

Council Minutes

The Corporation of Norfolk County

November 25, 2025

1:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

Norfolk County Administration Building
50 Colborne St. S., Simcoe ON

Members Present: A. Martin, Mayor, D. Brunton, M. Columbus, A. Duthie,
L. Vandendriessche, C. Van Paassen, A. Veri

Members Absent: K. Huffman, T. Masschaele

Staff Present: B. Cridland, General Manager of Community and Development
Services, A. Grice, General Manager of Public Works,
A. Meneses, Chief Administrative Officer, T. Rodrigues, Deputy
Clerk, H. VanDyk, General Manager of Corporate Services,
A. Fanning, Treasurer/Director, K. VandenBulck, Legislative and
Privacy Coordinator, L. Castles, Committee Coordinator,
W. Tigert, County Clerk, B. Nolan, Acting General Manager of
Emergency and Social Services, A. Cull, Manager of Planning
Services, A. Wallace, Planner, S. Gardner, Senior Economic
Development Officer, L. Kalliokoski, Economic Development
Coordinator

1. Indigenous Acknowledgement / Ceremonial Activities

Mayor Martin read the Indigenous Acknowledgement.

The Municipality of Norfolk County is committed to furthering Truth and Reconciliation in our communities. We recognize the historical and current contributions of Indigenous Peoples throughout Canada, and particularly in Norfolk County, that have added to the rich cultural and social fabric that exists here today. We will strive to continually strengthen and develop the spirit of

respect, cooperation and collaboration to the mutual benefit of all Norfolk County residents.”

1.1 Governor General's Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal

Mayor Martin, on behalf of Council, congratulated Jennifer Hancock, Tiiu Jaanusson and Steve Potz on their award.

1.2 Recognition of Service

Mayor Martin, on behalf of Council, congratulated Brian Suggett on 40 years with the Simcoe District Youth Soccer Club.

2. Approval of Agenda/Changes to the Agenda

Resolution No. C-247

Moved By: Councillor Columbus

Seconded By: Councillor Duthie

That the agenda be amended to include the following:

- Communication from the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
Re: Conservation Authorities
- Communication from the Town of Kingsville Re: Opposition to Proposed Consolidation of Conservation Authorities
- A Deputation from Fariha Husain Re: Agenda Item 12.5.2 - Proposed Energy Storage Project - Municipal Support – NRStor

Having received 2/3 majority, the motion is

Carried.

Resolution No. C-248

Moved By: Councillor Brunton

Seconded By: Councillor Vandendriessche

That the agenda be approved as amended.

Carried.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Duthie declared a conflict of interest with Agenda item 12.2.1 ZNPL2025179 - 129 Queensway West as per the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 1990, due to his employer having a business relationship with the applicant.

4. Early Closed Session

There was no early closed session.

5. Consent Items

Resolution No. C-249

Moved By: Councillor Van Paassen

Seconded By: Councillor Veri

That the following Consent item be approved as presented:

5.1 Supplementary Report Accompanying By-Law 2025-097 – 2026 User Fees and Service Charges, CS-25-169

That the Supplementary Report Accompanying By-Law 2025-097 – 2026 User Fees and Service Charges be received as information; and

That Council adopt the recommended revised Licensing schedule as presented in Attachment A, which incorporates the business registry fees for “brick-and-mortar” businesses; and

That Council adopt the recommended revised Community Centre and Hall Rentals schedule as presented in Attachment B; and

Further that Council direct staff to incorporate the changes outlined in this report into By-Law 2025-097 to establish 2026 User Fees and Service Charges.

Carried.

6. Communications

Councillor Van Paassen pulled communication items 6.8 Resolution from the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and 6.9 Letter from the Town of Kingsville for discussion.

Resolution No. C-250

Moved By: Councillor Columbus

Seconded By: Councillor Vandendriessche

That the following communication items be received as information:

- Letter from Gary McNamara, SWIFT Board Chair
- Letter from Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance
- Email from the Ministry of Natural Resources
- Letter from Barry Field, SWIFT Executive Director
- Letter from the Hon. Robert Flack, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Letter from Mayor Shelley Ann Bentley
- Municipal Notice from Long Point Region Conservation Authority
- Resolution from the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry
- Letter from the Town of Kingsville

Carried.

Resolution No. C-251

Moved By: Councillor Van Paassen

Seconded By: Councillor Brunton

That a letter be sent to the Ontario Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks asking for more time to consider the amalgamation of the Conservation Authorities to allow for more discussions with the existing Conservation Authorities.

Carried.

7. Deputations

7.1 John van Logenstein, CEM, Re: Agenda Item 12.5.1 Windham Power Plant

John van Logenstein, CEM did not provide his own deputation, he contributed to Matt Lensink's deputation as they are from the same company.

7.2 Matt Lensink, CEM, Re: Agenda Item 12.5.1 Windham Power Plant

Matt Lensink, CEM, presented his deputation and responded to questions.

