

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: _____

NUMBER: 2026-__

MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing maintains by-laws that govern municipal operations, services, and decisions;

AND WHEREAS a complete and accessible public record of these by-laws is essential for transparency, accountability, and resident understanding;

AND WHEREAS the Township website does not currently provide a complete, consistent, or easily searchable collection of all by-laws;

AND WHEREAS residents should not be required to attend the Municipal Office or submit requests in order to access governing documents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to compile and publish a complete and up-to-date list of all municipal by-laws on the Township website;

AND THAT each by-law be made available in a consistent and accessible format;

AND THAT, going forward, all by-laws shall continue to be published online regardless of their status;

AND THAT the published collection clearly distinguish between active, repealed, and superseded by-laws;

AND THAT staff report back to Council on the implementation timeline and any resource requirements associated with this directive.

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WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing records and publishes Council meetings and other public meetings through online video platforms;

AND WHEREAS these recordings form part of the public record and are an important tool for transparency and resident awareness;

AND WHEREAS Council meetings, Recreation Committee meetings, Museum Board meetings, and other public body meetings are not consistently named or organized in a way that allows residents to easily find them;

AND WHEREAS inconsistent naming and archiving reduces the usability and accessibility of the public record;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to implement a standardized naming convention for all recorded public meetings, including Council, boards, and committees;

AND THAT such naming convention include, at minimum, the meeting date and the name of the body holding the meeting;

AND THAT all recordings be organized and maintained in a consistent and accessible format to ensure they can be easily located by residents;

AND THAT, going forward, all recorded public meetings shall be published and maintained in accordance with this standard.

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WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing schedules Council meetings, board and committee meetings, public consultations, and municipal events throughout the year;

AND WHEREAS this information is currently distributed across multiple pages and formats, making it difficult for residents to find and follow;

AND WHEREAS residents benefit from a single, reliable source of information that allows them to stay informed about upcoming meetings and events;

AND WHEREAS modern calendar tools allow users to subscribe and receive automatic updates without needing to repeatedly check the Township website;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to implement a centralized municipal calendar that includes Council meetings, boards and committees, public meetings, and municipal events;

AND THAT such calendar be made available in a format that allows residents to subscribe and receive updates automatically;

AND THAT the calendar be maintained in a consistent and up-to-date manner to ensure accuracy and reliability;

AND THAT, going forward, all applicable municipal meetings and events shall be included in and published through this calendar.

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WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing issues property tax bills to residents on a regular basis;

AND WHEREAS electronic billing is a standard and widely available service that allows residents to receive bills in a timely, convenient, and environmentally responsible manner;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of electronic billing has been identified in prior software modernization efforts but has not been delivered to residents;

AND WHEREAS residents should have the option to receive property tax bills electronically in addition to existing delivery methods;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to report on the requirements to implement electronic property tax billing, including any software, cost, and operational considerations;

AND THAT such report include options for implementation, timelines, and any associated risks or limitations;

AND THAT, subject to Council approval, staff proceed with implementing electronic property tax billing for residents;

AND THAT, going forward, residents be provided the option to opt in to electronic delivery of property tax bills.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

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DATE: _____

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WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing communicates information to residents through its website and other channels;

AND WHEREAS residents currently must seek out information rather than receiving updates directly;

AND WHEREAS an opt-in email newsletter is a low-cost and widely used method of providing consistent and reliable communication to residents;

AND WHEREAS such a system would allow residents to stay informed about Council decisions, meetings, public notices, and municipal initiatives;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to report on the implementation of a municipal email newsletter system;

AND THAT such report include available platforms, estimated costs, and staff requirements;

AND THAT the report outline a proposed structure and frequency for communication, including, at minimum:

- Council updates summarizing key decisions;
- Automated reminders for upcoming Council, board, and committee meetings;
- Periodic updates on municipal events and community activities;
- Time-sensitive notices, including fire bans and other emergency-related information;
- Property tax reminders and other important municipal deadlines;

AND THAT, subject to Council approval, staff proceed with implementing an opt-in email newsletter for residents.

