



Municipalité de / Municipality of Val Rita-Harty
October 21, 2025 - Regular - 06:00 PM

- 1 **Appel à l'ordre/Called To Order**
- 2 **Reconnaissance des terres traditionnelles/Traditional Land Acknowledgement**
- 3 **Récit de la mission et de la vision de la municipalité/Recital of the Municipal Mission and Vision Statement**
- 4 **Adoption de l'ordre du jour/Approval of Agenda**
THAT Council adopts the agenda as circulated.
- 5 **Déclarations d'intérêts divergents (pécuniaires)/Declarations of Disqualifying Interest (Pecuniary)**
- 6 **Discours du maire/Mayor's Address**
- 7 **Délégations/présentations/Delegations/Presentations**
- 8 **Session de travail du Comité plénier/Committee of the Whole Working Session**
- 8.1 **Budget Variance Report**
🔗 Budget Variance Report
- 9 **Approbation du procès-verbal de la (des) dernière(s) réunion(s)/Approval of the Minutes of the Most Recent Meeting (s)**
THAT the following minutes be adopted as circulated:
 - August 26, 2025 Special Meeting of Council;
 - September 2, 2025 Special Meeting of Council;
 - September 22, 2025 Public Meeting;
 - September 22, 2025 Special Meeting of Council;
 - September 23, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council;
 - September 24, 2025 Special Meeting of Council; and
 - October 2, 2025 Special Meeting of Council.
 - 🔗 August 26, 2025 Special Meeting of Council
 - 🔗 September 2, 2025 Special Meeting of Council
 - 🔗 September 22, 2025 Public Meeting
 - 🔗 September 22, 2025 Special Meeting
 - 🔗 September 23, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council
 - 🔗 September 24, 2025 Special Meeting of Council
 - 🔗 October 2, 2025 Special Meeting of Council

- 10 Orientations du Conseil pour la réunion précédente/Council Direction From the Previous Meeting**
- 11 Affaires législatives/Legislative Matters**
- 11.1 Bylaw to retroactively approve decisions made on July 9, 2025
- THAT Bylaw No. 2021-25 being a bylaw to retroactively approve decisions made on July 9, 2025 is hereby read and adopted.
- 🔗 Bylaw to retroactively approve decisions made on July 9, 2025 1
- 11.2 To amend Bylaw No. 1210-25, to Authorize Signing Authority
- THAT Bylaw No. 1210-25, being a bylaw to authorize signing authority for the Municipality, Schedule "A" be amended with the addition of Councillor Steven Lambert and Schedule "B" be amended with the addition of the Working Foreman.
- 11.3 Municipal Drinking Water Licence Renewal 2026-2031 - Financial Plan
- THAT Council adopts the 2026-2031 Municipal Drinking Water Financial Plan as presented.
- 🔗 Municipal Drinking Water Licence Renewal 2026-2031 - Financial Plan
- 🔗 VRH Waterworks Financial Plan 2026-2031
- 12 Affaires administratives/Administrative Matters**
- 12.1 Committee Appointments
- THAT Councillor Steven Lambert be appointed to the North Centennial Manor Board of Directors and to the Cochrane Provincial Offences Act (POA) Board of Directors for 2025-26.
- 12.2 2026 Municipal & School Board Elections
- THAT Council receive the Staff Report Admin.2025-October 21, 2025 entitled 2026 Municipal Elections - Method of Selection; THAT Council approve Internet and Telephone Voting as a method of voting for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections and FURTHERMORE that Staff be directed to prepare the necessary bylaws and contracts.
- 🔗 2026 Municipal & School Board Elections
- 12.3 Northern Corridor Chamber Shop Local Campaign
- THAT report regarding the Northern Corridor Chamber Shop Local Campaign be received and THAT the Treasurer be authorized to contribute 4250 to the Northern Corridor Chamber of Commerce shop local campaign.
- 🔗 Northern Corridor Chamber Shop Local Campaign 1
- 12.4 Consent Agenda Matters
- THAT the following Consent Agenda Items be received by Council:
1. Hon. Michael Kerzner, Solicitor General, informing Council of the 2026 Policing Costs Increase Cap, excluding costs related to any service enhancements;
 2. Guy Bourgouin, MPP, requesting support for the Private Member's Bill "Northern Highway 11 and 17 Safety Act"; and
 3. City of Timmins, formally opposing any reduction in scheduled air flights at the

Timmins Victor M. Power Airport.

📎 Solicitor General

📎 Guy Bourgouin, MPP

📎 Projet de loi 49

📎 Corporation of the City of Timmins

13 Questions relatives à l'encadrement/Leadership Issues

14 Huis clos/Closed Session

THAT Council does now move into Closed Session at _____p.m. pursuant to the *Municipal Act* Section 239(2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, (d) labour relations or employee negotiations and (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications for that purpose to consider:

1. Confidential Personnel matters
2. Confidential Legal matters

15 Calendrier/Calendar

THAT Council approves the date change for the December Regular Meeting of Council to December 9, 2025.

📎 Request for December 2025 meeting date change

16 Confirmation des procédures/Confirmation of Proceedings

THAT Council for the Township of Val Rita-Harty hereby approves the Confirmatory Bylaw No. 1221 this 21st day of October, 2025.

📎 Confirmatory Bylaw

17 Ajournement/Adjournment

BUDGET VARIANCE - NOT RECONCILED

DESCRIPTION	2025	
	BUDGET	AS OF 09 30
<u>LEVELS OF SERVICE/OPERATIONAL REVENUES</u>		
TAXATION	1,725,000.00	1,725,000.23
HUMAN RESOURCES	4,000.00	0.00
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	442,065.00	338,420.02
PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY SERVICES	17,800.00	3,454.06
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	4,000.00	0.00
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00
HEALTH SERVICES	3,500.00	1,103.59
RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL SERVICES	19,199.00	14,335.44
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	2,050.00	3,570.00
TOTAL LEVELS OF SERVICE/OPERATIONAL REVENUES	2,217,614.00	2,085,883.34

<u>LEVELS OF SERVICE/OPERATIONAL EXPENSE</u>		
TAXATION	14,800.00	11,106.75
HUMAN RESOURCES	1,177,102.00	698,799.02
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	73,474.00	53,534.83
PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY SERVICES	167,875.00	67,748.85
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	37,900.00	24,309.26
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	76,153.00	22,892.09
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES	251,645.00	200,111.05
RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL SERVICES	7,550.00	4,963.79
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	12,500.00	8,948.53
TOTAL LEVELS OF SERVICE/OPERATIONAL EXPENSE	1,818,999.00	1,092,414.17

<u>ASSET LIFECYCLE COSTS</u>		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	25,000.00	0.00
PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY SERVICES	22,924.00	6,534.07
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	179,408.00	86,838.72
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	29,263.00	8,490.23
RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL SERVICES	94,113.00	35,086.97
TOTAL ASSET LIFECYCLE COSTS	350,708.00	136,949.99

BUDGET VARIANCE - NOT RECONCILED

DESCRIPTION	2025	
	BUDGET	AS OF 09 30
<u>CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	0.00	0.00
PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY SERVICES	0.00	0.00
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	77,691.00	124,791.85
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00
RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL SERVICES	16,460.00	16,460.90
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL REVENUE	94,151.00	141,252.75

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</u>		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES	21,000.00	20,925.79
PROTECTION TO PERSONS & PROPERTY SERVICES	22,130.00	20,825.04
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES	50,000.00	34,525.63
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	43,000.00	0.00
RECREATIONAL & CULTURAL SERVICES	0.00	32,600.72
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	0.00	0.00
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	136,130.00	108,877.18

<u>SOLAR PANELS</u>		
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Levels of Service	45,500.00	26,033.39
Lifecycle	0.00	0.00
Capital	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	45,500.00	26,033.39
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
Levels of Service	9,900.00	0.00
Lifecycle	0.00	0.00
Capital	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	9,900.00	0.00

BUDGET VARIANCE - NOT RECONCILED

DESCRIPTION	2025	
	BUDGET	AS OF 09 30
<u>LIBRARY</u>		
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Levels of Service	0.00	0.00
Lifecycle	0.00	0.00
Capital	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	0.00	0.00
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
Levels of Service	33,619.00	14,394.43
Lifecycle	1,000.00	0.00
Capital	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	34,619.00	14,394.43

<u>CEMETERY</u>		
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Levels of Service	6,000.00	4,491.61
Lifecycle	0.00	0.00
Capital	0.00	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	6,000.00	4,491.61
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
Levels of Service	2,500.00	1,904.48
Lifecycle	10,409.00	9,868.68
Capital	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	12,909.00	11,773.16

