

MINUTES
VILLAGE OF NEWBURY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026
6:00 pm
Council Chambers



Council: Reeve Diane Brewer
Councillor Clyde Harris
Councillor Russell Patton

Regrets: Councillor Jerard Rajendran
Councillor Kevin Derbyshire

Staff: Cathy Case, Clerk-Treasurer
Chad Trethewey, Fire Chief (for part of meeting)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Reeve Brewer to call the meeting to order.

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act requires any member of Council to declare a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof; and, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the Act.

Councillor Patton declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 7.8 (i) Accounts Listing, items 47, 48, 49 and 50 and agenda item 7.7 (iii) Winter Control 2026-2027 Contract for Snow Removal and Sidewalk Clearing as he is principal owner of Patton Excavating.

3. TIMED EVENTS

There were no delegations or timed events.

4. COUNCIL MINUTES

The Minutes of the regular Council meeting held on July 14, 2026 were reviewed.

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the regular Council meeting held on July 14, 2026 be approved as circulated." – Carried.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. CORRESPONDENCE**NON-ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6.1 Middlesex County – Middlesex County Council Meeting Highlights-July 14, 2026
- 6.2 Ontario Provincial Conservation Authority – Announcement of the members of the transition committees that will support the implementation of regional conservation authority consolidation
- 6.3 St. Clair Region Conservation Authority – Western Lake Erie Regional Conservation Authority Transition-Project Executive Appointed
- 6.4 Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Thames Valley – Invitation to 2026 Annual General Meeting, Monday, September 21, 2026
- 6.5 Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks – Consultation on Two Proposed Regulations Under the Conservation Authorities Act, available for comment on the Ontario Regulatory Registry and the Environmental Registry of Ontario until September 12, 2026

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

“RESOLVED THAT Council receive and file correspondence items 6.1 to 6.5.” – Carried.

ACTION CORRESPONDENCE

- 6.6 Town of Blue Mountains and Township of Puslinch – support for the June 22, 2026 Town of Whitby Council resolution regarding a Review of Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

“RESOLVED THAT Council support the correspondence from the Town of Blue Mountains and the Township of Puslinch calling for Review of Ontario Land Tribunal and Enhancing Deference to Municipal Planning Decisions.” – Carried.

- 6.7 Town of Blue Mountains – support for Halton Hills' March 24, 2026 Resolution Regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules to Protect Taxpayers, Municipal Lands, Agriculture, Natural Heritage and Local Gardens

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council receive and file the correspondence from the Town of Blue Mountains regarding Modernizing Ontario's Invasive Plants Rules." – Carried.

- 6.8 Town of Blue Mountains – support for the Town of Caledon Motion for Provincial Support, Funding and Coordinated Plans to Combat Tick Borne Diseases

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT Council support the Town of Caledon motion for provincial support, funding and coordinated plans to combat tick borne diseases." – Carried.

- 6.9 Township of South-West Oxford – support for Request for Changes to the Pesticides Act to Permit the Use of Pesticides in Playground Areas for Weed Management

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT Council support the Township of South-West Oxford request for changes to the Pesticides Act to permit the use of pesticides in playground areas for weed management." – Carried.

- 6.10 Municipality of South Huron – support for Permanent Doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT Council receive and file correspondence from the Municipality of South Huron regarding the permanent doubling of the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF)." – Carried.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Fire

Fire Chief Chad Trethewey attended the meeting at 7:00 pm.

i) Training Update

The last training night focused on heat and cold street and modifications to duties for volunteer firefighters. The Chief is organizing fire extinguisher training for September.

ii) Firefighter Recruitment

There are no new recruits.

iii) Fire Protection Grant 2026-2027

The Clerk-Treasurer advised that Fire Protection Grant applications are due by September 1, 2026. The Chief priorities an air exchanger and improved internet to be included in the grant application. He would like to have remote openers for the overhead doors, insulation replaced, ceiling repaired and covering on the exposed bay wall.