AND THAT existing paper-based communication methods may continue to be offered for residents who prefer non-digital access.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

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MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing website serves as the primary source of information for residents;

AND WHEREAS residents rely on the website to access Council agendas, minutes, by-laws, notices, and other municipal information;

AND WHEREAS the current website platform has been identified as outdated, unsupported, and increasingly vulnerable to failure;

AND WHEREAS recent reports to Council have identified risks related to security, compatibility, accessibility, and long-term sustainability;

AND WHEREAS a significant capital decision related to the Township website should be supported by a clear scope, competitive pricing, and Council oversight;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to prepare a report on the redevelopment of the Township website;

AND THAT such report include a clearly defined scope of work, including design, functionality, accessibility requirements, and content structure;

AND THAT staff obtain and present multiple quotations or proposals from qualified vendors for consideration by Council;

AND THAT such quotations include itemized costs, timelines, ongoing maintenance requirements, and any licensing or subscription fees;

AND THAT Council review and approve the proposed structure, scope, and selected vendor prior to implementation;

AND THAT staff provide an update to Council on the status of the previously approved website initiative, including any work completed, costs incurred, and outstanding risks;

AND THAT, subject to Council approval, staff proceed with the redevelopment of the Township website.

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WHEREAS Council makes decisions on behalf of residents that impact services, finances, and long-term planning;

AND WHEREAS transparency in decision-making is essential to maintaining public trust and accountability;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act permits recorded votes but does not require them for all decisions;

AND WHEREAS residents benefit from being able to clearly see how each member of Council votes on each matter;

AND WHEREAS providing an opportunity for discussion prior to calling a vote supports informed decision-making and effective governance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to bring forward an amendment to the Township's Procedural By-law to require that all Council votes be recorded and reflected in the official minutes;

AND THAT the amended Procedural By-law require the Chair to call for discussion prior to calling the vote on each matter;

AND THAT recorded votes be included in the published minutes and made available to the public;

AND THAT, subject to Council approval of the Procedural By-law amendment, these requirements be implemented for all Council meetings going forward.

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MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

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WHEREAS Council is responsible for making informed decisions on matters that affect municipal operations, finances, and long-term planning;

AND WHEREAS complex or significant matters often require more detailed review and discussion than can be reasonably accommodated within a regular Council meeting;

AND WHEREAS many municipalities utilize Committee of the Whole meetings to allow for more open, detailed, and informal discussion prior to formal decision-making;

AND WHEREAS establishing a Committee of the Whole provides a structured process for reviewing reports, discussing options, and providing direction to staff before matters are brought forward for final approval;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to bring forward an amendment to the Township's Procedural By-law to establish Committee of the Whole meetings as part of the Council process;

AND THAT such amendment outline the purpose, structure, and procedures for Committee of the Whole meetings, including their role in reviewing reports and providing direction to staff;

AND THAT Committee of the Whole meetings be used to consider complex, strategic, or high-impact matters prior to formal Council decisions;

AND THAT, subject to Council approval of the Procedural By-law amendment, Committee of the Whole meetings be implemented as part of regular Council operations.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: _____

NUMBER: 2026-__

MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREAS Council is responsible for setting the direction and priorities of the Township of Nipissing;

AND WHEREAS establishing clear priorities at the beginning of a Council term provides guidance to staff, improves decision-making, and creates accountability for results;

AND WHEREAS without clearly defined priorities, municipal decision-making may become reactive rather than proactive;

AND WHEREAS residents benefit from understanding what Council intends to focus on over the course of its term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting dedicated to establishing Council Term Priorities;

AND THAT such meeting include a structured discussion of key issues, opportunities, and long-term objectives for the Township;

AND THAT the outcome of this meeting be a documented set of Council-approved priorities for the term;

AND THAT progress against these priorities be reviewed by Council at least annually and that such reviews be documented and published on the Township website for public reference.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: _____

NUMBER: 2026-__

MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREAS Council appoints members to boards and committees to carry out specific roles and responsibilities on behalf of the Township;

AND WHEREAS these boards and committees are intended to support Council by providing input, oversight, and recommendations within their respective areas;

AND WHEREAS without clear and updated direction from Council, boards and committees may continue to operate based on past practices rather than current priorities;

AND WHEREAS establishing annual direction ensures alignment between Council priorities and the work of boards and committees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to bring forward amendments to the by-laws governing boards and committees to require that Council establish annual direction for each board and committee;

AND THAT such direction be provided at the beginning of each year and reflect current Council priorities;

AND THAT this direction be documented and made available for public reference;

AND THAT boards and committees be expected to operate in alignment with the direction provided by Council.