BUDGET VARIANCE - NOT RECONCILED

DESCRIPTION	2025	
	BUDGET	AS OF 09 30
<u>HARTY SEWAGE LAGOONS</u>		
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Levels of Service	9,909.90	0.00
Lifecycle	0.00	0.00
Capital	18,445.10	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	28,355.00	0.00
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
Levels of Service	8,355.00	8,386.49
Lifecycle	0.00	0.00
Capital	20,000.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	28,355.00	8,386.49
<u>VAL RITA COMMUNAL WATER & SEWAGE LAGOONS</u>		
<u>REVENUE</u>		
Levels of Service	244,799.10	0.00
Lifecycle	0.00	0.00
Capital	340,847.90	0.00
TOTAL REVENUE	585,647.00	0.00
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
Levels of Service	154,317.00	79,802.61
Lifecycle	61,330.00	13,379.88
Capital	370,000.00	274,363.90
TOTAL EXPENSE	585,647.00	367,546.39
<u>SOCIETE DE DEVELOPMENT ECONOMIQUE COMMUNAUTAIRE MUNICIPAL</u>		
TOTAL REVENUE	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE	0.00	-150.00
GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	2,977,267.00	2,257,661.09
GRAND TOTAL EXPENSE	2,977,267.00	1,740,191.81



Municipalité de / Municipality of Val Rita-Harty

Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting August 26, 2025 - 06:00 PM

Membres / Members	Angèle Beauvais – Conseillère / Councillor Roger Lachance - Conseiller/Councillor Alain Tremblay – Conseiller / Councillor
Employés présents / Employee present	Lise Bérubé - Greffière/Clerk
Autres présences / Other attendance	Peggy Young-Lovelace-E4m-Virtual Josh Young-E4m-Virtual Leanne Crozier-E4m-Virtual
Absences / Absenc	Johanne Baril – Maire / Mayor

1 Call To Order

In the absence of Mayor Baril, Councillor Lachance called the meeting to order at 6:04 P.M.

2 Land Acknowledgement

3 Recital of the Municipal Mission and Vision Statements

Mission Statement

Our mission is to ensure that Val Rita-Harty remains a welcoming, diverse, and dynamic municipality. We are dedicated to:

- Keeping our community safe and affordable for residents of all ages and backgrounds.
- Supporting a stable economy and sustainable growth through planning and partnerships.

- Making sure housing and essential services are available to meet community needs.
- Building a strong sense of community through engagement, collaboration, and shared values.

Together, we strive to balance progress and tradition, making Val Rita-Harty a place everyone is proud to call home.

4 Adoption of the Agenda

Res. # 25-089

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

That the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5 Declaration of Pecuniary and General Conflict of Interest

None were declared.

6 Delegations/Presentations

6.1 Baker Tilly - 2024 Financial Statements

Res. # 25-090

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

THAT Council accepts the 2024 Financial Statements as prepared and presented by Baker Tilly.

CARRIED

7 Committee of the Whole Working Meeting

Materials for this portion of the meeting will be provided to Council at the Meeting. There is no requirement to prepare for this session.

7.1 Council Vacancy Policy/Package

The Council Vacancy Application Package was reviewed by Council and found to be in order. Council directed the Clerk to finalize the documents on municipal letterhead and circulate them using the standard notice procedures.

7.2 Review and Discuss Strategic Plan Update

E4m presented the working draft of the Strategic Plan for Council's review and feedback. Council agreed to review the document individually and provide comments by September 10, 2025, so that revisions can be incorporated into the agenda package for the September 16, 2025, Council meeting.

8 Resolutions/Bylaws

8.1 Bylaw 1212-25 Being a Bylaw to Estimates (Budget) for 2025

Res. # 25-091

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

That Bylaw 1212-05 being a bylaw to adopt the 2025 estimates (budget) be hereby read and adopted.

CARRIED

8.2 Bylaw 1213-25 Being a Bylaw to Adopt an Asset Management Plan

Res. # 25-092

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

That Bylaw 1313-25 being a bylaw to adopt an asset management plan in accordance with O.Reg 588/17 be hereby read and adopted.

CARRIED

8.3 Bylaw 1214-25 Being a Bylaw to Establish the Retention and Disposal of Municipal Records

Res. # 25-093

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

That Bylaw 1214-25 being a bylaw to establish the retention and disposal of municipal records is hereby read and adopted.

CARRIED

8.4 Bylaw 1216-25 Being a Bylaw to Establish Water and Wastewater Service Rates

Res. # 25-094

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

That Bylaw 1216-25 being a bylaw to establish water and wastewater service rates is hereby read and adopted.

CARRIED

9 In Camera Session

9.1 In Camera Session

Res. # 25-095

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Val Rita-Harty does now move into Closed Session at 7:16 P.M. Pursuant to section 239(2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, d) labour relations or employee negotiations, (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications for that purpose, and (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be

carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. to consider:

- a) Human Resource Matters - Employee Performance
- b) Continued Negotiation of the Transition Plan

10 Report from the In Camera Session

Res. # 25-096

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

Council returned to open session at 8:59 p.m. and reported that matters related to a staffing application, a public works vacancy, and the municipal transition plan were considered. Direction was provided to E4m.

CARRIED

11 Confirmatory Bylaw

Res. # 25-097

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

That By-Law 1215-25 Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meetings held on July 16 and August 26, 2025, be hereby read and adopted.

CARRIED

12 Adjournment

Res. # 25-098

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

That the Council meeting be adjourned at pm 9:01 P.M.

CARRIED

Signature

Mayor

Clerk



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Special Meeting September 2, 2025 - 01:00 PM

Membres / Members	Johanne Baril – Maire / Mayor Angèle Beauvais – Conseillère / Councillor Roger Lachance - Conseiller/Councillor Alain Tremblay – Conseiller / Councillor
Employés présents / Employee present	Lise Bérubé - Greffière/Clerk
Autres présences / Other attendance	Peggy Young-Lovelace-E4m-Virtual Josh Young-E4m-Virtual Leanne Crozier-Treasurer-Virtual
Absences / Absence	

1 **Call To Order**

Mayor Baril called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

2 **Land Acknowledgement**

3 **Recital of the Municipal Mission and Vision Statements**

4 Adoption of the Agenda

Res. # 25-099

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

That the Agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5 Declaration of Pecuniary and General Conflict of Interest

None were declared.

6 Special Business

6.1 Set Meeting Schedule for September

Res. # 25-100

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

THAT Council does hereby set the following meeting for the month of September:
Monday September 22, 2025 - Public Meeting to receive feedback on the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment .

Monday September 22, 2025 - Special Meeting: Public Forum where answers will be shared to questions submitted in advance by residents.

Tuesday September 23, 2025 - Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday September 24, 2025 - Special Meeting: To consider the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment, and a working group session regarding the CIP and mapping issues

CARRIED

6.2 Closed Session

Res. # 25-101

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

Council for the Corporation of the Township of Val Rita-Harty does now move into Closed Session at 1:24 P.M. Pursuant to section 239(2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, d) labour relations or employee negotiations, (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications for that purpose, and (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. to consider:

a) Human Resource Matters - Employee Performance

b) Continued Negotiation of the Transition Plan

P. Young-Lovelace was appointed Clerk for the purposes of the Closed session meeting and L. Berube departed from the meeting.

CARRIED

6.3 Return to Open Session

Res. # 25-102

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

That Council does now return to open session at 2:39 and reports that Council met in Closed Session to consider Human Resource matters regarding employee performance, negotiation of the transition plan and gave direction to E4m.

CARRIED

7 Confirmatory Bylaw

Res. # 25-103

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

By-Law 1217-25 Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meeting on September 2, 2025 be read and adopted.

CARRIED

8 Adjournment

Res. # 25-104

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

That the meeting is now adjourned at 2:43 P.M.

CARRIED



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Meeting Minutes

Public Meeting September 22, 2025 - 06:00 PM (To Receive Feedback on a Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment)

Membres/Members: Johanne Baril – Maire / Mayor
 Angèle Beauvais – Conseillère / Councillo
 Roger Lachance - Conseiller/Councillor
 Alain Tremblay – Conseiller / Councillor

Employés présents /
Employee present: Barbara Major – Deputy Clerk
 Peggy Young-Lovelace-E4m
 Josh Young-E4m
 Joanne MacNeil – E4m
 Leanne Crozier-E4m-Virtual

Public:	Debbie Poitras	Josee Roy
	Suzanne Duclos	Micheline Roy
	Louis B. Frechette	Gaetanne Frechette
	Steven Lambert	Angele Tremblay
	Claude Baril	Denise Perras
	Jimmy Cote	Rolande St. Aubin
	Rejeanne Demeules	

1 Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

2 Land Acknowledgement

Not undertaken

3 Recital of the Municipal Mission and Vision Statements

Not undertaken.

