MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF COCKBURN ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING
5 PM, WEDNESDAY, October 14, 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 –5:08 PM

Call to Order
Declarations of any pecuniary interest

Resolution # 26-10-01
Moved: S. Stewart
Seconded: S. Lacombe

That the October 14, 2026 Council meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

Resolution # 26-10-02
Moved: J. House
Seconded: L. Chappell

That the minutes of September 09, 2026 regular meeting minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

Action Items

Public Works Committee meeting – Council and available Public Works crew

Resolution # 26-10-03
Moved: L. Chappell
Seconded: S. Lacombe

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 – 5:10 PM

CARRIED

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

Council Member Stewart reported:

- Dock repairs have been completed and CIL will remove the docks and hunting season.
- CIL is grading and gravelling the 15th.
- John Deere tractor was brought back to the Island and is experiencing the same issues. It will be returned back to the mainland and John Deere will be paying for the rapairs and freight to and from the Island.
- Darren has winterized the Township house.
- Calcium has come in and is ready for Spring 2027
- The fuel truck is coming in on the next barge to fill tanks for Spring.
- Councillor Stewart will send the clerk information and pictures of the surplus siding in the Firehall to be tendered.

Resolution # 26-10-04
Moved: S. Stewart
Seconded: J. House

That we return to Open Session
Time – 5:19 PM

CARRIED

Public Works Committee Meeting – go into informal session

Provincial park - reply to letter submitted. No resolution needed.

Resolution # 26-10-
Moved:
Seconded:

That Council directs the Clerk to reply to the letter regarding the Provincial Park with regards to access and hunting.

CARRIED

Update on Public Works truck

Follow up on steel storage cupboards for files. Cupboards go along the front wall of the OPP building.

Resolution # 26-10-05
Moved: L. Chappell
Seconded: J. House

That Council approves the purchase of lockable steel cupboards to store Township documents and files. Councilor Stewart is directed to purchase the cupboards at a cost of approximately $4,000.00 plus delivery.

CARRIED
0000

Application for Emergency Preparedness Grant for generator for Hall has been completed.

Resolution # 26-10-06
Moved: S. Lacombe
Seconded: S. Stewart

That Be It Resolved that Council approves the submission of the application for the Emergency Preparedness Grant for $48,000.00.

CARRIED

Financial Report - Receive report bank balances.

Northern Credit Union Bank balances as of July 28, 2026

Account Name	Available Balance
Dock Account 101	$16,541.27
Heritage Account 102	$76,403.76
Operating Account 100	$324,453.83
1 YEAR 3 PT 1 LANDFILL GIC 403	$10,310.00

TOTAL $417,398.86

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 # 2026-10-07
Moved: J. House
Seconded: L. Chappell

That the Treasurer's report from October 14, 2026 on bank balances, cheques, auto-debit payments, EFTs, e-transfers and the VISA card statement be hereby received.

CARRIED

Council Members' Concerns –

Councillor House reported that he and L. Chappell have completed a summary of the dock project and will submit for private funding.
Algoma EMS trailing will come to the Island or Thessalon to do the first aid training. 7-10 people will cost $2,500.00. Jeff will contact the people on the list to gauge interest.

Councillor Chappell reported that the streetlights were completed. He suggested that Council accept an easement for the unused poles to allow ratepayers to hook up to them with the condition that the homeowner would be responsible for pole maintenance. S. Stewart will reach out to the EAS rep for further information. The Sandcreek brige is progressing. NCC has approved the design and the project plan but have concerns about the removal of the old bridge, insurance and maintenance responsibilities. The bridge will be added to the trail agreement when it expires in 2029. Councillor Chapple will reach out to the engineers.

Councillor Stewart reported a problem with dog waste that is being left all over the dock area. He asked that a reminder be posted on the website and facebook page.

Councillor Lacombe had no concerns.

Mayor Jones inquired about the purchase of the PW truck which has been postponed until the Spring.

Clerk's Report –

a) **Final payment for Hall improvements (NOHFC) received**
b) **GEGP grant – Most of grant has been spent except for approximately $1,500.00. Should it be closed and the balance paid back?**
c) **Blue box program ready to begin. Truck will be parked at the Thessalon Marina for drop offs on Mondays. Time TBD. They will supply 400 80lt bins for ratepayers however this does not seem feasible.**

Council had concerns regarding the program and will table the subject for the new Council to see if they would like to follow up.

d) **MMAH training for new Councillors –** Lynn will pass on further information as it becomes available.
e) **Follow up on medical trailer –** The medical trailer tender will be posted on our website and on the Island facebook page.

CLOSED SESSION if needed.

Adjournment

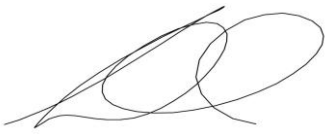
Resolution # 2026-10-08
Moved: S. Lacombe
Seconded: S. Stewart

That this meeting be now adjourned and that Council meet again Wednesday November 18, 2026 by Zoom or at the call of the mayor.

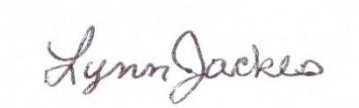
CARRIED

Time 6:11 PM

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY OF MEETING MINUTES
COCKBURN ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING



Mayor, Lee Chappell



Clerk, Lynn Jackes