

**The Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands**  
**Minutes of a meeting of Council held Thursday, February 6, 2025**  
**at 7:00p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Al MacNevin, Councillors: Patti Aelick, Al Boyd, Laurie Cook, Mike Erskine, and George Williamson , William Koehle and Bruce Wood

**ABSENT:** Councillor Dawn Orr

**STAFF PRESENT:** David Williamson, CAO  
Pam Myers, Clerk

Mayor MacNevin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor MacNevin presented Dr. Fagbuyi with a cheque and expressed Councils gratitude for him choosing to come and practice medicine in our community.

**Resolution No. 28-02-2025**

Moved by: G. Williamson

Seconded by: B. Wood

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands approves the agenda.

Carried

**Resolution No. 29-02-2025**

Moved by: A. Boyd

Seconded by: P. Aelick

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands accepts the financial reports as presented.

Carried

**Resolution No. 30-02-2025**

Moved by: : M. Erskine

Seconded by: G. Williamson

WHEREAS municipalities face growing infrastructure needs including roads bridges, public transit, water systems, and other critical services, which are essential to community well-being and economic development.

AND WHEREAS the current sources of municipal revenue, including property taxes and user fees, are insufficient to meet these increasing demands for infrastructure investment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario currently collects the Land Transfer Tax (LTT) on property transactions in municipalities across the province, generating significant revenue that is not directly shared with municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government collects the Goods and Services Tax (GST) on property transactions, a portion of which could be directed to municipalities to address local infrastructure needs;

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AND WHEREAS redistributing a portion of the Provincial Land Transfer Tax and GST to municipalities would provide a predictable and sustainable source of funding for local infrastructure projects without creating a new tax burden on residents or homebuyers;

AND WHEREAS a redistribution of a portion of the existing Land Transfer Tax and GST would allow municipalities to better plan and invest in long-term infrastructure initiatives, supporting local economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Council formally requests the Provincial Government to consider redistributing a portion of the Land Transfer Tax collected on property transactions to municipalities;

AND FURTHER THAT Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands Council calls on the Federal Government to allocate a percentage of the GST collected on property sales to municipalities.

AND FURTHER THAT this redistribution of the Land Transfer Tax and GST should be structured to provide predictable and sustainable funding to municipalities, allowing for better long-term planning and investment in infrastructure projects that benefit local communities, thus ensuring that local governments receive a fair share of the revenue to address critical infrastructure needs.

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Doug Ford, Leaders of the Opposition Parties, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs).

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement and advocacy.

Carried

**Resolution No. 31-02-2025**

Moved by: : W. Koehler

Seconded by: M. Erskine

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands does now proceed In Camera in order to address a matter pertaining to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

Carried

**\Resolution No. 32-02-2025**

Moved by: M. Erskine

Seconded by: G. Williamson

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands does now adjourn at 7:59 pm.

Carried