The Fire Chief also reported that he is getting prices on hose replacement and waiting for the delivery of the gas detector.

The closed session planned for the Council meeting was held when the Fire Chief was in attendance.

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council with the inclusion of the Clerk-Treasurer and Fire Chief move to closed session under Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act (a) the security of property of the municipality or local board, (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees at 7:15 pm." – Carried.

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT Council, the Clerk-Treasurer and Fire Chief rise from closed session; and that regular session resume at 7:40 pm." – Carried.

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT Council approve staff proceeding with negotiating an agreement with the Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc for the provision of fire prevention and fire investigator services." – Carried.

Fire Chief Trethewey left the meeting at 7:45 pm.

7.2 Building Services

The Building Activity Summary for the first half of 2026 was reviewed.

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council accept the Building Activity Summary for the first half of 2026 as submitted by the Chief Building Official." – Carried.

7.3 By-law Enforcement

The By-law Enforcement Report for July 2026 was reviewed.

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

“RESOLVED THAT Council accept the By-law Enforcement Report for July 2026 as submitted by the By-law Enforcement Officer.” – Carried.

7.4 Drainage

- i) Robinson Drain Clean Out – no update
- ii) Catch Basin Repair – intersection York Street and Dundas Street COMPLETED
- iii) Complaint – York Street Drainage – in progress

7.5 Water

- i) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks

The Drinking Water and Environmental Compliance Division of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks completed an unannounced inspection of the Newbury Distribution System on June 11, 2026. There were no instances of non-compliance and/or non-conformance identified during the inspection. The Village received a final inspection rating of 100.00%.

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

“RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Inspection Report for the Newbury Distribution System for inspection completed on June 11, 2026 as submitted by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks.” – Carried.

- ii) Drinking Water Quality Management System 2026 Internal Audit-Village of Newbury Drinking Water System

The 2026 Internal Audit of the Drinking Water Quality Management System for the Village of Newbury Drinking Water System was completed on May 20, 2026 with the final report prepared on July 10, 2026.

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

“RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Drinking Water Quality Management System 2026 Internal Audit of the Village of Newbury Drinking Water System dated July 10, 2026 as submitted by BluMetric Environmental Inc.” – Carried.

7.6 Sewer

7.7 Administration**i) Newbury Library Services**

Two quotes for the remediation of the basement of the Newbury Library building have been received.

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council accept the quote from Belfor Property Restoration for remediation of the Newbury Library Basement." – Carried.

ii) Pine Road – Construction Materials Dumped

The Clerk-Treasurer advised that the construction debris required a contractor to clean up based on the quantity. All debris has been cleared and disposed of.

iii) Winter Control 2026-2027 Contract for Snow Removal and Sidewalk Clearing

Councillor Patton declared a pecuniary interest, vacated his chair and left Council Chambers.

This agenda item will be brought forward to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

iv) Final Council Meeting of the Term

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council hold meetings as scheduled to the end of this term." – Carried.

7.8 Financial**i) Accounts Listing**

Council was unable to approve the accounts in the amount of \$103,153.80 as there was no quorum following the declaration of pecuniary interest by Councillor Patton.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Council Member Business (Each council member is given the opportunity to bring new business to the table.)

The Clerk-Treasurer advised that a request to conduct door-to-door sales of educational books had been received. The salesperson will be asked to provide the Municipal Services Office of advance notice before going door to door.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Closed Session was held when the Fire Chief was in attendance.

10. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**11. BY-LAWS****11.1 By-law No. 16-26 to confirm the proceedings of Council**

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 16-26, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Village of Newbury be given first, second and third reading this 11 day of August, 2026." – Carried.

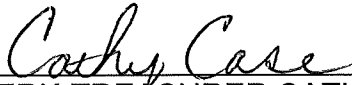
12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn at 8:00 pm." – Carried.


REEVE DIANE BREWER


CLERK-TREASURER CATHY CASE