4 Adoption of the Agenda

Res. # 25-105

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

That the agenda be adopted as circulated

CARRIED

5 Declaration of Pecuniary and General Conflict of Interest

None declared.

6 Public Meeting - Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Public meeting was held to provide opportunity for public comments. No public comments were received. Mayor Baril informed Council and those in attendance that the proposed zoning bylaw amendment would be presented to Council for approval at the Regular Meeting of Council being held at 1 p.m. on Thursday September 24, 2025.

7 Adjournment

Res. # 25-106

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

That the public meeting be adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

CARRIED

Signature

Mayor

Clerk



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Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting September 22, 2025 - 06:00 PM (Meeting to follow Public Meeting for the Proposed)

Membres / Members	Johanne Baril – Maire / Mayor Angèle Beauvais – Conseillère / Councillor Roger Lachance - Conseiller/Councillor Alain Tremblay – Conseiller / Councillor
Employés présents / Employee present	Barbara Major Deputy Clerk Leanne Crozier-Treasurer-Virtual Peggy Young-Lovelace-E4m Josh Young-E4m Joanne MacNeil-E4m Paul Cassan, Lawyer Wishart Law LLP
Autres présences / Other attendance	12 Public
Absences / Absence	

1 Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

2 Land Acknowledgement

Not undertaken

3 Recital of the Municipal Mission and Vision Statements

Not undertaken

4 Adoption of the Agenda

Res. # 25-108

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

5 Declaration of Pecuniary and General Conflict of Interest

None

6 Special Business

Council will hold a Public Forum to respond to ratepayer questions submitted in advance. As this is a formal meeting of Council, no questions will be taken from the floor.

6.1 Public Forum on Submitted Questions

Council held a Public Forum to respond to ratepayer questions submitted in advance. Township of Val Rita-Harty Mayor J. Baril acknowledged the E4m Team in attendance and those participating electronically. A power point presentation was presented clarifying Council's fiduciary responsibilities, explaining the role of statutory offers versus administrative employees, discussed service and community sustainability, why external support is needed, financial sustainability challenges, strategies for sustainability and addressing the questions from residents. The three questions submitted were addressed by the E4m team and Mayor Baril and were as follows: What strategies will be going forward to ensure our community remains financially solvent and how these strategies will impact residents of our community in concrete terms in the next five years?; I am a Val Rita resident/taxpayer but not a water user. Will I still be responsible for the \$5 million water plant upgrade? and Why do we need E4m's services to lead and supervise our elected officials? We, the residents of Val Rita-Harty elected a municipal council in 2022 to manage and make decisions concerning our municipality. It is therefore legitimate to ask why an external entity is intervening in the democratic process.

7 Adjournment

Res. # 25-109

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

That the public meeting does hereby adjourn at 8:32 P.M.



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Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting of Council September 23, 2025 - 01:00 PM

Membres/Members:	Johanne Baril – Maire / Mayor Angèle Beauvais – Conseillère / Councillor Roger Lachance - Conseiller/Councillor Alain Tremblay – Conseiller / Councillor
Employés présents / Employees present:	Barbara Major – Deputy Clerk Stefan Landry - Working Foreman Peggy Young-Lovelace-E4m Leanne Crozier-E4m-Virtual Josh Young-E4m-Virtual
Others	12

1 Appel à l'ordre/Called To Order

Mayor Baril called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M..

2 Reconnaissance des terres traditionnelles/Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Baril shared the following:

In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation, the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty respectfully acknowledges that it was established on the homelands of First Nations and Métis Peoples.

The municipal buildings we occupy are located on Mushkegowuk Nation territory, governed by Mushkegowuk Council representing several Cree First Nations along the James Bay coast and inland regions, including Moose Cree First Nation.

Today marks the beginning of Truth and Reconciliation Week, marking the 10th

anniversary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's (TRC) Final Report and 94 Calls to Action.

Survivors have carried their truths across generations so that ALL Canadians might one day listen and learn. It is in this spirit that I encourage you all to take time this week to listen, to learn.

A former student Phyllis (Jack) Web-stad shared her story. When she was six-years old, she arrived wearing a shiny new orange shirt, bought by her grandmother, which was taken from her. This story is the origin of the annual Orange Shirt Day, September 30th, opening the door to global conversation on all aspects of Residential Schools. It is an opportunity to create meaningful discussion about the effects of Residential Schools and the legacy they have left behind. Every Child Matters. The date was chosen because it is the time of year in which children were taken from their homes to residential schools, and because it is an opportunity to set the stage for anti-racism and anti-bullying policies for the coming school year. It is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and all communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope, for generations of children to come.

3 Récit de la mission et de la vision de la municipalité/Recital of the Municipal Mission and Vision Statement

Vision Statement

The Municipality of Val Rita-Harty envisions a vibrant, inclusive community where residents of all backgrounds thrive together in a safe, affordable environment. Guided by a spirit of unity and sustainability, we aim to be a model of small-town living with a stable economy, sufficient housing for all, and the capacity to grow while preserving our unique charm and fostering a deep sense of belonging.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to ensure that Val Rita-Harty remains a welcoming, diverse, and dynamic municipality. We are dedicated to: Maintaining a safe and affordable place to live for residents of all ages and backgrounds. Supporting economic stability and sustainable growth through strategic planning and partnerships. Providing accessible housing and essential services to meet the needs of our growing population. Fostering a strong sense of community through engagement, collaboration, and shared values. Together, we strive to build a future that balances progress and tradition, making Val Rita-Harty a place everyone is proud to call home.

4 Adoption de l'ordre du jour/Approval of Agenda

Res. # 25-109

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

THAT Council adopts the agenda as circulated.

CARRIED

5 Déclarations d'intérêts divergents (pécuniaires)/Declarations of Disqualifying Interest (Pecuniary)

None were declared.

6 Discours du maire/Mayor's Address

Mayor Baril addressed Council and audience on the forthcoming Truth and Reconciliation Week.

7 Délégations/présentations/Delegations/Presentations

7.1 Presentations by Candidates for Council Vacancy

As part of Council's selection process to fill the Councillor vacancy, candidates had the opportunity to present comments to Council and audience. Presentations made as follows: Steven Lambert (in person), Janie Nèron (read by Deputy Clerk), Rosane Parent (in person) and Jim Rogers (virtually).

7.1.1 Recess

Res. # 25-110

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

That Council for the Corporation of the Township of Val Rita-Harty recess this meeting for 15 minutes at 1:27 p.m.

8 Session de travail du Comité plénier/Committee of the Whole Working Session

8.1 Evaluation of Candidates – Council Vacancy

Res. # 25-111

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

That Council return to the public session at 2:44 p.m.

8.2 Policy Development – Council Direction on Municipal Financial Management

Council was provided information regarding municipal financial sustainability. Council directed the Treasurer to develop policy regarding the management of municipal finances, including budgeting, reserve management, investments, tax collection, and fees and charges, for consideration.

8.2.1 Water and Wastewater Service Fee Setting and Collection

Council directed that policy be developed for the setting and collection of water and wastewater service fees, including any adjustments required to ensure sustainable and efficient service delivery.

8.2.2 Budget Policy Development

Council will begin work on developing a Budget Policy to provide guidance and direction for preparing, approving, and managing the municipal budget.

8.2.3 Tax Collection Policy Update

Council will review and consider updates to the municipality's Tax Collection Policy to ensure effective and consistent practices for the collection of property taxes.

8.3 Reserve Policy Development

Council was provided information and gave feedback regarding the current practice associated with Reserves and furthermore agreed to not fund operations from reserve funds.

8.4 Investment Policy Development

Council was provided information and gave direction to E4m on what to include in the financial management bylaw.

9 Approbation du procès-verbal de la (des) dernière(s) réunion(s)/Approval of the Minutes of the Most Recent Meeting (s)

Res. # 25-112

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

THAT the minutes of April 15, May 8 and May 12, 2025, be adopted as circulated.

10 Orientations du Conseil pour la réunion précédente/Council Direction From the Previous Meeting

Nil

11 Affaires législatives/Legislative Matters

Nil

12 Affaires administratives/Administrative Matters

Nil

13 Questions relatives à l'encadrement/Leadership Issues

Nil

14 Huis clos/Closed Session

Nil

15 Calendrier/Calendar

16 Confirmation des procédures/Confirmation of Proceedings

Res. # 25-113

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

That By-Law 1218-25 Being a By-Law to Confirm the Proceedings of Council at its Meetings held on September 22nd and 23rd , 2025, be hereby read and adopted.