John van Logenstein, CEM, responded to questions.

Alisha Cull, Manager of Planning Services, responded to questions.

Susan Gardner, Senior Economic Development Officer, responded to questions.

Resolution No. C-252

Moved By: Councillor Duthie

Seconded By: Councillor Brunton

That the deputation be received as information.

Carried.

7.3 Alison Goudy, Skyline Energy, Re: Agenda Item 12.5.3 Skyline Clean Energy

Matt Kennedy, Skyline Energy, presented with the aid of a slide deck and responded to questions.

Resolution No. C-253

Moved By: Councillor Duthie

Seconded By: Councillor Vandendriessche

That the deputation be received as information.

Carried.

7.4 Fariha Husain, NRStor, Re: Agenda Item 12.5.2 Proposed Energy Storage Project – Municipal Support - NRStor

Fariha Husain, NRStor, presented with the aid of a slide deck and responded to questions.

Resolution No. C-254

Moved By: Councillor Columbus

Seconded By: Councillor Brunton

That the deputation be received as information.

Carried.

8. Presentations

There were no presentations.

9. Approval of Minutes

Resolution No. C-255

Moved By: Councillor Vandendriessche

Seconded By: Councillor Veri

That the following minutes be approved as presented:

- Special Council Meeting Minutes - October 21, 2025
- Council Meeting Minutes - October 28, 2025
- Special Council Meeting Minutes - November 20, 2025

Carried.

10. Reports of Committees of the Whole

Resolution No. C-256

Moved By: Councillor Duthie

Seconded By: Councillor Brunton

That the following minutes be approved as presented:

- Public Hearing Committee Minutes - November 4, 2025
- Council-In-Committee Meeting Minutes - November 13, 2025
- Budget Committee Meeting Minutes - October 28, 2025

Carried.

11. Reports of Advisory Committees

Resolution No. C-257

Moved By: Councillor Vandendriessche

Seconded By: Councillor Columbus

That the following minutes of the advisory committees and local boards be received as information:

- Simcoe BIA Meeting Minutes - September 10, 2025
- Grand Erie Public Health Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2025
- Long Point Region Conservation Authority - Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - October 1, 2025
- Delhi BIA Meeting Minutes - October 9, 2025
- Simcoe BIA Meeting Minutes - October 8, 2025
- Sustainability Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes - July 11, 2025

Carried.

12. Staff Reports/Discussion Items

12.1 Emergency & Social Services

There were no reports from Emergency & Social Services

12.2 Community and Development Services

12.2.1 ZNPL2025179 - 129 Queensway East, Simcoe, CDS-25-094

Councillor Duthie declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 12.2.1 ZNPL2025179 - 129 Queensway West as per the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 1990, due to his employer having a business relationship with the applicant.

Councillor Duthie left the room and did not partake in any discussion or vote.

Andrew Wallace, Planner, presented the report.

Alisha Cull, Manager of Planning Services, responded to questions.

Susan Gardner, Senior Economic Development Officer, responded to questions.

Resolution No. C-258

Moved By: Councillor Van Paassen

Seconded By: Councillor Vandendriessche

That application ZNPL2025179 affecting lands described as 129 Queensway East, Simcoe, Norfolk County, to amend the Norfolk County Zoning By-law 1-Z-14 from Shopping Centre Commercial (CSC) with Special Provision 14.611 to Shopping Centre Commercial (CSC) with amended Special Provision 14.611 **be approved**, as shown in Attachment A to Report CDS-25-094; and

Further that all public input received for this application was considered as part of the decision, as outlined in staff report CDS-25-094.

Carried.

12.3 Public Works

There were no reports from Public Works.

12.4 Corporate Services

There were no reports from Corporate Services.

12.5 Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

12.5.1 Proposed Energy Storage Project – Municipal Support - Norfolk Resilient Generation Inc., CAO-25-093

Councillor Duthie rejoined the meeting.

Susan Gardner, Senior Economic Development Officer, presented the report and responded to questions.

Lindsay Kalliokoski, Economic Development Coordinator, spoke to this matter and responded to questions.

Resolution No. C-259

Moved By: Councillor Van Paassen

Seconded By: Councillor Columbus

That Report CD-25-093, Proposed Energy Project – Municipal Support – Norfolk Resilient Generation Inc be received for information; and

That Council approve the attached resolution of Municipal Support.

Carried.

12.5.2 Proposed Energy Storage Project – Municipal Support - NRStor, CAO-25-089

Lindsay Kalliokoski, Economic Development Coordinator, spoke to this matter.

Resolution No. C-260

Moved By: Councillor Duthie

Seconded By: Councillor Veri

That Report CD-25-089, Proposed Energy Storage Project – Municipal Support be received for information; and

That Council approve the attached resolution of municipal support.

Carried.