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MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

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WHEREAS Council appoints boards and committees to support municipal decision-making and service delivery;

AND WHEREAS these boards and committees operate on behalf of Council and within the authority delegated to them;

AND WHEREAS regular reporting ensures transparency, accountability, and alignment with Council priorities;

AND WHEREAS Council benefits from understanding the activities, outcomes, and challenges faced by its boards and committees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to bring forward amendments to the by-laws governing boards and committees to require annual reporting to Council;

AND THAT such reporting be provided in advance of the annual budget process;

AND THAT each board and committee provide, at minimum:

- a) a summary of activities undertaken during the year;
- b) any recommendations for future initiatives or changes;
- c) any financial considerations, including anticipated budget needs;
- d) any challenges or risks identified;

AND THAT such reports be presented to Council in a public meeting;

AND THAT all reports be documented and published on the Township website for public reference.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

RESOLUTION

DATE: _____

NUMBER: 2026-__

MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREAS Council is responsible for setting the financial direction and priorities of the Township of Nipissing;

AND WHEREAS the annual budget reflects the priorities and decisions of Council;

AND WHEREAS establishing priorities prior to the preparation of the draft budget supports more effective and transparent financial planning;

AND WHEREAS a Committee of the Whole provides an appropriate forum for detailed discussion and consideration of budget priorities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to include, as part of the annual budget process, a Committee of the Whole meeting dedicated to the discussion and development of Council budget priorities;

AND THAT the outcome of this Committee of the Whole meeting be a proposed set of budget priorities for the upcoming fiscal year;

AND THAT staff bring forward a resolution at the first regular Council meeting in December to formally adopt these priorities;

AND THAT the adopted priorities be documented and used to guide the preparation of the draft budget by staff;

AND THAT these priorities be made available for public reference.

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DATE: _____

NUMBER: 2026-__

MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREAS Council is responsible for setting the financial direction and priorities of the Township of Nipissing;

AND WHEREAS informed budget decisions require an understanding of current operations, financial pressures, and future needs;

AND WHEREAS boards and committees provide input, oversight, and recommendations that impact municipal services and expenditures;

AND WHEREAS a dedicated Committee of the Whole meeting provides an opportunity for detailed discussion prior to the development of budget priorities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to schedule, annually in November, a Committee of the Whole meeting dedicated to the review of municipal operations and the development of budget priorities;

AND THAT such meeting include presentations or reporting from boards and committees, where applicable;

AND THAT the purpose of this meeting be to:

- a) review current operations and service levels;
- b) identify financial pressures and risks;
- c) consider potential initiatives or changes;
- d) inform the development of Council budget priorities;

AND THAT the outcome of this meeting be used to support the development of a proposed set of budget priorities to be brought forward for Council approval in December.

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MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

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WHEREAS residents have the ability to submit correspondence to Council and request to be heard on matters of interest;

AND WHEREAS the current process for submitting correspondence or requesting to present to Council is not clearly defined or easily accessible;

AND WHEREAS providing a simple and consistent method of participation supports transparency, accessibility, and public engagement;

AND WHEREAS many municipalities provide online forms to streamline communication between residents and Council;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to report on the implementation of online forms for public participation and correspondence;

AND THAT such report include options for enabling residents to:

- a) submit correspondence to Council;
- b) request to be included as a delegation on a Council agenda;
- c) provide input on specific agenda items or municipal initiatives;

AND THAT the report include any associated costs, staff requirements, and considerations related to accessibility and privacy;

AND THAT, subject to Council approval, staff proceed with implementing online forms to support public participation;

AND THAT existing methods of participation continue to be available for residents who prefer non-digital options.