17 Ajournement/Adjournment

Res. # 25-114

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

That the council meeting be adjourned at 3:14 P.M.

CARRIED

Signature

Mayor

Clerk



Municipalité de / Municipality of Val Rita-Harty
Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting September 24, 2025 - 01:00 PM

Membres/Members: Johanne Baril – Maire / Mayor
 Angèle Beauvais – Conseillère / Councillor
 Roger Lachance - Conseiller/Councillor
 Alain Tremblay – Conseiller / Councillor

Employés présents /
Employees present: Barbara Major – Deputy Clerk
 Leanne Crozier - Treasurer -Virtual
 Peggy Young-Lovelace-E4m
 Josh Young - E4m

Public: 8

1 Call To Order

Mayor Baril called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2 Land Acknowledgement

Mayor Baril spoke to truth and reconciliation and encouraged Council and the Public to refer to the Truth and Reconciliation website.

3 Adoption of the Agenda

Res. # 25-115

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

That the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

4 Declaration of Pecuniary and General Conflict of Interest

None

5 Special Business

5.1 Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Res. # 25-116

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

THAT the minutes of the :

- Special Meeting June 11, 2025
- Special Meeting July 16, 2025

be adopted as circulated

CARRIED

5.1.1 Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment

Res. # 25-117

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

That Bylaw 1219-25 being a bylaw to amend Zoning Bylaw 839-08 is hereby read and adopted.

CARRIED

5.2 Committee of the Whole Working Session

5.2.1 Community Improvement Plan

J. Young presented Council with a information regarding the proposed Community Improvement Plan.

5.2.2 Mapping Issue

J. Young shared with Council concerns in terms of community mapping. He outlined areas of zoning explaining what is shown at the Land Registry Office and MAC and the urgent need to correct and update the mapping.

5.3 Closed Session

Res. # 25-118

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

Closed session agenda amended to consider Candidate Scoring as Item #1, followed by a recess to Public Session to share outcome with the Public.

That Council does now move into Closed Session at 1:43 p.m., pursuant to Section 239(2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, d) labour relations or employee negotiations, (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications for that purpose, and (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board. to consider:

1. Candidate Scoring (Council Vacancy)
2. Confidential Personnel Matters
3. Continued Negotiation of the Transition Plan

CARRIED

5.3.1 Recess from Closed Session

Res. # 25-119

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

That Council adjourn from Closed Session at 1:59 p.m. and return to public session.

CARRIED

5.3.1.1 Report from Closed Session

Res. # 25-120

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

Council met in Closed Session pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act to consider candidate scoring for Council vacancy and the following resolution emanated:

That Steven Lambert be appointed to the position of Councillor for the Corporation of the Township of Val Rita-Harty.

CARRIED

5.3.1.2 Return to Closed Session

Res. # 25-121

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

That Council return to Closed Session at 2:01 p.m. to continue with Closed Session matters.

CARRIED

5.3.1.3 Adjourn from Closed Session

Res. # 25-122

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

That Council arise from Closed Session at 4:35 p.m.

CARRIED

5.3.1.4 Report from Closed Session

Res. # 25-123

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

To approve direction given to E4m regarding matters discussed under Section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act* regarding human resource matters pertaining to staffing and legal matters.

CARRIED

6 Confirmatory Bylaw

Res. # 25-124

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

That Council for the Township of Val Rita-Harty hereby approves the Confirmatory By-Law No. 1220-25 this 24th day of September, 2025.

CARRIED

7 Adjournment

Res. # 25-125

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

That this Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk



Municipalité de / Municipality of Val Rita-Harty

Meeting Minutes

Special Meeting October 2, 2025 - 06:00 PM

Membres/Members: Johanne Baril – Maire / Mayor
 Angèle Beauvais – Conseillère / Councillor
 Roger Lachance - Conseiller/Councillor
 Steven Lambert - Conseiller/Councillor
 Alain Tremblay – Conseiller / Councillor

Employés présents /
Employees present: Barbara Major – Deputy Clerk -Virtual
 Leanne Crozier - Treasurer-Virtual
 Daniel Gagnon - E4m
 Josh Young - E4m-Virtual

Regrets: Peggy Young-Lovelace – E4m

Public: 2

1 Call To Order

Mayor Baril called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2 Swearing-In Ceremony – Councillor Steven Lambert

In accordance with Section 232 of the *Municipal Act*, the Deputy Clerk facilitated the Declaration of Office to newly appointed Councillor Steven Lambert. Mayor Baril congratulated Councillor Lambert highlighting the significance of his contribution as a fifth voice in future Council decisions. Councillor Lambert took his seat at the Council table following his Declaration of Office.

3 Land Acknowledgement

4 Adoption of the Agenda

Res. # 25-126

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

That the agenda be adopted as circulated.

CARRIED

5 Declaration of Pecuniary and General Conflict of Interest

None declared.

6 Special Business

6.1 Closed Session

Res. # 25-127

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

That Council does now move into Closed Session at 6:07 p.m.pursuant to section 239(2) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, d) labour relations or employe negotiations, (f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications for that purpose, and (k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board to orient newly appointed Councillor Lambert on a number of confidential municipal matters.

CARRIED

6.2 Adjourn from Closed Session

Res. # 25-128

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

That Council arise from Closed Session at 8:16 p.m.

CARRIED

6.3 Report from Closed Session

Res. # 25-129

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Angèle Beauvais

Council met in Closed Session under Section 239(2), (b), (d), (f) and (k) of the Municipal Act to orient newly appointed Councillor Lambert on a number of confidential municipal matters and to gave direction to E4m regarding human resource and legal matters.

CARRIED

7

Adjournment

Res. # 25-130

PROPOSÉE PAR / MOVED BY: Councillor Alain Tremblay

APPUYÉE PAR / SECONDED BY: Councillor Roger Lachance

That this Special Meeting of Council be adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

CARRIED

Signature

Mayor

Clerk

The Corporation of the Township of Val Rita-Harty

BYLAW NUMBER 2020-25

BEING A BYLAW TO RETROACTIVELY APPROVE DECISIONS MADE ON
JULY 9, 2025

Legal Authority

Scope of Powers

Section 8(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, ("*Municipal Act*") as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to enable them to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate, and to enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues.

Powers of a Natural Person

Section 9 of the *Municipal Act* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act.

Powers Exercised by Council

Section 5 (1) of the *Municipal Act* provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its Council

Powers Exercised by By-law

Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act* provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by bylaw unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise.

Retroactive Bylaws

Ontario case law confirms that municipalities may enact bylaws with retroactive effect, provided the intent is clearly stated:

- *Toronto v. Seemayer* (1982), 24 M.P.L.R. 132 (Ont. Co. Ct.) affirms that retroactivity must be shown through express wording or necessary implication.
- *DiBiase v. Vaughan (City)*, 2016 ONSC 5620, confirms that the *Municipal Act* does not prohibit retroactive bylaws.

Preamble

The Clerk responsible for the July 9, 2025, Regular Meeting of Council did not electronically record the meeting proceedings, and no minutes or notes were prepared;

Council made a series of decisions on July 9, 2025, in good faith and in the best interest of the Corporation;

Council now wishes to formally ratify and retroactively approve those decisions to ensure transparency, legal validity, and continuity of municipal operations.

Direction

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Val Rita-Harty enacts as follows:

1. The decisions listed in Schedule A to this bylaw, made by Council on July 9, 2025, are hereby ratified and retroactively approved as if passed by bylaw on that date.
2. Any agreements, actions, or expenditures arising from those decisions are deemed valid and binding.
3. This bylaw shall be deemed to have come into force on July 9, 2025, and shall take effect upon its final passing.
4. Schedule A forms part of this bylaw.
5. Any bylaw or resolution inconsistent with this bylaw is hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Read and adopted by Resolution #25-133 this 21st Day of October 2025.

Mayor

Clerk

Schedule A of Bylaw 2025-
Decisions of Council on July 9, 2025

The following resolutions and decisions were made by the Council of the Township of Val Rita-Harty at its Special Meeting held on July 9, 2025, and are hereby ratified and retroactively approved:

Res. #25-071 - That the agenda be accepted as presented.

Res. #25-072 - THAT Council adopt the 2025 Municipal Budget in the amount of \$3,420,994, and directs the Treasurer to prepare the tax rates for 2025.

