

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ATHENS
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JUNE 8, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT Mayor Herb Scott
Councillors Darin Alguire, Anne Marie Dancy,
Todd Evans, Rob Layng

REGRETS Deputy Mayor Greg Kearney, Councillor Matt Smith

STAFF PRESENT Darlene Noonan, CAO/Clerk Treasurer
Chris Fenlong, Director of Public Works
Gerry Bell, CBO/Fire Chief

ALSO PRESENT Elizabeth Earl, Emily Bohusz, Margaret Rusland

CALL TO ORDER

- H. Scott – called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- None -

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- None -

MINUTES

MOVED BY R. LAYNG

SECONDED BY T. EVANS

THAT Council approve the minutes of April 21st, May 7th and May 11th 2026 meetings as circulated. **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

- D. Noonan - the appointed individual for gardens is unable to continue, however a replacement person has been found.

- R. Layng – G. Kearney questioned a month of rental and not one year for the backhoe rental.

- A. Dancy - why was vote recorded by name on backhoe vote? Explained that it was a motion from the floor by the Mayor asking individually yea or nay, therefore recorded.

- T. Evans - the flooring hasn't been discussed yet.

- D. Noonan - \$800-\$1000 for the chair and table booties.

- T. Evans - Temperance sign? – D. Noonan - couldn't find anything.

DELEGATION(S)

- None -

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

MOVED BY T. EVANS

SECONDED BY R. LAYNG

THAT Council approve the accounts for payment as circulated. **CARRIED**

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

- **Admin. Assistant** – YTD Building report – G. Bell - busy year to date a lot going on right now. – T. Evans – how is price set per permit? – G. Bell- based on dollar value of building – septic price vs. construction – T. Evans - how many visits? – G. Bell - 3 for septic, building it depends on type and size of building – T. Evans - what if more fees collected than time? – D. Noonan - explained the reserve of surplus year vs. deficit year.

- **CAO** – Backhoe purchase - Staff report discussed detailing insurance and training requirements and recommendation that the lease cost for backhoe will be taken from the amount that would have gone to roads equipment reserve. Backhoe lease payments will be set up with the finance company through where the backhoe is being purchased not BMO – lease payment will be reduced from transfer to reserve – CVOR will be looked into if required, training will be setup and provided when completed, circle check and maintenance records will be setup and maintained.

- **CAO** – YTD vs 2026 budget

- **CAO** – Centre '76 – 50th Anniversary

MOVED BY T. EVANS

SECONDED BY R. LAYNG

THAT Council approve the following appointments(s) to the Centre '76 50th celebration ad-hoc committee:

Tom Fenn

Erin Weidenaar

Marsha McNair

Members of Council: Mayor Herb Scott

Councillor Anne Marie Dancy

Councillor Todd Evans

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

- **Leeds Chargers** – request for continued waive of ice charge for U7 program

MOVED BY A. DANCY

SECONDED BY D. ALGUIRE

THAT Council approve the continuance of two x one hour per session free ice times for Leeds Chargers U7 program for the 2026-2027 season.

CARRIED

- **Charleston Lake FX Committee** – support for 2026 fireworks display

MOVED BY D. ALGUIRE

SECONDED BY A. DANCY

THAT Council approve the request and do hereby support the Charleston Lake FX Committee for their 2026 annual fireworks display in Charleston.

CARRIED

- **CAO** – Township of Rideau Lakes – request to extend recreational agreement one year

MOVED BY D. ALGUIRE

SECONDED BY A. DANCY

THAT Council approve the request of the Township of Rideau Lakes to extend the current recreational agreement for an additional one year.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Reminder – Museum presentation – Monday June 15, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. for fire display.

PLANNING

- None –

BY-LAWS

- None -

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

- M. Rusland - glad to see flags on poles.

- E. Earl - Centre '76 - at museum found the actual date was November 13th 1976 opened.

- E. Earl – the Christmas time contest – should be changed, same people win and others will never compete or different categories perhaps – maybe consider starting a Halloween decorating contest, some people prefer one over the other

- E. Earl – regarding the backhoe storage – any extra cost or outside at garage? Yes – H. Scott - outside it will sit not inside the garage, should put a circulating heater on it.

QUERIES AND COMMENTS BY COUNCIL

- **G. Bell** - nothing

- **C. Fenlong** – one maple tree in Memorial Park to take down. – a couple flower beds done last week – west end, need to clean it out and one at Charleston has steel anchored into rock maybe same on west, won't know until we get into it.

- **R. Layng** – policy for anyone on a committee or someone working alone, should we put something together? something that maybe the employees could look at or certain phone number or push button. – H. Scott - should all have a cell phone for 911 call.

- R. Layng - Asset management any update? – C. Fenlong - working through it.

- R. Layng – to G. Bell - building courses – G. Bell - it's been written and writing more before the end of fall, continuing to move forward.

- R. Layng – scanning time sheets and send them to everyone, a better understanding of what's being done during the day. – D. Noonan - staff can scan and email themselves, if the vote of Council.

- **T. Evans** - nothing

- **A. Dancy** - hiring of replacement office staff – D. Noonan – this was discussed that replacement isn't required until March 2027, difficult or impossible to have someone start six months in advance at a couple days a week, will wait until New Year.

- **D. Alguire** – nothing

- **D. Noonan** for G. Kearney – looking for support of \$350 for year-end free ice cream in coordination with JJ's for families through the schools? Being done in another local area this year, might be a good thing to start – discussion – short notice, budget has been set – difficult to get village and rural area participating – maybe with more notice and time to plan next year.

- D. Noonan for G. Kearney – should be looking into purchasing property, selling property the Township owns.

- D. Noonan for G. Kearney - Provided D. Noonan with contact to work towards info for swing set/playground area next year Centennial Park.

- **H. Scott** – Time sheets – have always trusted employees and does not need them sent to him or to see them – R. Layng - it's not trust it's to better understand and explain to community the jobs and duties. R. Layng and A. Dancy would like them sent to see them. – T. Evans - for a bit to see them but then once understand not required. – D. Alguire - not a trust issue personally, would like to know what's going on with staff of municipality but don't need to see it for six months or 8 months or two years, just for 30 days or 4 weeks. Individual piece of literature this is what's going on and then decide if we are content or do we need to see more. – H. Scott - doesn't need to see them.

- H. Scott - two trees in Quaker Cemetery can we get them on the ground?

- H. Scott - speed signs not working, can they be taken down not much sense in being up – yes.

- H. Scott - truck in County package, buying 4 light weight trucks and cost \$51,000 a piece and trucks trading one has 242,000 km - 2016 and another 2018. I'd like to see us use a schedule like that here rather than trading at 100,000 km here – and every 5 years – that one is ten years – in this case it's based on km and once it hits a range it's gone.

- H. Scott - Perth - dedicating their cross walk to veterans – could we find out who did it and see if they could do it in Athens. – D. Alguire – will get information believes it's the legion coordinated.

NOTICE OF MOTION

- None –

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY A. DANCY

SECONDED BY D. ALGUIRE

THAT there being no further business this meeting of Council adjourn at 8:45 p.m., Council to meet again Monday July 13th 2026 at 7:00 pm or sooner at the call of the Mayor.

CARRIED

MAYOR

CLERK