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DATE: _____

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MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing prepares and adopts an annual municipal budget;

AND WHEREAS the budget is a key document that outlines Council priorities, financial decisions, and the allocation of public funds;

AND WHEREAS budget documents are often technical in nature and may be difficult for residents to interpret;

AND WHEREAS providing a clear and accessible summary supports transparency, accountability, and informed public engagement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to prepare a plain language summary of the annual municipal budget;

AND THAT such summary include, at minimum:

- a) key changes from the previous year;
- b) Council priorities reflected in the budget;
- c) significant capital projects and initiatives;
- d) changes to reserves and major financial commitments;

AND THAT the summary be made available to the public in a clear and accessible format;

AND THAT the summary be published on the Township website and communicated through available municipal communication channels.

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DATE: _____

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WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing maintains various reserve and reserve fund accounts to support capital projects, operations, and long-term financial planning;

AND WHEREAS these reserves are referenced across multiple documents, including the annual budget, capital forecast, and audited financial statements;

AND WHEREAS inconsistencies in naming and classification of reserves can make it difficult for Council and residents to clearly understand how funds are allocated and used;

AND WHEREAS consistent naming and organization of reserves improves transparency, financial clarity, and decision-making;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to review the naming and classification of all municipal reserves and reserve funds;

AND THAT staff develop and implement a standardized naming convention to be used consistently across all financial documents;

AND THAT such naming convention be applied to the annual budget, capital forecast, and audited financial statements;

AND THAT any changes to reserve naming or classification be clearly documented and communicated for public reference;

AND THAT staff review the treatment of interest earned on reserve and reserve fund balances, including options to allocate such interest to the respective reserves to support long-term financial sustainability and mitigate the impact of inflation.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NIPISSING

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DATE: _____

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MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing utilizes procurement processes to acquire goods and services and to engage external vendors;

AND WHEREAS these processes are intended to ensure fairness, transparency, and value for taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS recent procurement activities have highlighted the importance of clear evaluation criteria, competitive pricing, and Council oversight;

AND WHEREAS reviewing procurement practices supports continuous improvement and strengthens public confidence in municipal decision-making;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to review the Township's procurement policies and practices;

AND THAT such review include an assessment of:

- a) current procurement thresholds and requirements;
- b) the use of competitive quotations and proposals;
- c) evaluation criteria and documentation;
- d) transparency and reporting to Council;

AND THAT staff provide recommendations to improve clarity, consistency, and accountability in procurement processes;

AND THAT staff include requirements for obtaining multiple quotations or proposals for significant expenditures;

AND THAT any proposed updates to procurement policies be brought forward for Council review and approval;

AND THAT the Township's procurement policy be made publicly available on the Township website in a clear and accessible format.

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DATE: _____

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MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing owns and operates facilities including the Community Centre and Museum;

AND WHEREAS these facilities, and the services operating within them, require ongoing operating and capital investment;

AND WHEREAS informed decision-making requires a clear understanding of current usage, costs, condition, and long-term needs;

AND WHEREAS significant decisions related to municipal facilities should be supported by complete and up-to-date information;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to prepare a report on the current state of the Community Centre and Museum, including the services and functions operating within these facilities;

AND THAT such report include, at minimum:

- a) current usage levels and patterns for all primary uses of the facilities;
- b) operating costs and any associated revenues;
- c) current condition and anticipated capital requirements;
- d) any known risks or limitations associated with the facilities;
- e) any operational considerations related to services located within these facilities;
- f) any constraints related to the co-location of municipal services within these facilities;
- g) the capacity of the facilities to meet current and future needs;

AND THAT the purpose of this report be to provide Council with the information required to support future planning and decision-making related to these facilities;

AND THAT the report be presented to Council in a public meeting and made available for public reference.

