concerns –

Lee:

- Streetlight update – The incorrect parts were received and reordered. They should be installed on the August long weekend.
- There should be more fair and consistent charges for the use of the backhoe and operator.

Jeff:

- Jeff met with the Tulloch engineer and surveyor regarding the dump. More investigation is needed.
- They also looked at the Sand Lake bridge. Recommendations include replacing it with a snowmobile bridge or a prefab bridge.
- Lee, Simon and Jeff will discuss who will take the lead on repairing the bridge.
- Sheet pile repairs are the recommended approach, with approximately \$10,000 already spent on engineering fees.
- The first step required for the dock repairs is to soil test through boreholes at an estimated cost of \$60,000.00.
- The current dock structure is deteriorating due to voids underneath the concrete cap.
- Work is planned for September-October if approved.
- He has asked Jeff Allen for the full project scope including engineering, design and construction.
- An additional \$20,000 to \$25,000 will be needed in the next 6-8 months.

Scott:

- Requests that the flower bed at the dock be redone with a cedar crib and purchasing lumber to do it from the dock account. No one had an issue with this.
- The scaffolding is on hold until OSHA regulations for safety on heights is researched.
- We need to purchase salt because we are almost out. Scott was able to source 8 bags but 4 skids will be needed to finish the rest of the roads. The 8 bags will be applied where necessary.

Brenda:

- The dock house will be restained with volunteers organized by Bev House and the funds for the stain coming from the Dock account.
- There are issues with arranging recertification for the First Responders. A new time and place must be arranged but it is not available on the Island. Jeff House will handle the arrangements for recertification. It was suggested that Sudbury District Health Unit be contacted for an alternate trainer for our region.

Resolution # 26-07-09

Moved: S. Stewart

Seconded: S. Lacombe

That Council authorizes Councillor House to proceed with the dock repairs and soil sampling

etc.

CARRIED

Clerk's Report

- a) Tractor tender – James Beamish tender was accepted.
- b) Insurance – Quote has been approved for a 3 year term.
- c) NCC-Cancelled McLeod House from July 27-31.
- d) Meteorite update – Letter from Dave Kenny was sent to Council asking that if any landowners recover meteorites on their property he can be contacted for assistance with identifying the rock.

Resolution # 26-07-06

Moved: S. Lacombe

Seconded: L. Chappell

That Council accept the tender from James Beamish for the purchase of the surplus 1982 Ford tractor with brush hog in the amount of \$2,275.00 and for the 2006 utility trailer in the amount of \$500.00 and that staff be authorized to complete the transaction. Both items are sold “as is” and “where is”.

CARRIED

Councillor Jeff House abstained from the vote. Councillor Stewart clarified that the spare parts for the items will be included.

Closed Session if needed

Adjournment

Resolution # 2026-07-10

Moved: J. House

Seconded: S. Lacombe

That this meeting be now adjourned and that Council meet again Saturday, August 1st in person at 9:30 AM in the Tolsmaville Community Hall or by Zoom or at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

Time – 5:59 pm



CLERK-TREASURER,


Mayor

MAYOR BRENDA JONES