Res. # 25-073 THAT Bylaw 1204-25 being a bylaw to appoint a Municipal Clerk be read and adopted. - Tabled

Res. #25-074 - THAT Bylaw 1205-25 being a bylaw to appoint a Treasurer be read and adopted.

Res. #25-075 - THAT Bylaw 1206-25 being a bylaw to appoint a Deputy Clerk be read and adopted.

Res. #25-076 - THAT Bylaw 1207-25 being a bylaw to appoint a Deputy Treasurer be read and adopted.

Res. #25-077 - THAT Bylaw 1208-25 being a bylaw to adopt tax ratios for the 2025 taxation year be read and adopted.

Res. #25-078 - THAT Bylaw 1209-25 being a bylaw to set tax rates for 2025 be read and adopted.

Res. #25-079 - THAT Bylaw 1210-25 being a bylaw to authorize signing authority be read and adopted.

Res. #25-080 - Council moved into Closed Session pursuant to Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act to consider confidential HR matters related to the implementation of the proposed restructuring plan, including an update about the recruitment of the MMSE and negotiation of a transition plan.

Res. #25-081 - THAT Council returned to open session and reported that direction was given to E4m regarding human resource matters.

Res. #25-082 - THAT Bylaw 1202-25 being a bylaw to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting held on July 9, 2025 be read and adopted.

Res. #25-083 - THAT the council meeting be adjourned.



Municipalité de Val Rita-Harty Municipality

Item #:	Personnel responsable / staff: Leanne Crozier
Date October 16, 2025	pour / for: conseil / Council
Sujet / Re : Municipal Drinking Water Licence Renewal 2026 – 2031 – Financial Plan	

Description:

The Municipal Drinking Water Licence (MDWL) from the MECP renewal application happens every six years. OCWA assists with the renewal application, however, the financial plan is something that must be provided from the owner of the system.

The MDWL application due date is **2025-09-01**

The MDWL expiry date is **2026-03-01**

A copy of the council resolution approving the financial plan for the system must be submitted with the application. An application will not be considered complete until this has been submitted.

The financial plan must meet the requirements of O. Reg. 453/07 and must apply for a period of at least six years that includes the year that your current licence would expire. For example, if your licence will expire on June 1, 2023, your financial plan must, at a minimum, cover the years 2023 – 2028.

The period covered by the financial plan should be included in resolution of council or in another piece of supporting documentation (such as a copy of the financial plan).

Lien avec plan stratégique / Link to Strategic Plan:

Recommandation / Recommendation:

Que le Conseil reçoit le

That Council adopts the 2026-2031 Municipal Drinking Water Financial Plan as presented.

Rapport soumis par / respectfully submitted: Leanne Crozier, Treasurer



WATERWORKS FINANCIAL PLAN (2026-2031)

Municipality of Val Rita-
Harty



1. Background

The Municipality of Val Rita-Harty operates a municipal drinking water system that serves approximately 175 commercial and residential users. Governed under Ontario Regulation 453/07, this Financial Plan supports the renewal of the Municipality's Safe Drinking Water License and aligns the objectives of the 2025 Asset Management Plan (AMP).

The Water Treatment Plant (WTP), located at 8 Avenue des Aulnes, is more than 34 years old and requires a 9.7-million-dollar upgrade to fully comply with current provincial and federal drinking water standards/recommended practices. The project was scaled back significantly to be a 5-million-dollar rehabilitation. Due to historical financial constraints and limited reserve capacity, the Municipality cannot undertake this project without substantial external funding assistance.

To support the long-term sustainability of the water system, Council is encouraging new housing and infill development to increase the number of connected users. Population growth alone cannot fully offset system costs, as more than doubling the user base would be required to achieve true affordability. Even modest growth helps share fixed costs and reduce the per-user burden. Recognizing that this alone is insufficient, ongoing provincial and federal support, alongside investment in existing infrastructure, is essential. Council will continue to combine these funding sources with cost management and operational efficiencies to maintain a safe and sustainable water service.

2. Licensing Requirements

To maintain its Safe Drinking Water License, the Municipality must meet the following requirements:

- Valid Drinking Water Works Permit
- Approved Operational Plan under the Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS)
- Accredited Operating Authority (OCWA)
- Permit to Take Water
- Financial Plan compliant with O. Reg. 453/07

This Plan fulfills all regulatory requirements and will be made publicly available as required by the regulation.

3. The Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System

The Municipality owns and operates the entire water system, including the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) and the distribution network that delivers treated water to all 175 users.

The WTP is a communal groundwater well supply with a design capacity of 432 m³/day, consisting of two (2) deep wells, a Graver Monoplant system for iron removal, pre-chlorination, alum and polymer dosing systems, dual-media filtration, sludge recirculation, a chlorine contact clearwell, and a high-lift pump well. A 100kW diesel generator provides backup power for uninterrupted operations.

The distribution network, constructed in 1991, includes 150mm PVC mains, 26 hydrants, and metering systems. OCWA operates the facility under contract; the Municipality retains responsibility for all underground assets, maintenance, and replacement planning.

4. Asset Management and Capital Needs

According to the 2025 AMP:

- Water Network Replacement Value: \$6.0 million
- Condition: 64% in good condition
- Overall Infrastructure Portfolio: \$95.9 million (26% in fair or better condition)

The Asset Management Plan estimates replacement values using historical costs adjusted by the Consumer Price Index (CPI). While consistent with standard asset management practices, this approach does not fully reflect current market conditions or the true cost of infrastructure renewal. In present-day terms, the rehabilitation and upgrade of the Water Treatment Plant is estimated at approximately \$9.7 million, excluding the eventual replacement of the underground distribution network. This gap highlights a key limitation in CPI-based valuation methods, which tend to understate asset replacement needs and overstate the municipality's financial position. Future planning will require more realistic cost forecasting and continued government investment to ensure the long-term sustainability of the system.

Although the system remains functional, the WTP and distribution network require proactive rehabilitation to prevent failures and maintain regulatory compliance.

5. Financial Operating Plan (2026–2031)

Annual operating costs, including the OCWA contract, utilities, maintenance, insurance, and materials, are projected to rise about 5% per year. The WTP rehabilitation dominates the capital program, with \$3.15 million budgeted in 2026 and \$1.76 million in 2027. The chart below shows the resulting annual financial position, highlighting ongoing annual operating deficits caused by rising costs, major capital expenditures, and a limited user base. Water fees are projected to increase by 5% annually; however, even with these increases, the system would not become fully self-sustaining. With a median household income of \$69,000, maintaining an affordable water service remains a priority.

Based on current approved funding and projected revenues, the Municipality is not in a position to undertake the Water Treatment Plant rehabilitation. Although the federal and provincial governments are covering approximately 73% of the project cost, the municipal share remains significant and, under the current funding framework, would not be affordable or financially sustainable. Proceeding with the rehabilitation under these conditions would place an undue burden on the Municipality and its residents, exceeding available resources and the capacity to meet ongoing obligations. The financially prudent approach is to defer the rehabilitation, continue to monitor system condition, and set aside funds strategically to support future renewal when sufficient resources are available.

To maintain affordability and work toward the long-term sustainability of the water system, Council is considering modest growth in connected users, a frontage levy on all properties where the service is available—including vacant land—and continued provincial and federal support. These measures demonstrate that, while full sustainability cannot be achieved under current funding and revenue levels, the water system is being managed in a financially responsible manner consistent with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 453/07.

The complete Financial Plan, including detailed operating and capital projections, anticipated deficits, and funding requirements, is provided in Appendix A.

Year	User Fee Revenue	Operating Cost	Capital Outlay	Debt Servicing	Surplus / (Deficit)
2026	\$ 206,240	\$ 158,839	\$ 3,150,000	-	-\$ 3,102,599
2027	\$ 216,552	\$ 164,604	\$ 1,760,000	-	-\$ 1,707,952
2028	\$ 227,380	\$ 169,542	\$ 50,000	\$ 100,000	-\$ 92,162
2029	\$ 238,749	\$ 174,628	\$ 50,000	\$ 120,000	-\$ 105,879
2030	\$ 250,686	\$ 179,867	\$ 50,000	\$ 125,000	-\$ 104,181
2031	\$ 263,220	\$ 185,263	\$ 50,000	\$ 130,000	-\$ 102,043

NOTE: these numbers are based on the rehabilitation project proceeding

6. Funding Plan

The Municipality has secured \$3,073,357 through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), leaving a local share of \$1.88 million.

However, funding the municipal share would require a construction loan, which would fully utilize the Municipality's Annual Repayment Limit (ARL) and tie up all borrowing capacity until at least 2031.