12.5.3 Proposed Energy Storage Project – Municipal Support - Skyline Clean Energy SPV I Inc., CAO-25-092

Lindsay Kalliokoski, Economic Development Coordinator, presented the report.

Susan Gardner, Senior Economic Development Officer, responded to questions.

Andrew Grice, General Manager of Public Works, responded to questions.

Resolution No. C-261

Moved By: Councillor Van Paassen

Seconded By: Councillor Columbus

That Report CD-25-092, Proposed Energy Storage Project – Municipal of Support – Skyline Clean Energy SPV I Inc. be received for information; and

That Council approve the attached resolution of Municipal Support.

Carried.

13. By-Laws

Resolution No. C-262

Moved By: Councillor Vandendriessche

Seconded By: Councillor Veri

That By-laws 2025-90 and 2025-92 to 2025-93 and 2025-95 to 2025-97 consecutively be read a first, second and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

- By-Law 2025-90 - Being a By-Law to Provide for the Temporary Closure of bonnie Drive between Norfolk Street North and Colborne Street North, and to Prohibit or Regulate Parking on All or Portions of Streets in Simcoe (Simcoe Christmas Panorama)
- By-Law 2025-92 - Being a By-Law to Establish Highways Within Norfolk County and to Dedicate Such as Parts of Established Highways.
- By-Law 2025-93 - Being a By-Law to Stop Up, Close and Convey Part of Pine Road East, Plan 436. being Parts 1-5 on Plan 37R-11854; Norfolk County

- By-Law 2025-95 - Being a By-Law to amend the assessment schedules based on actual costs incurred for constructing various drains.
- By-Law 2025-96 - Being a By-Law to Provide for Water Rates to Finance the Supply and Distribution of Water and to provide for Wastewater Rates to Finance the Collection and Treatment of Wastewater in Respect of Various Water and Wastewater Systems
- By-Law 2025-97 - Being a by-law to Establish User Fees and Service Charges

Carried.

Councillor Duthie declared a conflict of interest with Agenda item 12.2.1 ZNPL2025179 - 129 Queensway West as per the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, 1990, due to his employer having a business relationship with the applicant.

Councillor Duthie left the room and did not partake in any discussion or vote.

Resolution No. C-263

Moved By: Councillor Veri

Seconded By: Councillor Columbus

That By-law 2025-94 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

- By-Law 2025-94 - Being a By-Law to Amend Zoning By-Law 1-Z-2014, as amended, for property described as TWN CON 14 PT LOT 2 RP 37R6340 PT Part 1, Norfolk County, municipally known as 129 Queensway East, Simcoe

Carried.

14. Motions

There were no Motions.

15. Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

16. Other Business

16.1 Norfolk County 2026 Budget

Resolution No. C-264

Moved By: Councillor Van Paassen

Seconded By: Councillor Vandendriessche

At the November 20, 2025 Budget Committee meeting, the follow motion was passed and a Council resolution is required:

That Report CS-25-160 Draft 2026-2035 Levy Capital Plan be received as information; and

That the 2026 Levy Capital Budget totaling \$69,375,000 be adopted; and

That the Levy Capital Forecast for the years 2027-2035 totaling \$679,465,000 be received as information.

Carried.

Resolution No. C-265

Moved By: Councillor Van Paassen

Seconded By: Councillor Duthie

Under the Strong Mayor Powers, Council, by the following resolution may waive the amendment period as follows:

That Council waive the remainder of the amendment period for the 2026 Levy Capital Budget review;

And that the 2026 Levy Capital Budget, as presented and amended to date, be forwarded to the Mayor for consideration and approval under the Strong Mayor Powers provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Carried.

17. General Announcements

18. Closed Session

Resolution No. C-266

Moved By: Councillor Veri

Seconded By: Councillor Brunton

That Council enter closed session at 2:24 p.m. to discuss an item pursuant to Section 239 (2) (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended as the subject matter pertains:

(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. 2001, c. 25, s. 239 (2); 2017, c. 10, Sched. 1, s. 26.

Carried.

Resolution No. C-267

Moved By: Councillor Vandendriessche

Seconded By: Councillor Columbus

That Council reconvene in open session at 3:16 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor Martin advised that the following was discussed and that staff were provided with direction.

- Consultant Negotiations Forestry Farm Road

19. Confirming By-Law

Resolution No. C-268

Moved By: Councillor Brunton

Seconded By: Councillor Van Paassen

That By-Law 2025-99 being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of Norfolk County at this Regular Council Meeting held on the 25th day of November 2025, be read a first, second and third time and finally passed in Open Council.

- By- Law 2025-99 - Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of the Council of Norfolk County at this Regular Council Meeting Held on the 25th Day of November, 2025

Carried.

20. Adjournment

Resolution No. C-269

Moved By: Councillor Brunton

Seconded By: Councillor Vandendriessche

That Council be adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Carried.

Mayor: A. Martin

Clerk: Wm. Tigert