

COUNCIL MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF COCKBURN ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING

5 PM, WEDNESDAY, September 9th, 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 –5:00 PM

Call to Order

Declarations of any pecuniary interest

Resolution # 26-09-01

Moved: J. House

Seconded: S. Stewart

That the September 9th, 2026 Council meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

Resolution # 26-09-02

Moved: S. Stewart

Seconded: L. Chappell

That the minutes of the August 1, 2026 regular meeting minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

Action Items

Public Works Committee meeting – Council and available Public Works crew

Resolution # 26-09-03

Moved: L. Chappell

Seconded: J. House

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 – 5:01 PM

CARRIED

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

Council Member Stewart reported:

- John Deere tractor should be on the Island shortly. The repairs excluding transportation were covered by warranty.
- Grading is going well.
- Approximately \$18,000 has been spent so far on the roads.
- Councillor Stewart will be looking at installing a valve system to manage spring overflow at the hall, with options including a French drain or buried culvert.
- Dock repairs are almost completed with approximately \$5,500.00 being spent so far. CIL will be asked for a quote to take the docks out of the water in the second week of November and placed on the gravel using their equipment. If CIL is not able to put the docks back in the Spring, Public Works will use the backhoe. If the docks are taken right out of water, the snow fence will not be needed.
- Councillor House asked about our supplies of calcium. Councillor Stewart will order 2 more skids of calcium to be delivered this fall so we are in good shape for the Spring 2027.
- Mayor Jones asked that the grass be removed around the signs so they are more visible.
- Mayor Jones also asked about the supply of “A” gravel. Councillor Stewart reported that we still have enough.

Resolution # 26-09-04

Moved: S. Stewart

Seconded: J. House

That we return to Open Session

Time – 5:25 PM

CARRIED

Backhoe Usage – Clarification of backhoe use for ratepayers to create a more consistent and fair charges.

It was decided to maintain the current approach of allowing Darren and Scott to use their discretion rather than implementing specific time thresholds.

MPAC inspections – Discussion regarding MPAC visit.

Council decided that they will not pursue a special request for MPAC inspectors to visit, as they had previously been resistant to such visits and the current system of property sale assessments works adequately.

Financial Report - Receive report bank balances.

Northern Credit Union Bank balances as of July 28, 2026

Account Name	Available Balance
<u>Dock Account 101</u>	\$16,460.26
<u>Heritage Account 102</u>	\$76,029.45
<u>Operating Account 100</u>	\$346,981.82
1 YEAR 3 PT 1 LANDFILL GIC 403	10,000.00

TOTAL \$439,471.53

Current Interest Rate earned on Operating account 2.45 %
Current Interest Rate earned on Twp Heritage Account 1.95 %
Current Interest Rate earned on Dock Account.....1.95 %
LANDFILL GIC 3.1%, one-year from Sept/25

Resolution # 2026-09-05
Moved: S. Lacombe
Seconded: S. Stewart

That the Treasurer's report from August 1, 2026 on bank balances, cheques, auto-debit payments, EFTs, e-transfers and the VISA card statemen be hereby received.

CARRIED

Resolution # 2026-09-06
Moved: J. House
Seconded: L. Chappell

That the Treasurer's report from September 9, 2026 on bank balances, cheques, auto-debit payments, EFTs, e-transfers and the VISA card statemen be hereby received.

CARRIED

Council Members' Concerns –

Councillor House:

- Update on dock project. He is still working with Tulloch to get the soil samples arranged but it may be delayed until the Spring of 2027.

Councillor Chappell:

- All the streetlights have been installed but Hydro has not hooked up the last 4 lights.
- Sand Lake Bridge. Councillor Chappell has developed a report detailing the plan and will submit it to the NCC for their approval. Once that is received, he will start the engineering process.

- The report will be shared with Council after the meeting.

Councillor Lacombe:

- All his concerns have already been covered.

Councillor Stewart:

- The wild land firefighting supplies are coming in on the barge. We are still waiting for training expenses. Councillor Stewart has already purchased a trailer to store the equipment and move it around as needed.
- The medical trailer will be tendered out with no minimum bid and will include the skis. The deadline for bids will be the end of October. Councillor Stewart will send the details including pictures to the Clerk for posting on the website.

Mayor Jones:

- Asked for a plan for the storage of Island records on the Island. Councillor Stewart and Darren Rogers will look into lockable steel cabinets installed in the OPP garage to store the files so they are rodent and insect proof as well as being stored securely.
- Mayor Jones asked about the progress of the purchase of a public works pickup truck. Council requested it be added to the October agenda with the amount approved to be spent on the truck.

Resolution # 2026-09-07

Moved: J. House

Seconded: S. Stewart

That Council approves the engineering for the Sand Lake Bridge at a cost of approximately \$16,000.00 and Councillor L. Chappell will spearhead the project.

CARRIED

Clerk's Report –

- a) NCU Term Deposit
- b) Election restricted acts
- c) Election ballot applications

CLOSED SESSION

AGENDA - This session is required to deal with a personnel matter and an issue with an identifiable ratepayer.

Resolution # 26-09-08

Moved: J. House
Seconded: S. Stewart

That we enter into a Closed Session to discuss a personnel matter and an issue with an identifiable ratepayer.

Time: 6:08 PM

CARRIED

Resolution # 26-09-09
Moved: J. House
Seconded: S. Stewart

That we adjourned the Closed Session.
Time: 6:36 PM

CARRIED

There were no resolutions or decisions resulting from the Closed Session.

Adjournment

Resolution # 2026-09-10
Moved:
Seconded:

That this meeting be now adjourned and that Council meet again Wednesday October 14, 2026 by Zoom or at the call of the mayor.

CARRIED

Time 6:36 PM

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CLERK-TREASURER,
MAYOR


Mayor