Without additional assistance, Val Rita-Harty would be forced to:

- Deplete all available reserves (including non-water funds)
- Redirect all OCIF and CCBF allocations for several years
- Defer road and facility maintenance projects
- Impose unsustainable water rate increases (potentially up to 500%)

Accordingly, the Municipality is actively seeking provincial support to:

- i. Fund 100% of eligible project costs;
- ii. Extend the ICIP agreement to 2028 to accommodate phased construction;
- iii. Provide advance funding for construction cash flow; and
- iv. Establish a base infrastructure contribution of \$200,000 per year to support small systems.

7. Financial Sustainability and Strategic Alignment

This Financial Plan aligns with the 2025 AMP principles of risk-based prioritization, intergenerational equity, lifecycle investment, and transparent governance. Council is also advancing housing development to increase the number of connected users. Expanding the customer base will distribute fixed costs more effectively and move the system closer to long-term financial sustainability.

8. Conclusion

The Municipality of Val Rita-Harty is committed to maintaining a safe, compliant, and sustainable water system. However, without additional funding support, the WTP rehabilitation cannot proceed without compromising municipal solvency or affordability for ratepayers.

This Financial Plan demonstrates fiscal responsibility, readiness, and alignment with provincial objectives for small system sustainability. Provincial support is essential to ensure safe drinking water, maintain regulatory compliance, and protect the long-term viability of the community.

APPENDIX A

DESCRIPTION	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
REVENUE						
User Fees	206,240.00	216,552.00	227,380.00	238,749.00	250,686.00	263,220.00
From Municipal Reserves - debt						
Construction Debt	250,000.00		150,000.00		150,000.00	
TOTAL PROJECT REVENUE NEED	456,240.00	216,552.00	377,380.00	238,749.00	400,686.00	263,220.00
EXPENSE						
Operating	27,000.00	28,350.00	29,768.00	31,256.00	32,819.00	34,460.00
OCWA	131,839.00	135,794.00	139,868.00	144,064.00	148,386.00	152,838.00
Water line repairs & Hydrant repairs	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Capt Mtc OCWA	18,500.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Captial WTP	250,000.00		150,000.00		150,000.00	
Debt - Prinicipal	29,000.00	86,000.00	86,000.00	86,000.00	86,000.00	86,000.00
Debt - Interest	3,700.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00	11,000.00
Amortization	100,000.00	100,000.00	109,000.00	114,000.00	114,000.00	119,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT EXPENSE	580,039.00	401,144.00	565,636.00	426,320.00	582,205.00	443,298.00
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-123,799.00	-184,592.00	-188,256.00	-187,571.00	-181,519.00	-180,078.00

CASH FLOW SHORTFALLS TO BE ADDRESSED DURING ANNUAL BUDGETING

WITH NO WTP UPGRADE THERE IS STILL AN ANNUAL DEFICIT AND NO MONEY GOING TO RESERVES OTHER THAN AMORTIZATION WHICH WILL NOT MEET REPLACEMENT NEEDS



Municipalité de Val Rita-Harty Municipality

Item #: 12.2

Personnel responsable / staff: Deputy Clerk

Date pour / for: conseil / Council

Sujet / Re : 2026 Municipal Election – Method of Voting Selection.

Description:

That Council give consideration to method of voting for the 2026 Municipal and School Board elections.

Lien avec plan stratégique / Link to Strategic Plan:

The report aligns with the Municipal Strategic Plan by ensuring transparency, accountability and accessibility in municipal operations.

Recommandation / Recommendation:

Que le Conseil reçoit le

THAT Council receive the Staff Report Admin 2025-October 21 entitled 2026 Municipal Elections – Method of Selection; THAT Council approve Internet and Telephone Voting (e-voting) as a method of voting for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections, and FURTHERMORE that Staff prepare bylaws to be approved for enactment.

Rapport soumis par / respectfully submitted:

Barbara Major,

Deputy Clerk



STAFF REPORT

Admin.2025-October 21, 2025

Report to: Mayor Baril and Members of Council

Meeting Date: October 21, 2025

Report Number: Admin.2025-October 21

Subject: 2026 Municipal Elections – Method of Voting Selection

From: Deputy Clerk

Background

The 2026 Municipal and School Board elections (2026 Municipal Election) takes place on Monday, October 26, 2026. This report is provided to Council to seek direction on the preferred method of voting for the Municipal Election.

The *Municipal Elections Act*, R.S.O. 1993, cc.M.53, (MEA) governs the administration of local elections in Ontario. The Clerk holds independent legislative authority to administer all municipal and school board elections as the Returning Officer. These elections are conducted in line with policies and procedures that reflect and uphold the principles of the MEA, generally recognized as follows:

- The secrecy and confidentiality of the voting process is paramount;
- The integrity of the voting process shall be maintained throughout the election;
- The election shall be fair and non-biased;
- There is to be certainty that the results of the election reflect the votes cast;
- The election shall be accessible to the voters and candidates; and
- Voters and candidates shall be treated fairly and consistently.

Section 42(1) of the MEA states that prior to an election:

The Council of a local municipality may pass bylaws:

- a) Authorizing the use of voting and vote-counting equipment such as voting machines, voting recorders or optical scanning vote tabulators;

- b) Authorizing the use of languages other than English;
- c) Authorizing to conduct a vote on a bylaw or question in the next regular municipal election;
- d) To adopt policy with respect to the circumstances in which the municipality requires the clerk to hold a recount.
- e) Authorizing electors to use an alternate voting method, such as voting by mail or by telephone, that does not require electors to attend a voting place in order to vote.

Bylaws authorizing the use of voting-counting equipment, alternate voting methods and the circumstances under which the Clerk will conduct a recount must be enacted by May 1, 2026. Enacting these bylaws well in advance provides the Clerk time to finalize all necessary arrangements and initiate the communication campaign required for voters and candidates.

With respect to the Voters' List, commencing in 2024, the Chief Electoral Officer (Elections Ontario) assumed responsibility for the management of the voters list, from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation. Elections Ontario now manages the register of electors for both provincial and municipal elections and the voters list for each municipal election will be prepared from the Provincial Register of Electors. Staff will work with Elections Ontario to review and update the voters list, as required, in preparation for the 2026 municipal election.

Prior Elections

For reference, the number of authorized voters, election turnout and method of voting of previous elections in the Township of Val Rita-Harty is provided below (source AMO):

- 2018 Paper Ballot, 683 eligible voters with 44.66% turnout;
- 2022 Paper Ballot, 748 eligible voters with 38.64% turnout.

Options for Voting

Paper Ballots: Paper ballot has been traditionally utilized for municipal and school board elections in the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty. This method creates a paper record of each ballot and does not depend on internet or telephone technology. Challenges include staffing, dependency on weather, travel conditions and counting ballots manually means additional staff, the possibility of human error and a delay in election results. Additionally, paper ballots do not provide the same level of accessibility as voters with visual and/or physical disabilities may find it difficult to vote if required to vote in-person with paper ballots.

Vote by Mail: This method of voting provides convenience as they do not have to attend a physical voting location. Challenges include relying heavily on the postal service. There is potential for marked ballots to get lost in the mail or for ballots to be returned missing the

appropriate signatures or for a postal strike. There are also challenges associated with secrecy and the security of Vote by Mail which may reduce voter confidence.

Internet and Telephone Voting (Recommended): Electronic voting offers a convenient, accessible and secure way to cast a vote without the need to attend a physical location and inherently offers flexible voting times, transparency and accountability. In 2022, more than half of Ontario municipalities utilized Internet and Telephone Voting (AMO). Services include modules which are internet-enabled; secured by encryption, digital certificates and login ids and passwords. Other advantages include efficient vote counting, certainty and integrity, accurate, fair and non-biased vote counting and expediting the voting process and ensuring that results are published in a timely manner. To complement the electronic voting, staff would plan to offer in-person voter assistance at a designated location utilizing devices provided by the Municipality. Challenges include concerns of cyber security and these would be mitigated by means of strict security protocols and independent auditing.

Electronic voting is the recommended for the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty 2026 municipal elections as it would be an inclusive option and electronic voting effectively serves a variety of voters, including persons with disabilities, business travellers, snowbirds and students away at school, in addition to our permanent residents.

It is also recommended that the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty enter into agreement with Intelivote Systems Inc. for evoting services.

Financial Implications

The cost of the 2022 municipal and school board elections was approximately \$6,000, this likely did not include municipal staff time. It is recommended that the 2026 budgeted allocation for election costs be set at \$10,000, not including municipal staff time.

