

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF NEWBURY COUNCIL MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026  
6:00 pm  
Council Chambers



Council: Reeve Diane Brewer  
Councillor Kevin Derbyshire (arrived at 7:10 pm)  
Councillor Clyde Harris  
Councillor Russell Patton

Regrets: Councillor Jerard Rajendran

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Reeve Brewer called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**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), specifically item number 39 and item number 60.7, as he is the principal owner of the company.

**3. TIMED EVENTS**

There were no delegations.

**4. COUNCIL MINUTES**

The Minutes of the regular Council meeting held on May 12, 2026 were reviewed.

Moved By: Councillor Harris  
Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the regular Council meeting held on May 12, 2026 be approved as circulated." – Carried.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor Harris asked for an update on the sludge from wastewater treatment plant. Councillor Patton advised that the sludge had been pumped out and land applied.

**6. CORRESPONDENCE****NON-ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6.1 Middlesex County – Middlesex County Council Meeting Highlights-May 12, 2026 and May 26, 2026
- 6.2 Middlesex County – Library Board Highlights-May 26, 2026
- 6.3 Warden Susan Clarke, Middlesex County – Local Council Visit Follow Up
- 6.4 Middlesex County – Newbury 2025 Planning Summary Report
- 6.5 St. Clair Conservation – St. Clair Region Conservation Authority Board Meeting Highlights April 16, 2026
- 6.6 Middlesex Dairy Producers Committee – Invitation to Dairy Day, Friday, June 26, 2026 in Denfield
- 6.7 Municipality of Southwest Middlesex – Notice of Application and Public Meeting-Municipally-Initiated Housekeeping Official Plan Amendment

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

“RESOLVED THAT Council receive and file correspondence items 6.1 to 6.7.” – Carried.

**ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

- 6.8 Town of Plympton-Wyoming – Support for Sustainable Provincial Grant Funding for Fire Services in Ontario

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

“RESOLVED THAT Council support the resolution from the Town of Plympton-Wyoming calling on the Province of Ontario to transition the current practice of competitive provincial fire service grant programs into a permanent, stable, and predictable non-competitive provincial funding program that supports municipalities in meeting provincially legislated fire protection requirements; that this funding be structured to provide equitable and predictable annual support for operational readiness and training costs associated with volunteer, composite and full-time fire departments across Ontario; and that the annual value of the funding be reviewed and adjusted to more appropriately reflect the level of provincial funding support currently provided to other provincially regulated emergency services, including policing and paramedic services.” – Carried.

- 6.9 Township of North Glengarry – support for the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus resolution 2026-03: Ontario Most Outdated Property Reassessment in Canada: A Call to Return to Property Tax Reassessment Cycle

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT Council support the resolution from the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus calling on the Government of Ontario to commit to a clear and prompt return to the property tax reassessment cycle." – Carried.

- 6.10 Municipality of Wawa – support for Province of Ontario to undertake comprehensive, province-wide consultation process prior to making any decisions regarding changes to school board governance, including the potential elimination of trustees

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council support the resolution from the Municipality of Wawa for the Province of Ontario to undertake a comprehensive, province-wide consultation process prior to making any decisions regarding changes to school board governance, including the potential elimination of trustees." – Carried.

- 6.11 Township of Clearview – support for Vacant Commercial Storefront Tax

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council receive and file correspondence from the Township of Clearview." – Carried.

- 6.12 Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands – requesting that the Province of Ontario provide immediate and sustained funding to improve hospital finances and capacity

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council support the resolution from Northeastern Manitoulin & The Islands requesting that the Province of Ontario provide immediate and sustained funding to improve hospital finances and capacity." – Carried.

## **7. STAFF REPORTS**

### **7.1 Fire**

Fire Chief Chad Trethewey presented his report to Council at 7:00 pm.

i) Training Update

Ladders checks and set up was conducted at the last regular training meeting. Chief Trethewey is investigating hiring a consultant to implement a training program and conduct training on a quarterly basis.

ii) Firefighter Recruitment

Chief Trethewey will be accepting a new recruit. The individual has no prior fire training. Following the 6-month probationary period, the recruit will be required to attend fire school.

iii) Fire Protection Grant 2025-2026

The Clerk-Treasurer will provide the Fire Chief with the approved list of expenditures for the Fire Protection Grant.

Chief Trethewey advised that he has ordered a new gas monitor for the department.

iv) Fire Truck Repairs Update

The pumper truck is operating well. Annual safety checks will be done later in the year.

Other:

Chief Trethewey reported that he will be meeting with OFM Fire Coordinator to update the annual Fire Protection Profile. The firefighters will be assisting with Canada Day activities again this year.

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

## **7.2 Building Services**

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Q1-2026 Building Activity Summary as submitted by the Chief Building Official." – Carried.

## **7.3 By-law Enforcement**

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council accept the By-law Enforcement Report for May 2026 as submitted by the By-law Enforcement Officer." – Carried.

**7.4 Drainage**

## i) Robinson Drain Clean Out

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Clerk-Treasurer to send the contractor a notice that the Village will be cancelling the contract for the Robinson Drain Clean Out with the company if there is no response or action taken by August 15, 2025." – Carried.

## ii) Catch Basin Repair – intersection York Street and Dundas Street

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Reeve Brewer

"RESOLVED THAT Council hire Patton Excavating to repair the catch basin at the intersection of York Street and Dundas Street by replacing bricks with poured concrete and replacing grate." – Carried.

