

MINUTES  
VILLAGE OF NEWBURY COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026  
6:00 pm  
Council Chambers



Council: Reeve Diane Brewer  
Councillor Kevin Derbyshire  
Councillor Clyde Harris  
Councillor Jerard Rajendran (attended by Zoom)

Regrets: Councillor Russell Patton

Staff: Cathy Case, Clerk-Treasurer

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.

There were no pecuniary interests declared.

3. **TIMED EVENTS**

4. **COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular Council meeting held on December 11, 2025 were reviewed.

Moved By: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT the minutes from the regular Council meeting held on December 11, 2025 be approved as circulated." – Carried.

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor Rajendran advised that the long-term care facility program that he is investigating needs the support from the local hospital board. He would like to reach out to the Four Counties Hospital Board to discuss opportunities.

Moved By: Councillor Rajendran

Seconded By: Councillor Derbyshire

“RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Councillor Rajendran to be the contact with the Four Counties Hospital Board and that the Clerk-Treasurer send a letter to advise

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

6.1 Middlesex County – Middlesex County Council Meeting Highlights-  
December 9, 2025

6.2 The Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and  
Response – Emergency Management Modernization Act Achieves Royal  
Assent

6.3 Middlesex-London Health Unit – Report No. 83-25 re: Monitoring Food  
Availability and Implications for Public Policy and Action (2025)

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Derbyshire

“RESOLVED THAT Council receive and file correspondence items 6.1 to 6.3.” –  
Carried.

**ACTION CORRESPONDENCE**

6.4 Town of Parry Sound – requesting support in urging the Government of  
Ontario to collaborate meaningfully with municipalities, retailers,  
environmental organizations, and experts to implement a fair, effective, and  
inclusive solution that ensures the long-term success of Ontario's deposit-  
return and recycling systems

Moved By: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

“RESOLVED THAT Council support the Town of Parry Sound in urging the Government  
of Ontario to collaborate meaningfully with municipalities, retailers, environmental  
organizations, and experts to implement a fair, effective, and inclusive solution that  
ensures the long-term success of Ontario's deposit-return and recycling systems.” –  
Carried.

- 6.5 Jenny Kwan, MP – requesting support for Bill C-233, the No-More Loopholes Act, a Private Member's Bill to close the longstanding loophole that allows Canadian-made arms, components, and military technologies to be exported to the US without permits, risk assessments, or transparency

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Derbyshire

“RESOLVED THAT Council note and file correspondence from Jenny Kwan, MP regarding Bill C-233.” – Carried.

- 6.6 Town of Ingersoll – requesting support in calling on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service delivery, and the protection and management of conservation lands

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Rajendran

“RESOLVED THAT Council support the resolution from the Town of Ingersoll and other municipalities and call on the Government of Ontario to maintain local, independent, municipally governed, watershed-based conservation authorities to ensure strong local representation in decisions related to municipal levies, community-focused service deliver, and the protection and management of conservation lands.” – Carried.

## **7. STAFF REPORTS**

### **7.1 Fire**

Fire Chief Chad Trethewey did not attend the meeting.

- i) Training Update
- ii) Firefighter Recruitment
- iii) Fire Protection Grant 2025-2026

The Fire Protection Grant application has been approved in the amount of \$19,090.00 for field decontamination kits, fire gloves, firefighter hoods, bunker suits, and a portable eye wash station.

Moved By: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded By: Councillor Rajendran

“RESOLVED THAT Council approve the Ontario Fire Protection Grant Transfer Payment Agreement and authorize the Reeve and Clerk-Treasurer to sign the agreement on behalf of the Village.” – Carried.

### **7.2 Building Services**

The Building Permit report for December 2025 was reviewed.

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Derbyshire

“RESOLVED THAT Council accept the Building Permit Report for December 2025 as submitted by the Clerk-Treasurer.” – Carried.

### **7.3 By-law Enforcement**

The By-law Enforcement Reports for November and December 2025 were reviewed.

Moved By: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

“RESOLVED THAT Council accept the By-law Enforcement Reports for November and December 2025 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 (no update)

### **7.5 Water**

- i) DWQMS

The Opportunities for Improvement (OFI) and Non-Compliances (NC) Log Sheet of Preventative Actions to January 8, 2026 was reviewed by Council.

- ii) The Clerk-Treasurer advised that a potential watermain leak at the north west intersection of Broadway Street and Tucker Street was found on Saturday, January 17, 2026. Repairs are being coordinated to be completed on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

### **7.6 Sewer**

### **7.7 Administration**

- i) Municipal Insurance Renewal Quotes

The Clerk-Treasurer advised that only McFarlan Rowlands had met the requirements of the request for quotes and that the renewal of the Municipal Insurance Program does require additional reports and information to be submitted in a timely manner.

Moved By: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

“RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Clerk-Treasurer to contact PIB Insurance and advise that quote must be submitted by February 2, 2026 in order to continue to be considered for 2026 Municipal Insurance Program provider.” – Carried.

## **7.8 Financial**

### **i) Accounts Listing**

An updated accounts listing was circulated for Council approval due to the rescheduled meeting date.

Moved By: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded By: Councillor Rajendran

“RESOLVED THAT Council approve the accounts in the amount of \$205,917.18 as presented at the meeting.” – Carried.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Councillor Harris asked that Sco-Terra Operations Group be reminded to being preparing for land application of sludge.

8.2 Other

Clerk-Treasurer Case advised that there were a few individuals interested in joining the Canada Day Committee. A meeting of the committee is to be scheduled.

## **9. CLOSED SESSION**

There was no closed session.

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

## **11. BY-LAWS**

11.1 By-law No. 01-26 to provide for Interim Tax Levies for the year 2026

Moved By: Councillor Rajendran

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

“RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 01-26, being a by-law to provide for interim tax levies for the year 2026 be given first, second and third reading this 21 day of January, 2026.” – Carried.

11.2 By-law No. 02-26 to approve an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for Fire Protection Grant

Moved By: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 02-26, being a by-law to approve an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement for Fire Protection Grant between His Majesty the King in Right of Ontario as represented by the Minister of the Solicitor General and the Village of Newbury be given first, second and third reading this 21 day of January, 2026." – Carried.

11.3 By-law No. 03-26 to confirm the proceedings of Council

Moved By: Councillor Derbyshire

Seconded By: Councillor Harris

"RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 03-26, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Village of Newbury be given first, second and third reading this 21 day of January, 2026." – Carried.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Councillor Harris

Seconded By: Councillor Derbyshire

"RESOLVED THAT Council adjourn at 6:50 pm." – Carried.

  
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REEVE DIANE BREWER

  
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CLERK-TREASURER CATHY CASE