



The Corporation of The Nation Municipality

Regular Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting #: MEE-CM-04-2025
Date: February 24, 2025
Time: 4:30 p.m.
Location: Town Hall, 958 Route 500 West, Casselman

Presence of Council Members Francis Brière, Mayor, Tim Stewart, Councillor ward 1, Alain Mainville, Councillor ward 2, Danik Forgues, Councillor ward 3, Raymond Lalande, Councillor ward 4, Daniel Boisvenue, Councillor ward 5, Marjorie Drolet, Councillor ward 6

Presence of Municipal Staff Pierre Leroux, CAO, Julie Langlois-Caisse, Administrative Assistant, Aimée Roy, Clerk, Amélie Deschamps, Communications and Marketing Coordinator, Guylain Laflèche, Director of Planning, Marc-Olivier Gratton, Civil Engineer, Justin Lafrance, Interim Director of Recreation, Nadia Knebel, Treasurer, Nicholas Pigeon, Director of Water and Sewer, Mario Cardinal, Deputy Fire Chief, Alexandre Ranger, Deputy Treasurer, Chantal Lauzon, Manager of Human Resources, Hugo Pouliot, Deputy Director of Public Works, Daniel R. Desforges, Manager of Environmental infrastructure

Chair: Francis Brière, Mayor

Prepared by: Julie Langlois-Caisse, Administrative Assistant

Revised by: Aimée Roy, Clerk

Video: The recording of the meeting is available for viewing on [The Nation's YouTube channel](#).

1. Roll Call
2. Additions and Modifications

3. **Adoption of Agenda**

Resolution: RES-CM-25-2025

Moved by: Alain Mainville

Seconded by: Daniel Boisvenue

Be it resolved that the agenda be accepted, including the modifications made forthwith, as applicable.

Carried

4. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

5. **Adoption of Council Minutes**

Resolution: RES-CM-26-2025

Moved by: Marjorie Drolet

Seconded by: Danik Forgues

Be it resolved that Council approves the following meeting minutes, as presented on the February 24, 2025 agenda:

- Minutes of regular Council meeting held on January 27, 2025
- Minutes of regular Council meeting held on February 10, 2025

Carried

5.1 Minutes of regular Council meeting held on January 27, 2025

5.2 Minutes of regular Council meeting held on February 10, 2025

6. **Presentations, Delegations, and Petitions**

6.1 Delegation regarding the St-Viateur nursing home project in Limoges (4:30 p.m.)

6.2 Delegation regarding a Community Garden project in Limoges (5:00 p.m.)

6.3 Delegation regarding the Cenotaph project in Limoges (5:30 p.m.)

7. **Consent Items**

All items listed under the Consent Items will be enacted by one motion. A majority vote is required for the adoption of consent items. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time Council votes on the motion that a consent item is to be separated from the motion. The separated item(s) shall be considered immediately thereafter.

Resolution: RES-CM-27-2025

Moved by: Tim Stewart

Seconded by: Alain Mainville

Be it resolved that all items listed under 7. Consent Items be received and approved as presented.

Carried

7.1 Report #REP-WS-01-2025 To propose new Water By-law #5-2025 and to repeal By-law #53-2021

7.2 Report #REP-WS-02-2025 to propose new Sewer By-law #6-2025 and repeal By-law #107-2012

7.3 Report #REP-AD-02-2025 Adoption of Flag Raising / Half-Masting Policy #POL-CL-02-2025

7.4 Accounts payable voucher

Motion to approve accounts payable from February 16, 2025 to February 28, 2025, voucher 3, for the total amount of \$675,955.68

7.5 Resolution calling on the provincial government to undertake a Social and Economic Prosperity Review

Proposed resolution:

WHEREAS current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements are undermining Ontario's economic prosperity and quality of life

WHEREAS nearly a third of municipal spending in Ontario is for services in areas of provincial responsibility and expenditures are outpacing provincial contributions by nearly \$4 billion a year

WHEREAS municipal revenues, such as property taxes, do not grow with the economy or inflation

WHEREAS unprecedented population and housing growth will require significant investments in municipal infrastructure

WHEREAS municipalities are being asked to take on complex health and social challenges – like homelessness, supporting asylum seekers and addressing the mental health and addictions crises

WHEREAS inflation, rising interest rates, and provincial policy decisions are sharply constraining municipal fiscal capacity

WHEREAS property taxpayers – including people on fixed incomes and small businesses – can't afford to subsidize income re-distribution programs for those most in need

WHEREAS the province can, and should, invest more in the prosperity of communities

WHEREAS municipalities and the provincial government have a strong history of collaboration

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Nation Municipality requests the Province of Ontario to commit to undertaking with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario a comprehensive social and economic prosperity review to promote the stability and sustainability of municipal finances across Ontario

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

- 7.6 **Report #REP-FIN-02-2025 Other disbursements**
- 7.7 **Report #REP-REC-04-2025 Summer camp rental rates**
- 8. **Reports from Departments and Council Committees**
 - 8.1 **Report #REP-WS-03-2025 Mutual aid agreement with Russell Township**
 - 8.2 **Report #REP-FIN-03-2025 Tangible Capital Assets Policy #POL-FIN-02-2025**
 - 8.3 **Report #REP-FIN-04-2025 Strategic Asset Management Policy #POL-FIN-03-2025**
 - 8.4 **Report #REP-FIN-05-2025 Asset Management Plan 2024 Highlights**
 - 8.5 **Report #REP-ENV-02-2025 Agreement with GFL Environmental Inc.**
- 9. **Reports from an Investigator or the Ombudsman**
- 10. **Notices of Motion**
- 11. **Resolutions**
 - 11.1 **Adoption of items listed under #8. Reports from departments and Council Committees**

Resolution: RES-CM-28-2025

Moved by: Danik Forgues
Seconded by: Alain Mainville

Be it resolved that Council approve all recommendations listed on the agenda under item #8. Reports from departments and Council Committees, as presented.