## iii) Complaint – York Street Drainage

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Reeve Brewer

"RESOLVED THAT Council hire Patton Excavating to install a concrete catch basin and tile along York Street."—carried.

**7.5 Water**

## i) 2025 Summary Report for the Southwest Middlesex Distribution System in accordance with Section 11 and Section 22 of O.Reg. 170/03, under the Safe Drinking Water Act

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council receive and accept the 2025 Summary Report for the Southwest Middlesex Distribution System prepared by the Ontario Clean Water Agency." – Carried.

## ii) Water Financial Plan 2026-2031

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Village of Newbury Drinking Water Quality Management System Financial Plan for 2026-2031 as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer." – Carried.

## 7.6 Sewer

## 7.7 Administration

### i) Community Watch Party at the Park

Casey Shannon, Do Good Things Inc., has inquired about hosting a Community Watch Party at the Park on Saturday, August 22, 2026 for the CBC re-broadcast of The Tragically Hip's final concert. She is looking for Council support for the event.

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council support a Community Watch Party on Saturday, August 22, 2026 organized by Casey Shannon of Do Good Things Inc. and that Village staff provide assistance with inspecting and setting up equipment for the event, as well as advertising." – Carried.

### ii) Enbridge Natural Gas Line Installation

Enbridge Gas Inc. has submitted an Application for Municipal Approval to install approximately 80m of gas main on the east side of James Street

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of Newbury approve the Application for Municipal Approval as submitted by Enbridge Gas Inc. for the installation of approximately 80m of NPS 2 PE gas main on the east side of James Street with the gas line located 0.9m off property line in the municipal road allowance." – Carried.

### iii) North Frontenac Telephone Company - Extension

North Frontenac Telephone Company has requested permission to extend their current live network approximately 300 metres into the Village of Newbury along Hagerty Road.

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Village of Newbury approve the request from the North Frontenac Telephone Company to extend buried fibre optic cable approximately 300 metres in to the Village of Newbury along Hagerty Road on the condition that directional drilling be the preferred method of installation; that a representative from Sco-Terra Operations Group be on site at all times during installation; and that North Frontenac Telephone Company be responsible for the cost of on-site supervision by Sco-Terra Operations Group." – Carried.

## iv) Middlesex County – Safety Analysis – Hagerty Road and Concession Drive

Moved By: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

RESOLVED THAT Council receive the CR1 Hagerty Road and CR14 Concession Drive Intersection dated April 27, 2026 as submitted by Chris Traini, County Engineer but disagree that the intersection is operating with appropriate traffic control measures and request that the County of Middlesex consider the installation of larger stop signs and rumble strips on the east approach to the intersection at minimum.” – Carried.

## v) Pine Road – Construction Materials Dumped

The Clerk-Treasurer was directed to see if Village staff are able to clean up the dumped construction materials.

## vi) Appointment of Community Activity Committee

Composition of the Community Activity Committee has changed. Council needs to update the appointment of the voluntary committee members.

Moved By: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

“RESOLVED THAT Council appoint Ashley Patton, Amy Fennell, Kodi Currie, Veronica Mawson, Chad Fennell as community representatives and Councillors Clyde Harris and Russell Patton to the Village of Newbury Community Activity Committee.” – Carried.

## vii) Road Closures for Canada Day

The Community Activity Committee has requested that Council approve the following road closures for the annual Canada Day event:

- Dundas Street from Hagerty Road to Broadway Street
- Broadway Street from Queen Street to Tucker Street

The road closures would be in effect from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Emergency Vehicles will be able to access the streets if necessary.

Moved By: Councillor Patton

Seconded By: Councillor Derbyshire

“RESOLVED THAT Council approve the temporary closures of Dundas Street from Hagerty Road to Broadway Street and Broadway Street from Queen Street to Tucker Street between 7:00 am and 11:00 pm on Wednesday, July 1, 2026 for the Canada Day event at the discretion of the organizing committee and that emergency services be notified in advance of the event.” – Carried.

viii) Newbury Library Services

A verbal update on the Newbury Library was provided at the meeting. The Clerk-Treasurer was directed to request clarification from the Middlesex County Library Board regarding reinstatement of library services for the Newbury Branch.

viii) 2026 Municipal Budget

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council meet in special session on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 6:00 pm to review the 2026 Budget." – Carried.

## 7.8 Financial

i) Accounts Listing

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Derbyshire

"RESOLVED THAT Council approve the accounts in the amount of \$145,399.14 as presented." – Carried.

ii) Financial Report

Moved By: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council receive the Financial Information Report dated June 9, 2026 as presented." – Carried.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

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

There was no new business brought forward by the members of Council.

Clerk-Treasurer Case advised that the park sewer lines and a plugged drain have been repaired at the Newbury Park. The welcome sign at the north end of the Village needs to be stabilized. Councillor Patton will investigate.

## 9. CLOSED SESSION

Moved By: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"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 7:30pm." – Carried.

**10. RISE AND REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION**

Moved By: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council and the Clerk-Treasurer and the Fire Chief rise from closed session and that the Clerk-Treasurer proceed as directed in closed session; and that regular session resume at 7:45 pm." – Carried.

**11. BY-LAWS****11.1 By-law No. 10-26 to confirm the proceedings of Council**

Moved By: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 10-26, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Village of Newbury be given first, second and third reading this 9 day of June, 2026.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

Moved By: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded By: Councillor Patton

"RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn at 8:50 pm." – Carried.

  
REEVE DIANE BREWER

  
CLERK-TREASURER CATHY CASE