Quotations received (est. 750 voters)

Intelivote Systems	\$4,313
Simply Voting	\$9,500

Date: October 06, 2025

To: Mayor, Council and EDC

Attn: Johanne Baril

Re: Request for Regional Support – “Think Local – Shop Local” Holiday Campaign

Dear Mayor Baril and Members of Council,

The Northern Corridor Chamber of Commerce is once again launching its **annual Think Local – Shop Local holiday initiative** to help support our small businesses and stimulate local spending during the festive season. With the uncertainty many of our merchants continue to face, **regional support is more vital than ever** to ensure a strong and successful Christmas shopping season.

This year’s campaign includes two major initiatives designed to attract shoppers, increase store visits, and strengthen local economies across our Highway 11 communities:

Part 1 – “Highway 11 Holiday Hunt” Coupon Flyer (Ho-Ho-Ho!)

A one-page coupon flyer featuring up to **28 special offers or discounts** from participating merchants.

To ensure maximum local impact, the flyer will be distributed in **three regional editions**:

1. **Cochrane and Smooth Rock Falls**
2. **Fauquier to Opasatika**
3. **Mattice, Hearst and Constance Lake**

The flyer will be distributed both **in print and digitally**, encouraging residents and visitors alike to shop locally and discover businesses along the Highway 11 Corridor.

Part 2 – “Find Rudolph” In-Store Campaign

Back by popular demand, the “Find Rudolph” contest is an in-store campaign designed to get shoppers through local doors each day.

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Each day, Rudolph will “visit” a different participating merchant. Shoppers who **take a selfie in-store and/or make a purchase** are entered to win a **\$50 daily gift card**. All entries also qualify for **weekly draws** and a **grand prize draw of \$1,000 in Chamber Bucks** on December 23rd.

This year’s program will run for:

- **4 weeks in Cochrane**
- **5 weeks in Kapuskasing**
- **4 weeks in Hearst**

Regional Partnership and Community Collaboration

We are reaching out to **all municipalities from Cochrane to Hearst** for their support in developing a **regional partnership** for these projects, alongside our community partners such as **Link North** and the **Timmins Enterprise Centre**.

For this “Think Local” campaign to be truly successful, it must be embraced as a **regional initiative** rather than a collection of local efforts. Our strength lies in collaboration, shared promotion, and a unified Highway 11 corridor approach.

“We are stronger together... if we work as ONE!”

Request for Financial Support

We are seeking an **investment of \$250** from your municipality to help cover the campaign’s key costs:

Expense Item	Estimated Cost
Printing of 12,000 flyers	\$5,000
Distribution (Cochrane to Hearst, including Constance Lake & Hornepayne)	\$2,000
Weekly “Find Rudolph” prize draws	\$1,500
Grand Prize Draw – \$1,000 Chamber Bucks	\$3,000
Total Project Cost	\$11,500

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Your municipality's contribution will directly help fund these initiatives, ensuring strong visibility, engagement, and holiday spending throughout the region. All supporting municipalities and partners will be **recognized in campaign materials, social media posts, and promotional releases** throughout the duration of the campaign.

Closing Message

This campaign is designed not just to boost holiday sales but to **build unity and economic resilience** among our Highway 11 communities. By working together, we can demonstrate the strength of collaboration and the power of regional cooperation. Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to supporting our local business community.

Warm regards,

Donna Todd

Executive Director

Northern Corridor Chamber of Commerce

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132-2025-3641
Par courriel

Le 26 septembre 2025

À l'attention des présidents du conseil et des directeurs généraux de l'administration des municipalités recevant des services policiers de la Police provinciale de l'Ontario,

Le ministère du Solliciteur général a entrepris un examen du modèle de recouvrement des coûts de la Police provinciale de l'Ontario. Je tiens à vous remercier de votre participation et de votre coopération à cette démarche.

Par la présente, je vous informe que dans la foulée de cet examen, des modifications réglementaires ont été apportées au Règlement de l'Ontario 413/23 – *Montant à payer par les municipalités pour les services policiers offerts par la Police provinciale de l'Ontario*, pris en vertu de la *Loi de 2019 sur la sécurité communautaire et les services policiers*. Ces modifications sont en vigueur et seront prises en compte pour la préparation des relevés de facturation annuels de 2026 qui seront envoyés prochainement.

Premièrement, un plafond de 11 % est établi pour l'augmentation des coûts des services policiers payables par les municipalités pour l'année civile 2026, par rapport à 2025, à l'exclusion des coûts liés à toute amélioration des services.

Deuxièmement, un nouveau tableau des remises figurera dans le règlement. Il s'appliquera à l'année de facturation 2026 et aux années qui suivent. Ce nouveau tableau de remises introduit un seuil inférieur d'admissibilité à une remise. Les municipalités recevront désormais des remises pour des demandes de service et des heures supplémentaires en cas d'au moins trois écarts-types du ratio moyen du nombre pondéré d'heures vouées aux demandes de service par rapport au nombre de biens, au lieu du seuil existant d'au moins cinq écarts-types.

Les modifications ont été approuvées par le Conseil des ministres et déposées auprès du registrateur des règlements. Elles sont consultables sur le site Web public [Lois-en-ligne](#) et seront affichées ici au cours des prochains jours ouvrables.

La préparation des relevés de facturation annuels de 2026 est en cours. Ils devraient être prêts en novembre 2025.

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Dans le cadre de cet examen, nous avons entendu haut et fort qu'il est essentiel pour les municipalités de compter sur un modèle de recouvrement des coûts de la Police provinciale qui soit plus simple, prévisible et stable, ce qui inclut également les relevés de facturation y afférents, pour faciliter les processus annuels d'établissement du budget. Ces modifications ont été envisagées et finalement décidées en fonction de ces préoccupations et des commentaires que nous avons reçus directement des municipalités desservies par la Police provinciale de l'Ontario.

Si vous avez des questions au sujet des modifications réglementaires, veuillez envoyer un courriel à solgeninput@ontario.ca.

Toute question relative aux relevés de facturation annuels doit être adressée au Bureau de la prévention du crime et du soutien communautaire de la Police provinciale de l'Ontario, à opp.municipalpolicing@opp.ca.

Merci encore de votre coopération.

Meilleures salutations.

Le solliciteur général,



L'honorable Michael S. Kerzner

c. Mario Di Tommaso, O.O.M.
Sous-solliciteur général, Sécurité communautaire
Ministère du Solliciteur général

Thomas Carrique, C.O.M.
Commissaire, Police provinciale de l'Ontario



GUY BOURGOUIN

MPP Mushkegowuk—James Bay
Député provincial de Mushkegowuk—Baie James

25 juin, 2025

Johanne Baril
Municipalité de Val Rita-Harty
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Cher Maire Baril,

Je vous écris aujourd'hui pour vous demander votre soutien en vue d'améliorer la sécurité des autoroutes 11 et 17. En juin, j'ai présenté un nouveau projet de loi, la *Loi de 2025 sur la sécurité des routes du Nord 11 et 17*, qui propose des mesures essentielles et de bon sens pour améliorer la sécurité routière du Nord. Ce projet de loi sera débattu lors de la reprise de la session législative à l'automne. Pour renforcer nos efforts, je demande le soutien de votre municipalité sous la forme d'une résolution afin de faire adopter ces améliorations.

La Loi de 2025 sur la sécurité des routes du Nord 11 et 17 est coparrainée par les députés provinciaux Lise Vaugeois (Thunder Bay-Superior-Nord) et John Vanthof (Temiskaming-Cochrane) et s'inspire du Plan de sécurité routière dans le Nord que nous avons élaboré en consultation avec les résidents du Nord et les parties prenantes au début de l'année. Vous trouverez le projet de loi dans cette correspondance. Il propose quatre mesures clés :

- Obliger les balances et les postes d'inspections à opérer au moins 12 heures par jour
- Mettre en œuvre des mesures d'application suffisantes du Code de la route
- Veiller à ce que l'examen des camionneurs en vue de l'obtention d'un permis de conduire commercial soit effectué par des examinateurs certifiés par le ministère des transports
- Rétablir la gestion de l'entretien hivernal des routes 11 et 17 au sein du ministère des Transports

Malheureusement, les accidents et les fermetures de routes sont devenus la norme sur les autoroutes 11 et 17. Certains accidents sont inévitables, mais de nombreux accidents survenant dans le Nord sont évitables.

Depuis 2018, j'ai déposé six projets de loi à l'Assemblée législative visant à améliorer la sécurité routière dans le Nord. Je continue de communiquer ces préoccupations au ministre des Transports, pendant la période des questions et par correspondance écrite. Notre caucus a en plus proposé des amendements à de nombreux projets de loi sur les transports qui avanceraient des mesures visant à améliorer l'état de nos routes. Nous utilisons tous les outils législatifs disponibles pour exercer une pression sur le gouvernement afin qu'il agisse, et nous avons besoin de votre soutien.