Carried

11.2 Tim Stewart, Motion requesting the Renewal of By-Law No. 4-2024 – Interim Control By-Law for Large Scale Renewable Energy Facilities

Proposed motion:

(Following the Notice of Motion presented at the February 10, 2025 regular Council meeting)

Moved by: Councillor Stewart

Seconded by: Councillor Mainville

WHEREAS Section 38(1) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, permits the Council of a municipality to pass an Interim Control By-Law where Council has directed that a review or study be undertaken in respect of land use planning policies and regulations within the municipality or defined areas thereof;

AND WHEREAS the Council of The Nation Municipality previously passed By-Law No. 4-2024 to prohibit the establishment of new large-scale renewable energy facilities for a period of twelve (12) months in order to allow for the appropriate completion of further research and consultations;

AND WHEREAS the ongoing study and consultation process regarding land use planning policies for large-scale renewable energy facilities has not yet been completed;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary and appropriate to extend the Interim Control By-Law to allow for the continued review and analysis of these matters to ensure proper regulation and siting of such facilities within The Nation Municipality;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT :

The Council of The Nation Municipality directs that By-Law No. 4-2024 be renewed for a further period of twelve (12) months, continuing the prohibition on the establishment of new large-scale renewable energy facilities, including battery storage facilities and solar farm projects, within the Municipality;

The prohibition shall remain in effect for the duration of the extension period unless repealed or replaced by a subsequent by-law;

The Municipality shall continue its review and consultations on land use planning policies related to renewable energy projects and report back to Council with recommendations prior to the expiry of the extended interim control period.

Resolution: RES-CM-29-2025

Moved by: Tim Stewart

Seconded by: Alain Mainville

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Carried

11.3 Donation request, Bac à don

Item tabled. Postponed to a subsequent meeting.

11.4 Donation request, Le Groupe de Services Communautaires Kawabunga

Item tabled. Postponed to a subsequent meeting.

11.5 Donation request, Union Culturelle des Franco-Ontariennes de St-Isidore

Activities for the year.

Resolution: RES-CM-30-2025

Moved by: Tim Stewart

Seconded by: Alain Mainville

Be it resolved that Council approves giving a total donation of \$500.00 to the Union Culturelle des Franco-Ontariennes de St-Isidore for their activities for the year 2025, \$250.00 to be taken from the Ward 1 donation account and \$250.00 to be taken from the Ward 2 donation account.

Carried

12. By-laws

Resolution: RES-CM-31-2025

Moved by: Danik Forgues

Seconded by: Raymond Lalande

Be it resolved that the following By-laws, as presented on the February 24, 2025 agenda, be adopted in first, second and third reading:

By-law #5-2025 Water By-law and repeal By-law no. 53-2021

By-law #6-2025 Sewer By-law and repeal By-law no. 107-2012

By-law #8-2025 to establish interim control provisions to prohibit the establishment of new large scale renewable energy facilities

By-law #10-2025 to appoint Julie Langlois-Caisse as Deputy Clerk

By-law #12-2025 part lot control, Hazel Crescent

By-law #13-2025 Part lot control, 67 Andrew Street, Limoges

By-law #14-2025 To appoint member to The Nation Municipality Library Board

Carried

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12.6 By-law #13-2025 Part lot Control, 67 Andrew Street, Limoges

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13. New Business Reports

14. Other Business presented by Council Members

14.1 Councillor Raymond Lalande, Discussion regarding recycling services

15. Public Consultations & Hearings

16. Announcements

- Tuesday February 25, 2025, 7:00 p.m., meeting to discuss the future of community centres at the Caledonia Community Centre in St-Bernardin
- Friday February 28, 2025, Limoges Firefighter Association Bingo, Community hall at the St-Viateur School
- Tuesday, March 22, 2025, puzzle competition, St-Viateur School in Limoges, registration required.
- We now have a Library Board, the next steps will be announced soon.

17. Strategic Discussion

18. Closed session

19. Confirming By-law

Resolution: RES-CM-32-2025

Moved by: Daniel Boisvenue

Seconded by: Alain Mainville

Be it resolved that By-law no. 15-2025 to confirm the proceedings of Council at its regular meeting of February 24, 2025, be read and adopted in 1st, 2nd and 3rd reading.

Carried

20. Notice of public meeting

- Regular Council meeting, March 10, 2025 (to be confirmed)
- Regular Council meeting, March 24, 2025

21. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Francis Brière, Mayor

Aimée Roy, Clerk