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DATE: _____

NUMBER: 2026-__

MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing owns and maintains various recreation assets, including facilities, parks, and outdoor amenities;

AND WHEREAS these assets require ongoing operating and capital investment;

AND WHEREAS informed decision-making requires a clear understanding of how these assets are currently used and how they may be used in the future;

AND WHEREAS recreation needs and community expectations may evolve over time;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to prepare a report on the usage and condition of municipal recreation assets;

AND THAT such report include, at minimum:

- a) current usage levels and patterns across recreation facilities and amenities;
- b) the condition of recreation assets and any anticipated capital requirements;
- c) operating costs and any associated revenues;
- d) identified gaps or limitations in current recreation offerings;
- e) opportunities to improve, expand, or better utilize recreation assets based on current and anticipated community needs;

AND THAT the purpose of this report be to provide Council with the information required to support long-term planning and decision-making related to recreation services;

AND THAT the report be presented to Council in a public meeting and made available for public reference.

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DATE: _____

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MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing owns and operates multiple municipal facilities, including administrative, recreational, and cultural assets;

AND WHEREAS these facilities require ongoing operating and capital investment;

AND WHEREAS long-term planning provides an opportunity to consider how municipal services, recreation amenities, and community spaces can best be delivered in a coordinated and efficient manner;

AND WHEREAS Heritage Park represents a potential location for future development or consolidation of municipal facilities and services;

AND WHEREAS projected timelines for the replacement or significant reinvestment in municipal facilities have changed over time, reinforcing the need for a clear and coordinated long-term strategy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to prepare a feasibility study exploring the potential development of a Community Hub at Heritage Park;

AND THAT such study consider, at minimum:

- a) potential consolidation of municipal functions, including administrative offices, Council meeting space, and applicable public works operations;
- b) options for recreation amenities and community space;
- c) opportunities to incorporate a dedicated museum space that allows for increased accessibility and extended viewing beyond current seasonal availability;
- d) design concepts and layout options, including phased development approaches;
- e) potential impacts on existing facilities and services;
- f) capital and operating cost considerations;

AND THAT the purpose of this study be to provide Council with the information required to evaluate whether a Community Hub approach would provide long-term operational, financial, and community benefits to the Township;

AND THAT the results of the feasibility study be presented to Council in a public meeting and made available for public reference.

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MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREAS the Township of Nipissing provides recreation services and maintains various recreation facilities and amenities;

AND WHEREAS increased programming, events, and facility utilization may enhance community engagement and improve the value of existing municipal assets;

AND WHEREAS dedicated coordination of recreation services may support more consistent programming, improved communication, and increased participation;

AND WHEREAS any decision to expand staffing should be supported by a clear understanding of potential costs, benefits, and impacts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to report on the feasibility of a Recreation Coordinator role;

AND THAT such report include, at minimum:

- a) potential responsibilities and scope of the role;
- b) estimated costs, including salary and associated expenses;
- c) potential revenue opportunities, including programs, events, and facility usage;
- d) opportunities to increase utilization of existing recreation assets;
- e) potential impacts on community engagement and service levels;
- f) opportunities to increase facility rentals and generate revenue through external use, including film, production, and other temporary uses;

AND THAT the purpose of this report be to provide Council with the information required to determine whether such a role would provide value to the Township;

AND THAT, subject to Council approval, any future implementation be considered as part of the budget process.

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MOVED BY: Chris Johnston

SECONDED BY: _____

WHEREAS Council is responsible for establishing the long-term vision and direction of the Township of Nipissing;

AND WHEREAS effective municipal governance requires planning beyond the annual budget cycle;

AND WHEREAS long-term strategic planning supports informed decision-making, prioritization of resources, and alignment of municipal initiatives;

AND WHEREAS a structured strategic planning process should include input from residents and be supported by appropriate expertise;

AND WHEREAS the Township's current Strategic Plan concludes in 2026, requiring the development of a new long-term plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council directs staff to report on the development of a long-term Strategic Plan for the Township;

AND THAT such report include options for governance of the Strategic Plan development process, including the potential use of a steering committee comprised of Council members, staff, and community representatives;

AND THAT such report include options for engaging a qualified third party to support the development of the Strategic Plan;

AND THAT the process include opportunities for resident input and consultation;

AND THAT the Strategic Plan establish a long-term planning horizon of not less than ten (10) years;

AND THAT the Strategic Plan be used to guide Council priorities, budget decisions, and long-term capital planning;

AND THAT the completed Strategic Plan be presented to Council in a public meeting and made available for public reference.