Je vous demande d'examiner ce projet de loi au sein de votre organisation et d'offrir votre soutien pour le faire entrer en vigueur. Plusieurs municipalités du Nord ont déjà adopté des résolutions du conseil municipal appuyant officiellement notre Plan de sécurité routière pour le Nord, notamment le canton de Schreiber, Nipissing, Hearst, McGarry, Englehart et Coleman.

Ensemble, nous pouvons prendre des mesures pour remédier à l'état dangereux de nos routes. N'hésitez pas à me faire part de vos questions concernant le projet de loi ou le processus législatif.

Je vous remercie de votre attention,

Guy Bourgouin, MPP
Mushkegowuk-James Bay
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Projet de loi 49

Loi modifiant le Code de la route et la Loi sur l'aménagement des voies publiques et des transports en commun concernant la sécurité des routes du Nord

Coparrains :

M. G. Bourgouin

M. J. Vanthof

Député(e) L. Vaugeois

Projet de loi de députés

1^{re} lecture 4 juin 2025

2^e lecture

3^e lecture

Sanction royale



NOTE EXPLICATIVE

Le projet de loi modifie le *Code de la route* et la *Loi sur l'aménagement des voies publiques et des transports en commun*.

Le projet de loi ajoute l'article 5.5 au *Code de la route*. Le paragraphe 5.5 (1) prévoit que le ministre des Transports doit veiller à ce que les postes de pesée et les lieux d'inspection aménagés le long de la section de la route 11 située au nord de North Bay et le long de la route 17 soient dotés en personnel tous les jours pendant au moins 12 heures. Le paragraphe 5.5 (2) prévoit que le gouvernement de l'Ontario doit veiller à ce que la Police provinciale de l'Ontario compte un nombre suffisant d'agents d'application des règlements pour assurer l'application du Code. Le projet de loi ajoute également le paragraphe 58.1 (6.1) au Code. Les conducteurs de camion commercial doivent maintenant passer un examen administré par un examinateur agréé par le ministère avant d'obtenir leur certificat.

Le projet de loi ajoute l'article 96 à la *Loi sur l'aménagement des voies publiques et des transports en commun*. Cet article prévoit que le ministère des Transports doit gérer les travaux d'entretien hivernal sur la section de la route 11 qui est située au nord de North Bay et sur la route 17.

**Loi modifiant le Code de la route et la Loi sur l'aménagement des voies publiques
et des transports en commun concernant la sécurité des routes du Nord**

Sa Majesté, sur l'avis et avec le consentement de l'Assemblée législative de la province de l'Ontario, édicte :

1 La partie 1 du *Code de la route* est modifiée par adjonction de l'article suivant :

Dotation en personnel : postes de pesée et lieux d'inspection

5.5 (1) Le ministre veille à ce que les postes de pesée et les lieux d'inspection aménagés le long de la section de la route 11 située au nord de North Bay et le long de la route 17 soient dotés en personnel tous les jours pendant au moins 12 heures.

Dotation en personnel : application des règlements de la circulation

(2) Le gouvernement de l'Ontario veille à ce que la Police provinciale de l'Ontario compte un nombre suffisant d'agents d'application des règlements de la circulation pour assurer l'application de la présente loi.

2 L'article 58.1 du Code est modifié par adjonction du paragraphe suivant :

Certificat de cours de conduite automobile : conducteurs de camion commercial

(6.1) Malgré le paragraphe (6), la délivrance d'un certificat de cours de conduite automobile applicable aux conducteurs de camion commercial et prescrit par un règlement pris en vertu du présent article est assujettie aux conditions suivantes :

- a) un examinateur agréé par le ministère conformément aux règlements doit faire passer un examen au conducteur et il doit indiquer qu'un certificat devrait être accordé au conducteur;
- b) le ministère doit délivrer le certificat conformément aux règlements.

3 La partie XVI de la *Loi sur l'aménagement des voies publiques et des transports en commun* est modifiée par adjonction de l'article suivant :

Gestion : entretien hivernal des routes du Nord

96 (1) Le présent article s'applique à ce qui suit :

1. La section de la route 11 située au nord de North Bay.
2. La route 17.

Idem

(2) Le ministère gère les travaux d'entretien hivernal sur une voie publique ou section de voie publique à laquelle s'applique le présent article.

Idem

(3) Pour l'application du paragraphe (2), le ministère peut travailler avec des entrepreneurs et des fournisseurs.

Entrée en vigueur

4 La présente loi entre en vigueur le jour où elle reçoit la sanction royale.

Titre abrégé

5 Le titre abrégé de la présente loi est *Loi de 2025 sur la sécurité des routes 11 et 17 du Nord*.

The Corporation of the City of Timmins

RESOLUTION

Moved by Councillor Curley

25-313

Seconded by Councillor Gvozdanovic

WHEREAS the Timmins Victor M. Power Airport serves as a critical transportation hub for the City of Timmins and surrounding communities, facilitating not only personal travel but the economic and operational functions of several key industries;

AND WHEREAS the mining sector and other resource-based industries in Northern Ontario rely heavily on regular, accessible commercial flights to transport employees, contractors, and consultants;

AND WHEREAS a reduction in flight service will have an adverse impact on economic productivity, operational planning, and employee mobility for these industries;

AND WHEREAS the residents of Timmins and surrounding areas depend on flight services not only for business and vacation travel, but also for access to specialized medical services that are not available locally;

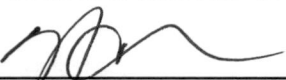
AND WHEREAS, any reduction in air service negatively affects the ability to access essential services, employment opportunities, and economic development, and where frequent cancellations or lack of regular service disrupt scheduled events or necessary travel for residents, businesses, and industries that depend on reliable air transportation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Timmins formally opposes any reduction in scheduled flights at the Timmins Victor M. Power Airport;

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to Air Canada, Porter Airlines, the Right Honourable Prime Minister, the Honourable Premier, MP Mallette, The Honourable George Pire MPP Timmins, NEOMA and the Timmins Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED

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OF RESOLUTION 25-313


Steph Palmateer, City Clerk

Date: September 16, 2025



Municipalité de Val Rita-Harty Municipality

Item #: 4.1

Personnel responsable / staff: Deputy Clerk

Date : October 10, 2025

pour / for: conseil / Council

Sujet / Re : Change to December Regular Council meeting date

Description:

Lien avec plan stratégique / Link to Strategic Plan:

The report aligns with the Municipal Strategic Plan by ensuring transparency and accountability.

Recommandation / Recommendation:

That the Municipality of Val Rita-Harty Council approve the date change to December 9, 2025 for the December Regular Council meeting.

Rapport soumis par / respectfully submitted:

Barbara Major

Deputy Clerk

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VAL RITA HARTY

BYLAW NUMBER 1220-25

BEING A BYLAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Legal Authority

Scope of Powers

Section 8(1) of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, ("*Municipal Act*") as amended, provides that the powers of a municipality shall be interpreted broadly so as to confer broad authority on municipalities to enable them to govern their affairs as they consider appropriate, and to enhance their ability to respond to municipal issues.

Powers of a Natural Person

Section 9 of the *Municipal Act* provides that a municipality has the capacity, rights, powers and privileges of a natural person for the purpose of exercising its authority under this or any other Act.

Powers Exercised by Council

Section 5 (1) of the *Municipal Act* provides that the powers of a municipality shall be exercised by its Council

Powers Exercised by By-law

Section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act* provides that a municipal power, including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9, shall be exercised by bylaw unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise.

Preamble

Council for the Corporation of the Municipality of Val Rita Harty ("Council") acknowledges that many of the decisions it makes during a meeting of Council, regular, special, or otherwise, are done by resolution. Section 5 (3) requires that Council exercise their powers by Bylaw.

Council further acknowledges that the passing of resolutions are more expedient than adopting Bylaws for each decision.

Decision

Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Val Rita Harty decides it in the best interest of the Corporation to confirm its decisions by way of Confirmatory Bylaw.

Direction

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Val Rita Harty directs as follows:

1. The Confirmatory Period of this By-Law shall be for the Regular Council meetings of October 2 and October 21, 2025.
2. All By-Laws passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Val Rita Harty during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.
3. All resolutions passed by the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Val Rita Harty during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.
4. All other proceedings, decisions, and directives of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Val Rita Harty during the period mentioned in Section 1 are hereby ratified and confirmed.
5. This Bylaw takes effect on the day of its final passing.

Read and adopted by Resolution 25-142 this 21st Day of October 2025.

Mayor

Clerk